

Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting #15—August 26, 2019

Present: Mayor Anthony; Councilmembers Fernandez, Meinhardt, Vieira; Township Manager Lewis; James Bryce Esq for Township Attorney Weiner; Deputy Township Clerk Mazzucco

Absent: Councilmember Klein

The Conference meeting commenced at 7:05 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 August 21, 2019.

The Council approved the **Conference and Closed Minutes** of the August 5, 2019 meetings.

The Council approved the **Legal Fees** of Murphy McKeon (July 2019), Genova Burns (July 2019) and Mc Carter & English (July 2019) and asked to reserve questions for **Closed Session.**

The Council approved the **“Turn the Town Teal”** request for ribbons to be placed at the Oval to raise awareness for ovarian cancer.

The Council approved the recommendation by Township Manager Lewis for an increase of **Health Department Fees** for Certified Marriage Transcripts, Domestic Partnerships and Civil Union Transcripts to \$25.

The Council approved the recommendation by Township Manager Lewis and Township Engineer Harduby for a Change Order and Final Payment on the **Passaic Avenue Upstream Gravity Sewer Upgrades** which resulted in a reduction of \$248,482.82. The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

The Council approved the recommendation by Township Manager Lewis and Deputy Township Manager Jones and Township Purchasing Manager Sullivan to extend the **Marketing of Recyclables** contract for another 12 month period with Bayshore Recycling Corp. The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

The Council approved the recommendation by Township Manager Lewis and Township Purchasing Manager Sullivan to reject bids for the **WPCF Roof Replacements** as the lowest bidder failed to list sub-contractors and was therefore disqualified. The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

The Council approved the recommendation by Township Manager Lewis and Township Director of Utilities Tuttle to purchase various goods and services for the treatment plant using the **North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Agreement.** The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

Township Manager Lewis explained that after exploring some suggested alternatives for the **Fall 2019/2020 Leaf Disposal program**, he is recommending the award for Township leaf removal to S. Rotondi & Sons. The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

Township Manager Lewis updated the Council about **furnishing and installing partition doors** for the Community Center, and after discussing the plans with the Architect, it was determined that there would be no impact on the Tahaney rooms or the building exterior. Township Manager Lewis recommends awarding the contract to Tri-Plex Industries, Inc. The item is listed on this evening’s Regular Agenda for a vote.

Township Manager Lewis distributed a project schedule for the **Wardell Road Pedestrian** Bridge and explained that construction would probably commence in early spring to prevent the new concrete from freezing and properly cure.

The Council discussed invitations to events and other **dates of importance.**

The Council discussed the **LMAC grant**, which the Township matches by 15%.

The Council discussed the updated **2018 Zoning Board Annual** Report.

The Council listened to ten-year old Gittel Grossbaum, daughter of Rabbi Grossbaum, present her concerns about the lack of **sidewalks and crosswalks** in the Township. She suggested a traffic light or flashing hazard light at Route 10 and North Ashby, sidewalks along Route 10, particularly west of the circle, and a crosswalk on the north side of the Livingston circle to cross Eisenhower Parkway. Gittel stated that with LifeTown being built, these additions would allow her family to walk to and from Shabbat safely. The Council thanked Gittel for bringing these **pedestrian safety** issues to their attention.

Bob Wild, 13 East Harrison Pl, presented a petition to the Council from residents in favor of **Permit Parking on East Harrison.** which would allow permit parking from 9-5 on Monday through Saturday. His neighbor, Peggy Sullivan, mentioned that ever since permit parking was removed it has become very dangerous for pedestrians as there are no sidewalks. Councilman Vieira mentioned that the PD was going to put up paper signs on the street and see if the cars move farther down towards Burnet Street, as it’s the same cars that park there every day. Councilman Meinhardt asked that the BOE be notified, so the HS seniors are made aware of any parking restrictions so they don’t get ticketed when going to

Seymour's on lunch break.

Marilyn Gould, 49 Knollwood Dr, inquired when the **Belgium block and paving** on Knollwood would be completed. Township Manager Lewis explained that he would contact engineering for further information. Gould also mentioned that Royal Ave floods regularly and needs to be fixed.

At 7:50 p.m., the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 8:25 p.m., the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

Deputy Township Clerk Mazzucco communicated that Fitness 1440 had emailed a request for **yoga in the park** on September 15, 2019 at 9am. The Council agreed that the yoga classes could not take place at the gazebo during mass hours, and suggested the oval or lawn in front of the library as a better location.

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session - Open Space Acquisitions; Litigation (Squiretown), Property

At 8:30 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 26th day of August, 2019, that the Township Council of the Township of Livingston will go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Open Space Acquisitions, Litigation (Squiretown), and Property 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 9:25 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

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Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN S MAZZUCCO
Deputy Township Clerk