

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

**JANUARY 6, 2016**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Municipal Council was held at the Municipal Complex on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. The Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by the Township Attorney Northgrave, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, Sendelsky and Shah.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Health Director Elliott, Police Chief Bryan, Township Engineer Kataryniak and Cameraman Cologna.

The Township Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, and the Sentinel on December 12, 2015 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

**NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

The Township Attorney opened the nominations for President of Council.

Councilmember Gomez nominated Councilmember Michael Lombardi. This nomination was seconded by Councilmember Diehl.

There being no other nominations, on a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Diehl and duly carried, the nominations were closed.

The Township Attorney then asked for a Roll Call for the nomination of Michael Lombardi for Council President.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, Sendelsky and Shah.

NAYS - None

The Township Attorney then administered the Oath of Office to Council President Lombardi.

**STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council President Lombardi, thanked all and welcome to our January 6, 2016 Reorganization meeting. It is truly an honor to have been elected another term and to serve as Council President. He said he is looking forward to the coming year affairs of Edison, continuing moving Edison forward with both the administration and our road improvement. He will be working on improving services and stabilizing our taxes. He takes pride in our town with new business. Looking forward to 2016 Happy, Healthy and God Bless our Township and God Bless America.

**NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

The Township Attorney opened the nominations for Vice President of Council.

Councilmember Karabinchak nominated Alvaro Gomez. This nomination was seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky.

There being no other nominations, on a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Diehl and duly carried, the nominations were closed.

The Township Attorney then asked for a Roll Call for the nomination of Alvaro Gomez for Council Vice President.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, Sendelsky and Shah.

NAYS - None

The Township Attorney then administered the Oath of Office to Council Vice President Gomez.

**STATEMENT OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**

Council Vice President Gomez, said good evening everyone and Happy New Year, first and foremost Congratulations to my Council colleagues. The new members are a great addition to the team and I look forward to working with them. Thank all of you who work to keep this town for the sole purpose of making Edison a better place, we have been made sufficient strides all working together as a team. Look forward to stabilizing taxes and providing services. I look forward to serving as Vice President to do my best. Thank you again.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES (PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016)**

The following Ordinances were introduced by title:

**O.1919-2016                      ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MONTH TO MONTH LEASE  
FOR STORAGE OF TOWNSHIP VEHICLES AND  
EQUIPMENT.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on January 27, 2016

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS - None

The following Ordinances were introduced by title:

**O.1920-2016                      ORDINANCE AMENDS THE EDISON TOWNSHIP CODE OF  
GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
TOWNSHIP'S DIVISION OF POLICE MAY BE STAFFED  
WITH TWO DEPUTY CHIEF'S RATHER THAN ONE.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Diehl this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on January 27, 2016

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS - None

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.888-122015 and R.001-012002 through R.003-012002.

There were no comments from the public regarding Proposed Resolutions. On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak and duly carried, the public hearing was closed.

The following Resolutions R.888-122015 and R.001-012002 through R.003-012002 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky.

**RESOLUTION R.888-122015  
Authorizing Overpayment Refund caused by  
Successful Tax Court Appeal**

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Tax Collector has received a successful tax appeal judgment from the Tax Court of New Jersey for the case below:

TAXPAYER	<b>SWALES, THOMAS J III ET AL (TRUSTEES)</b>
PROPERTY LOCATION	<b>258 PLAINFIELD AVE</b>
BLOCK / LOT / QUALIFIER	<b>160.C / 12</b>

**WHEREAS**, settlement for this case was approved by Council with Resolution # R.663-112014, but the final assessment and refund numbers need to be corrected as per Tax Court order received.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Tax Court of New Jersey, the assessed value of the property has been reduced for the tax years below, as follows:

DOCKET NUMBER	TAX YEAR	ASSESSMENT
014653-2013	2013	\$129,100

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in assessed value has caused a real estate tax overpayment in the amount of **\$22,227.50** for the years as follows:

TAX YEAR	TAX AMOUNT
2013	\$22,227.50

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, “in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from an assessment on real property, the respective taxing district shall refund any excess paid within 60 days of final judgment.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison, shall and is hereby authorized to draw checks to the property owner or legal representative in the amounts of **\$22,227.50**.

**RESOLUTION R.001-012016**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1997 requires the Governing Body to adopt an annual Cash Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the following banks are authorized depositories for Municipal Funds consistent with the Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act and may be used by the Chief Financial Officer for the deposit of Township funds:

- TD Bank – North Edison, NJ
- Bank of New York/Chase, National Community Division, Edison, NJ
- Capital One Bank/North Fork Bank, Edison, NJ
- Provident Bank, Edison, NJ
- Magyar Savings Bank, New Brunswick, NJ
- Wells Fargo Bank, Edison, NJ
- PNC Bank, Edison, NJ
- Bank of America, Edison, NJ
- Columbia Savings Bank, Edison, NJ
- Sovereign Bank, Edison, NJ
- Metuchen Savings Bank, Metuchen, NJ
- Ocean First Bank, Monroe, NJ
- Valley National Bank, So. Plainfield, NJ
- Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., Paramus, NJ
- Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., New York, NY

Depository Trust Company, New York, NY  
National Bank of North America, New York, NY  
Bradford Trust Co., New York, NY  
Chemical Bank, New York, NY  
Investor's Savings Bank, Edison, NJ  
State of New Jersey, Cash Management Fund  
U.S. Bank, Morristown, NJ  
Fulton Bank of NJ, Edison, NJ  
Unity Bank, Edison, NJ  
Indus American Bank, Iselin, NJ  
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank

,and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as a guide in depositing and investing the funds of the Township of Edison, and

**WHEREAS**, the following investments are permitted for use by the Chief Financial Officer:

1. Interest bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit in authorized banks for deposit of local unit funds.
2. Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
3. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the local unit is a part.
5. Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units.
6. Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
7. New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 (a).

,and

**WHEREAS**, the priority of investment policies shall be, in order of descending importance: security, liquidity, and yield with funds managed to meet the Township of Edison's cash flow needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the foregoing shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Edison for the year 2016.

**RESOLUTION R.002-012016**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the following are hereby designated as the official newspapers of Edison Township for the purpose of publication of all legal notices, to the extent permitted by law, and to the extent each publication complies with the legal requirements for official newspapers for municipalities:

The Home News Tribune, Neptune, New Jersey  
The Star Ledger, Newark, New Jersey  
The Sentinel, Freehold, New Jersey

**RESOLUTION R.003-012016**

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31,2015

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through December 31, 2015.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$16,433,683.52
Affordable Housing	0.00
Capital	558,636.92
Cash Performance	0.00
CDBG	0.00
Developers Escrow	0.00
Dog (Animal Control)	18,457.90
Federal Forfeited	0.00
Grant Funds	0.00
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Payroll Deduction	652,243.78
Sanitation Fund	611,215.40
Sewer Utility	390,837.48
Tax Sale Redemption	0.00
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	0.00
Trust	718,503.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,383,578.84</b>

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo  
Chief Financial Officer

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the above-referenced disbursements report is hereby approved.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Patil, Sendelsky and Shah.

NAYS - None

**ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting for public comment.

None

Hearing no further comments from the public Councilmember Karabinchak made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Diehl and duly carried.

Councilmember Sendelsky thanked the people from Edison Township for giving him the opportunity to serve them. Congratulates my colleagues and look forward to working with them to improve the quality of life for the residents of Edison.

Councilmember Patil thanked everyone one this is an important day to all of us, remember Mayor Lankey's opening statement New Years Day is for a fresh start and new beginning. I will continue to work together to support his vision the best place to live and work in the state. We all need to work together to bring new business is key. He shared a quote from Heller Keller, "Alone we can do little together we can do so much".

There being no further business, on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Michael R. Lombardi  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk