

## Minutes - Livingston Township Council Conference Meeting—March 13, 2023

**Present:** Mayor Vieira, Deputy Mayor Anthony, Councilmember Bagolie, Councilmember Klein, Councilmember Meinhardt, Township Manager Lewis, Deputy Township Manager Jones, Assistant Township Manager Loehner, Township Attorney Kantor, Township Attorney Cooke, Township CFO Cucci, and Township Clerk Mazzucco.

The Conference meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor stated that all the requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Law” had been met. “Annual Notice” was emailed to the *West Essex Tribune and the Star Ledger* on February 28, 2023.

### Quorum Roll Call

A quorum roll call was held with all Council members present.

### Legal Fees

Council members reviewed and approved the following:

- 1) Murphy McKeon (January 2023)
- 2) Antonelli Kantor Rivera (February 2023)
- 3) Genova Burns (February 2023)

### New Business

Laurie Kaufman, Pete Schofel, and Beth Lippman (telephonically) of the **Business Improvement District (BID)** introduced their budget for 2023. Now that the BID office has relocated to Town hall, it was determined that the rent component would be allocated to marketing. Ms. Lippman added that she has met with Township Manager Lewis and the Planning Board about permanently including outdoor dining in the Township, and is waiting for the Planning Board to approve their recommendations. Township Manager Lewis explained that approving the BID budget is a two-step process, and that a Resolution is on tonight’s March 13, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration, however the hearing on the BID Budget is scheduled for the April 24, 2023 meeting.

Township Manager Lewis stated that the Resolution for a **Lease Agreement with T-Mobile Northeast LLC for Chetwynd Water Tank** is on tonight’s March 13, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration.

Township Manager Lewis mentioned that although not on the Agenda, a Resolution was added to tonight’s March 13, 2023 Regular Agenda for the Township Council’s consideration to purchase **License Plate Readers**.

Council members reviewed facility use requests for the Gazebo area for an **Easter egg hunt** by the Lions Club on April 2, 2023 from 2pm – 3:30pm, and a **Shine a Light on Autism** event on April 25, 2023 from 7:30pm – 8:30pm, with a rain date of April 27, 2023. They also reviewed a request for a **bake sale to raise money for Turkey and Syria** at the green area to the left of the library, on May 7, 2023 from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm, with a rain date of May 13, 2023 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm. All were approved by Township Council.

Mayor Vieira stated that the Township Council will be honoring **former Municipal Clerk Glenn Turtletaub** at the March 27, 2023 meeting and that he’d like to adjourn the conference meeting at 7pm for light refreshments in his honor. He also suggested a key to the Township plaque for Glenn.

Shilpa Kilkarni of **Shiv’s Third Eye**, and other parents of the LGBTQ community discussed challenges their children face being bullied and threatened, and that during PRIDE month (the month of June), it would be very supportive of these children to have signs / banners around the Township. They also inquired about the banners placed on the corner of Northfield and S Livingston Ave at Roosevelt Plaza, and who controls the placement of banners at that location, and if a banner for PRIDE month could go there. The Mayor and Council explained the legal challenges and “slippery slope” corundum of allowing one group to hang banners and flags around the Township, and denying another that they don’t support. They also mentioned South Livingston Ave is a County road and would require the County’s permission. The Mayor and Council confirmed their support of the LGBTQ community and would try to brainstorm other ideas on their behalf.

At 7:35 p.m. the Conference meeting adjourned so the Council could attend the Regular meeting.

At 9:15 p.m. the Conference meeting resumed with everyone previously in attendance present.

The Mayor and Council members discussed **calendar invites** and upcoming dates of importance.

At 9:20 p.m. the following Resolution was considered.

**RESOLUTION 23-109 — Authorizing Closed Session**

WHEREAS: the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS: the Township Council wishes to discuss:

- 1) Fair Share Housing (Attorney-Client Privilege)

WHEREAS: minutes will be kept, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires confidentiality, the minutes can be made public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Livingston that the public be excluded from this meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, and roll call vote, all members present voted YES.

At 9:30 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

At 9:30 p.m., the Conference meeting ended.

MICHAEL VIEIRA, Mayor

CAROLYN MAZZUCCO, Township Clerk