

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
March 12, 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 6:01 p.m. by Council President Patil, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmembers Gomez and Coyle entered meeting at 6:10pm.

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

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, they did a good job on Snow Removal. What can the town do for the residents regarding tree branches?

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, she asked what is the resident status on Sam Khan.

Mr. Northgrave, he will have a full report on Wednesday.

Ms. Wolke, regarding 979 Amboy Avenue it absolutely needs redevelopment.

Mr. Northgrave it is the Gas Station and parcel behind it.

Ms. Wolke started reading the resolution they are putting two and three bedroom apartments. Where are they going to park and what about the school overcrowding.

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. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. through d. No comments were made.

e. Change to February 28th No comment was made.

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

a. and b. Accepted as submitted.

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council Vice President Sendelsky reported tomorrow is the meeting of Amazon Sub Committee with the residents at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

8. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Patil made announcements of events as follows. Edison Chamber of Commerce, Taste of Edison is Monday, March 19th at Pines Manor 5:30pm to 8:00pm, Thursday, March 22nd in Council Chambers the New Community Center Forum from 7:00- 9:00pm, Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Lake Papianni from 8:00am to 2:00pm Electronic Recycling, Monday, April 9, 2018 Council Worksession meeting Mr. DeNicola from White Buffalo will be doing a brief presentation on Deer Population, April 11, 2018 at the JCC on Oak Tree Road there will be a Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony, April 13, 2018 Health & Wellness from 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Pines Manor, Saturday April 14, 2018 North Edison Baseball Opening Day Parade starts at 9:00am from John Adams Middle School to Baseball complex, Sunday, April 22, 2018 Midtown Little league Opening Day at their field on Glenville will begin at 12:00noon. The 3rd Annual Clara Barton Neighborhood yard Sale is on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Council Vice President Sendelsky attended the Cricket Award Ceremony this past weekend. It was nice to see young people play and participate.

Councilmember Coyle, on April 13th from 11:00-2:00pm at the Pines Manor a Health & Wellness Expo.

Councilmember Joshi, as part of Dr. Seuss birthday he read to the children. It is Women History Month.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. and b. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through i. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. Councilmember Joshi, throughout the state there is a serious problem of sex trafficking going on in massage parlors. This ordinance would prevent re-opening of massage parlors in another name.

Councilmember Lombardi, asked if any establishments that would be in violations.

Mr. Northgrave, they stay if they already have approval preexisting. As long as the business continues and don't close down.

Councilmember Coyle thanked Sam for his initiative regarding this issue and added to look at the sign ordinance also.

b. Council President Patil, asked if this is budgeted?

Mr. Northgrave explained this funding procedure.

c. Council Vice President Sendelsky, it doesn't say how they are going to repair.

Mr. Northgrave, he and Carl reviewed it they are going to work to improve our property and time it with DPW and Engineering.

Ms. Ruane added waiting for DEP approvals.

- d. No comments were made.
- e. Council President Patil asked is this a pilot?

Mr. Northgrave no, this is pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan that was adopted. This is approving a redeveloper they still have to go to the Planning Board.

Councilmember Coyle, asked if the redeveloper can increase the retail space.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

- a. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

- a. No comment was made

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- a. Councilmember Lombardi asked if this is Nixle.

Ms. Ruane, no it's the reverse 911.

17. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Coyle no report at this time next Planning Board Meeting is on March 19th.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL ADOPTION:

O.2000-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 39-12.19, "GUARANTEES AND RELEASES," MODIFYING PERFORMANCE AND MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO CHANGES IN THE "MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW."

O.2001-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 2-5.5 "CORPORATE SEAL," SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OR REPRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP EMBLEMS.

19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Patil:

- a. Resolution of Recognition – Roller Skating Championship
- b. DPW did a great job snowplowing.
- c. He asked Ms. Ruane about a monthly report of the citizen requests.
- d. Regarding the rate for police security at the schools.

Councilmember Lombardi, his understanding the rate is between the Board of Education and the Police, our Business Administration doesn't have control, it the PBA members.

Police Captain Shannon, we are working on plans.

- e. We have a subcommittee for overcrowding, they are doing an analysis.

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. Regarding the bad shape of Streets such as Ramsey, Tuscan and Utica are they going to be on the paving list.

Mr. O'Brien explained his is working on putting together a list.

- b. DPW is doing a good job and Andy Toth our OEM Coordinator is well prepared.
- c. He would like to set up a meeting with the parks department about the maintenance along Amboy Avenue.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Hazardous Waste is on March 18th from 8:00am -2:00pm at Middlesex County College.
- b. E-cycle is on April 7th at Lake Papaianni from 8:00am- 2:00pm it is anything with a plug.
- c. On April 9th Worksession meeting we will have a presentation on Deer Population
- d. Investigation on flyer is ongoing.
- e. Kearny Avenue, he appreciated Mr. Russomanno email, however can we do some of the work.

Mr. Russomanno explained we cannot go into wet lands.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. None

Councilmember Joshi:

- a. He asked Ms. Ruane to look into the cost to change from Outlook to Google.
- b. He will be presenting a Resolution of Recognition at the March 28, 2018 meeting to a student who received an award regarding the CSPAN Competition.

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a. He asked Mr. O'Brien to reach out to the County Engineers about the light at Woodland and Oak Tree Road, when will it be completed.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Our DPW did a good job we had about 150 trees down. Our Fire Department had to Block off the street at Foyer Avenue due to a live wire down.
- b. He asked Administration to stay on top of P.S. E & G regarding the replacement of poles and bulbs out in Clara Barton.
- c.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky , seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Ajay Patil
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk