

Livingston, New Jersey  
January 23, 2012  
Meeting #2

The regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Livingston was held on the above date at 8:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 357 Livingston Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" had been met. "Annual Notice" was faxed to the West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 3, 2012.

Present: Mayor Santola; Councilmembers Fernandez, Schneiderman, Shapiro; Manager Meade; Deputy Township Manager Jones; Township Attorney Weiner; Township Clerk Turtletaub

Mayor Santola asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Presentations

a) Camuso Holiday Committee--Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. Mayor Santola acknowledged and thanked the members of the Camuso Committee. He announced that \$4,379 had been raised for Ernie Camuso's favorite charity, the Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation.

i) Auxiliary Police Recognition. Mayor Santola thanked the Livingston Auxiliary Police for their assistance throughout the days and evenings while the exhibit was on display.

b) Swearing-in Ceremony--Joseph Santasieri and Brian Baker  
Police Chief Handschuch introduced two new members of the Police Department, and gave a biographical history on each. Township Clerk Turtletaub swore the officers in the in the presence of their families, and Manager Meade placed a Badge on each.

#### Essex County Update/Questions

Essex County Information Director Anthony Puglisi spoke about upcoming County events, and introduced Eileen Fishman, who will be replacing him as Livingston Liaison. Mayor Santola presented Mr. Puglisi with a Citation in recognition of, and thanking him for, his years of service as the County Executive's Liaison to Livingston.

#### Public Comments on Agenda Items

Larry Kohn 16 Tarlton Drive, addressed Agenda Items 13a and 13b.

John Anderson, 58 Collinwood, discussed Councilmember Schneiderman about his decision to decline the Deputy Mayor position.

#### Resolution – Approving Consent Agenda (Includes All Items Marked (\*)- R-12-65

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Livingston has determined that certain items on its agenda which have the unanimous approval of all Council Members and do not require comments shall be termed the "Consent Agenda"; and;

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that to increase its efficiency, the Consent Agenda shall be adopted with one resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that the items on the regular agenda for January 9, 2012, attached hereto, which are preceded by "\*" are the Consent Agenda and are hereby accepted, approved and/or adopted.

Councilmember Schneiderman moved approval of the Resolution. This was seconded by Councilmember Rieber. On roll call, all members present voted YES.

#### Approval of Minutes

a) January 9, 2011

#### Approval of Licenses

a) RA 3376 JFK Medical Center Foundation Off Premise 50/50-- May 11, 2012

b) RA 3377 Mental Health Association of Essex County Off Premise 50/50-- May 10, 2012

c) RA 3378 Mental Health Association of Essex County Tricky Tray-- May 10, 2011

Final Hearing Ordinances

Proposed Ordinances

Resolutions

a) R-12-66 Canceling 2011 Budget Appropriations

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston that the 2011 budget appropriations listed on the attached page be canceled, effective December 31, 2011.

b) R-12-67 Increasing Reserve for Self-insurance

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services has issued regulations permitting the establishment of a Reserve for Self-Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston has established a Reserve for Self-Insurance for the purpose of funding expenditures for workers' compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston has adopted a financial policy to systematically reserve funds for Self-Insurance; and

WHEREAS, funds remain available in 2011 budget appropriation reserve accounts for insurance purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2011 Appropriation Reserves be reserved and transferred to the Reserve for Self-Insurance.

Current Fund	Other Insurance	\$ 829.83
	General Liability	37.97
	Dental Insurance	13,163.20
	Library-Group Insurance	<u>19,867.70</u>
		<b><u>\$ 33,898.70</u></b>
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	Group Insurance	<b><u>\$ 30,292.89</u></b>

c) R-12-68 Transfer 2011 Appropriation Reserves

WHEREAS, transfers between appropriation reserves are permitted by N.J.S. 40A: 4-59 during the first three months of the next succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain 2011 appropriation reserves are expected to be insufficient to meet expenditure requirements for 2011 liabilities, and certain 2011 appropriation reserves are expected to have funds available to offset these expenditure requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston (not less than two-thirds thereof affirmatively concurring) that the following transfers between 2011 appropriation reserves be made.

Current Fund Account	Description	Transfers	
		From	To
1-01-31-435-001-256	Telephone	\$ 15,000.00	
0-01-31-435-001-269	Street Lighting		\$ 15,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>

d) R-12-69 Increasing Reserve for Accumulated Absences

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services has issued regulations permitting the establishment of a Reserve for Accumulated Absences Liability; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston has established a Reserve for Accumulated Absences Liability for the purpose of funding expenditures for accumulated employee absences; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Livingston has adopted a financial policy to systematically reserve funds for the payment of contingent liabilities; and

WHEREAS, funds remain available in 2011 budget appropriation reserve accounts for salaries and wages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2011 Appropriation Reserves be reserved and transferred to the Reserve for Accumulated Absences Liability.

Water Utility Operating Fund	Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,388.68
	Social Security	<u>4,060.37</u>
		<b><u>\$ 9,449.05</u></b>
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	Salaries and Wages	\$ 70.16
	Social Security	<u>2,228.77</u>
		<b><u>\$ 2,298.93</u></b>

Councilmember Schneiderman moved adoption of Resolutions R-12-66, 67, 68, and 69. This was seconded by Councilmember Rieber. On roll call, all members present voted YES.

Public Comment

Nick Pulitano, Billingsley Drive, thanked the Council for their expression of good wishes on his return, and presented Deputy Mayor Fernandez with a special scarf on behalf of the Veterans.

Bob Hunter, 89 Elmwood Drive, thanked Anthony Puglisi, suggested placement of an entrance sign to the town hall parking lot, reported on deer management, and questioned the permitted hours of canvassing.

Larry Kohn, 16 Tarlton Drive, asked whether the Mayor would be implementing the any of the recommendations he had made regarding what he felt was "transparency" in government.

John Anderson displayed photographs he claimed showed trapped rats at the Public Works Garage. Mayor Santola stressed the need to operate on facts, not anonymous internet claims. Manager Meade pointed out that the traps demonstrated awareness and responsiveness to the situation.

Remarks by Mayor and Members of the Council

Conclusion of Formal Business

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Stephen A. Santola  
Mayor

Glenn R. Turtletaub  
Township Clerk

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