

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #1—January 6, 2020

Present: Mayor Fernandez; Councilmembers Anthony, Klein, Meinhardt, Vieira; Township Manager Lewis; Deputy Township Manager Jones; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtletaub

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Law” had been met. “Annual Notice” was faxed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on January 2, 2020.

Planning Board Chair Peter Klein attended the meeting.

Addressing matters appearing on the evening’s Regular Agenda, the Council approved the **Revised Flood Hazard Ordinance**. Township Manager Lewis advised that the Ordinance is required and approved by the NJDEP, and that it will be introduced this evening.

The Manager explained the **Commodity-Demand Regional Water Sales Agreement** between New Jersey American Water Company and the Township.

Anthony Marotta, 142 South Livingston Avenue, discussed the history of his family’s ownership of property and issues involving **142 South Livingston Avenue**, specifically including recent issuance of three summonses for illegal parking of buses on the property.

Michael Reiter, 1 Hadrian Drive, asserted that his **mailbox** had been destroyed by a town plow.

At 7:27 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session – Attorney-Client

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Livingston has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Conference meeting of the Governing Body will reconvene; and

BE IT RESOLVED that this 6th day of January, 2020, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney-Client and such matters as may come before the Council and that are exempted from the public as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in closed session will be made public upon disposition.

On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 7:40 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 7:40 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:15 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council approved the **Conference and Closed Minutes** of December 16, 2019.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English (November 2019).

At the recommendation of the Township Manager and the Police Department Traffic Division, an Ordinance will be introduced on January 27, providing for new **Traffic and Parking Provisions**.

At the recommendation of Township Engineer Harduby and Township Manager Lewis, an Ordinance will be introduced on January 27, 2020, providing for use and fee collection for **hydrant meters**, and repealing inconsistencies and clarifying the Township’s current policies regarding connections to **water mains**.

Township Attorney Weiner explained that encroachments will be cleared from the **Licari** property, and that the closing was expected to occur within two weeks.

Township Attorney Weiner stated it would take 60 days to clean up the arsenic found on the **Strahman property**.

Mayor Fernandez stated Committees would be appointed to consider possible uses of the **Strahman and Licari properties** by the end of January.

Councilmember Vieira advised that the Transportation Advisory Board wished to appoint Barry Goldberg to the **Transportation Advisory Board**, and the Council agreed.

Councilmember Meinhardt discussed the timing of the **traffic light at Livingston Avenue and East Mount Pleasant Avenue**.

Councilmember Klein inquired as to a meeting to be held with Trails and Greenways Committee Chair **Rich Cornell**,
Councilmember Klein also inquired as to the status of the township's retention of a **Tree Consultant**.

Mayor Fernandez discussed the brightness of **LED lighting** at the Exxon on Hillside and Northfield.

Township Manager Lewis noted the Council would adopt the **Rehabilitation Resolution** assuming the Planning Board recommended same at its meeting tomorrow night.

The Council agreed to honor **George Klein** on the occasion of his 100th birthday, and a plaque proclaiming "George Klein Day" will be presented at the February 14, 2020 Senior Social.

At 8:32 p.m., the following resolution was considered:

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On motion duly made and seconded, and by voice vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:10 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:10 p.m., the Conference meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R.TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk