

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #5—March 13, 2019

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

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, 2019. “48-hr. Notice” was faxed to these same publications on February 7, 2019.

RESOLUTION—Authorizing Closed Session: Contract Negotiations (Energy Aggregation)

At 7:00 p.m., the following Resolution was considered:

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 13th day of March, 2019, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations 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 7:35 p.m., the Closed session ended and the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:40 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Council approved the **Minutes** of February 25, 2019 (Conference and Closed).

The Council approved the January 2019 **Legal Fees** of McCarter & English

The Council approved the February 2019 **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon.

Township Attorney Weiner addressed the Council's request for an Ordinance allowing for money from the **Tree Fund** to be used to plant trees on private land. Ms. Weiner noted that additional information and guidance from the Council is needed, and further discussions will take place at future meetings.

Mayor Anthony discussed the 2019 **Louis Bay Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship** application and essay received from Allison Small. It was agreed that her essay would be submitted as Livingston's entry to the League of Municipalities.

The Council considered the advisory Memorandum from the Planning Board, advising that the Board had reviewed proposed **Ordinance 5-2019** and found it to be consistent with the 2018 Master Plan.

The Council agreed to the recommendation of Township Manager Lewis and Superintendent of Sewer Operations Joe Greco that the Council consider a Resolution placed on the evening's Regular Agenda providing for a Change Order to the **Passaic Pump Station** contract with Mott MacDonald for professional engineering services.

The Council considered proposed **Ordinance 6-2019** providing for Amendment of Zoning Map to Eliminate Split Lot Zoning on Blocks 6100 Lots 29 and 30, and the Ordinance will be introduced at the evening's Regular meeting.

Township Manger Lewis explained the need for the Council to consider Repealing Ordinance 10-2018, in order to change only a portion of **Microlab Road to Miracle Way**. It was agreed that consideration of the proposed Ordinance 8-2019 would not be introduced this evening.

The Council discussed dates of importance and **upcoming events**.

Councilmember Klein suggested the Township consider hiring a part-time **arborist**, and Township Manager Lewis will check with South Orange which had used grant monies to hire an arborist. Mayor Anthony and Councilmember Fernandez suggested the hiring of a consultant. Councilmember Meinhardt pointed out the need to fix up the plantings in front of Town Hall.

Concerning the proposed date for a **“5 on 5” meeting** with the Livingston Board of Education, it was noted that the Manager is awaiting a call back from Board of Education Business Administrator Steve Robinson as to which date was agreeable to the Board.

Township Attorney Weiner explained that the return day for second reading of **Ordinance 7-2019** would be held on April 8, 2019. It was noted that Manger Lewis and Councilmember Meinhardt would likely be unavailable on that date, but it was agreed to leave the date April 8 date unchanged for now.

Regarding appointment of new Councilmember Vieira as liaison to certain committees, a list of **Committee appointments** will be reviewed at the next Council meeting, and the matter will be considered at the Conference Meeting of March 25.

Councilmember Meinhardt asked for the cost of re-instituting **rear yard garbage pickup** and Deputy Township Manager Jones will provide an analysis.

Councilmember Klein suggested the Township offer to pay the cost of gym to any **volunteer firemen**. Township Manager Lewis will review an email he has on the subject and advise.

Councilmember Klein addressed the maintenance of the **Camuso building**, and Township Manager Lewis will discuss the matter with Tom Cooney.

Councilmember Klein inquired as to Council meeting dates at which **Township Engineer Harduby and Communications Coordinator Judith Heller** could update the Council.

Councilmember Klein suggested the **live streaming of Council meetings**.

Councilmember Klein suggested that signs be posted at entrances to the Town, such as **Welcome to Livingston**, and honoring and highlighting residents' accomplishments.

Township Attorney Weiner advised that a Resolution will be placed on next Regular Meeting Agenda appointing a co-counsel on the **Saint Baranabas tax appeal** matter.

At 10:45 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN R. TURTLETAUB
Township Clerk