

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
January 22, 2018**

The Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Council President Patil, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Lombardi, Patil, and Sendelsky

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Askelson and Cameraman Cologne.

The 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 and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on December 9, 2017 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Council President Patil opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, last meeting there was discussion regarding a brine system for the roads, would you consider looking into beet juice treatment. He congratulated Anthony on his promotion and thanked him for getting a water cap fixed in 2 days. How does anyone know what seats are available on boards when it's not updated on the website.

Ms. Ruane, we will look into the systems for the roads. Myself and the Clerk are putting forth a process to sent everything to the IT department.

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, Baptist Church is celebrating their 100th Anniversary and they need help to fund a ramp for their church. She asked about the Re-cycle Calendar when will it be mailed. She reported the Board of Education is looking for people to join the overcrowding task force. She asked when will P.S.E & G be replacing the poles in Clara Barton.

Ms. Ruane, the calendar is on the website and should be in the mail within the next week or so.

Mr. O'Brien will follow up with P.S.E. & G.

Mark Bukachevsky, 11 Outcalt Road, he thanked Councilmembers Coyle and Joshi for coming to his home. He isn't clear what the time frame is from the subcommittee to report to residents.

Councilmember Diehl asked Councilmember Sendelsky to be chair the Amazon subcommittee.

Councilmember Sendelsky, the attorney will have a report.

Mr. Northgrave reported he has been sending the emails to Amazon. He is waiting Amazon's proposal. Today he met with the Chief of Police, Business Administrator and Mr. Elliot, Health Director to provide you a phone number to dispatch an officer to the site and make a report.

Mr. Bukachevsky, asked who should he send the bill for his new sink to.

Mr. Northgrave, send to the contact you have at Amazon.

Ralph Dellanno, 21 Outcalt Road , is it possible that Edison township can force the issue for a sound system to record.

Mr. Northgrave, we have asked Amazon to do that and share with our engineers. They have started the process last week, hopefully we will have something in another week.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peak Road, Congratulations to Mr. Russomanno on his promotion. She read the article in the paper regarding the Sarni case and was pleased to read Mr. Northgrave's statement we have a bidding agreement. We paid him enough money.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Congratulated Mr. Russomanno and wished him success at his new position. He asked about the Franchise Tax on his water bill.

Ms. Ruane, we get money from the state through state aid which is listed on page 7 of the Budget.

Walt Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, on Fred's comments we don't get back enough from the state. He commented on Amazon, when a warehouse operation was approved for this site and now it's a different type of warehouse use we should upgrade the code to provide a more sound barrier.

Hearing no further comments, this public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, with all in favor.

5. REVEIW OF MINUTES

a. through c. No comments were made.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
FROM MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY:**

a. through i. No comments were made

Item j. added to agenda: Re- appointing Nazlee Sanchez to Fair Rental Housing Board.

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, Environmental Commission is planning a presentation to the council in February. Councilmember Gomez and I will be working on a site for the next beautification project.

Councilmember Sendelsky, no updates since the last meeting we are working closely with Amazon.

Councilmember Gomez, Public Safety Committee, we are putting the Fire Promotion Ordinance on for First Reading on Wednesday. He thanked Councilmembers Lombardi and Coyle along with the other members on the committee that helped to put this together. He explained briefly the Ordinance to make a fair process to better our fire department and officers.

Councilmember Lombardi, also thanked the committee for their time. We took a lot from the Police Ordinance this is an ongoing process to update and improve.

Councilmember Diehl, had some question on the Ordinance regarding the one point for veterans. He appreciates all the work on this however he feels the veteran services should be more than one point. He asked for explanation on the scoring percentages.

Councilmember Lombardi explained the testing is done by an outside agency, you need 75% or better to pass, the written part is worth 60%, oral is 30% and 10% for promotions.

Councilmember Coyle thanked Councilmember Gomez for chairing this Committee and he supports Councilmember Diehl's view for the veterans.

Councilmember Joshi, appreciated Councilmember Gomez reaching out to him on this Ordinance. He feel this overall increases our standards.

8. POINTS OF LIGHT-

Council President Patil, last Saturday we had the Martin Luther King Celebration at J.P. Steven High School is was well attended. He congratulated the Lombardi family on the birth of the daughter. We will be doing a Resolution of Recognition for the Science teacher from J.P. Stevens High School for the grant of \$100,000 she received. Our Environmental Commission will be doing a presentation at our next Council Meeting.

LDS – well attended the presentation was wonderful – yesterday at our church thanked the 2 members of our police force – good for community to show up –

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. and b. No comments were made

c. Councilmember Coyle congratulated Anthony Russomanno he waited long enough.

Councilmember Sendelsky, he has the experience to do this job we expect you will do good work.

Council President Patil, keep up the good work and good luck.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. and b. No comments were made

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. Councilmember Joshi, asked for explanation what rental re-occupancy inspections fee.

Mr. Elliot, explained rentals are inspected each time there is a change in tenant. This reimburse is because they owners opt to sell.

b. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. and b. No comment was made.

c. Council Vice President Sendelsky thanked Mr. O'Brien for getting this Ordinance to us. He explained the changes which will help sustain our roads. This will help our investment to our tax payers .

Mr. O'Brien highlighted on some of the changes, the requirements are spelled out in the Ordinance.

Council President Patil asked does this pertain to utilities companies anyone who touches the road.

Councilmember Lombardi, Maintenance Bond for the amount of time for roadway. There should be legal language in the agreement that they sign.

- d. Councilmember Coyle, asked what are the changes in this Ordinance. He would like it changed to read 25 feet from the buildings. He feels we have plenty of bins around town no need for anymore.

Mr. Northgrave, there were complaints about unscrupulous people running the bin. He will send the black line copy to him.

- e. Minor changes were made.
- f. No comments were made

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

- a. through c. No comments were made.
- e. Adding to the Agenda the Pilgrim pipeline Resolution same as last time.

14. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Coyle gave his report as follows:

Application No. P5193 Project Ethel, LLC 92 and 94 Ethel Road, Blk. 20, Lots 4.E, 4.N, 4.B
Proposal to demolish two existing homes and build four new Single Family Homes
VARIANCES REQUESTED FOR LOTS WIDTH- Required 85' Proposed 75' on Lots 9,10,11
Front Yard setback required 25' – Proposed 24.9' on Lot 8.

This application was held over for drainage report.

Application No.P5196 Markim Developers, LLC – Revere and Denver Boulevards
Block 497, Lots 2.B, 3,4A, 36-40
Proposal to demolish existing homes and construction thirteen (13) New Single Family Homes
No Variances were requested for the new building lots, however two (2) variances we noted for a pre-existing home that will remain the same.
The applicant was represented by Steve Tripp from Wilentz and the WSB Engineering provided expert testimony. The Board Voted unanimous for preliminary and final major subdivision.

15. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Patil:

- a. Question are we recording the artifacts for the future to the Planning and Zoning on these problems.

Ms. Ruane, yes

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. How long a time frame regarding Amazon, what is the use intended and does the resolution allow for a 24 - 7 operation.

Mr. O'Brien will pull the resolution and get it to him.

- b. He asked for an update on Nissan parking.

Ms. Ruane explained the process.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Good work on Street excavation work. Walter Stochel made a very good point to make sure the approval moving forward we do a better job on how it impacts the neighborhood.
- b. Normandy Road
Mr. O'Brien indicated this is one to go out to bid this summer.
- c. Paving on Grove between both sides of Oak Tree.

Mr. O'Brien, it's part of the county project.
- d. Date for Deer Presentation

Mr. Elliot, it is scheduled for April 9th meeting.
- e. Flyer he is in contact with police it is continuing to move forward gathering evidence.
- f. He is continuing to gather information regarding vote by mail ballots.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. None

Councilmember Joshi:

- a. He asked about an APP for alerts for example send a picture of a pot whole and it geo tags it. Jersey City has an APP. He spoke to Mr. Russomanno about this to look into.
- b. Edison Youth Service Corp. he is very interested in getting together this year. He is working with Melissa Perilstein and Michael Campbell to get our youth involved perhaps have them intern throughout the different departments to learn what public service is all about. He is working on compiling a list.

Council President Patil this year we are working on multiple things to add to these APPs.

Councilmember Gomez the biggest challenge is to get it in sync with our OAlert system.

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a. Resolution of Recognition – Harrison Sussman. We will be honoring him for his work as part of his Bar Mitzvah project of feeding the homeless.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Thanked Maureen and Carl for the quick turn around on Nissan property. Do you have the meeting set up with the owners?

Mr. O'Brien he will check with this office.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Ajay Patil
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk