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**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
April 11, 2016**

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 6:04 p.m. by Council President Lombardi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Karabinchak was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Haines, Health Director Elliot, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Fire Chief Latham, Deputy Chief Mieczkowski 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 12, 2015 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

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

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, apologized regarding her comments on Maria Tomaro she didn't realize she had a college degree and a Registered Environmental Health certification. Glad to see on Nevsky St. fence was put up so they cannot come out onto Nevsky. Congrats to Marlena happy she is the New Deputy Clerk.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Edison Tower transfer of funds what is the reason to give back.

Ms. Ruane, we are legally obligated to give the money back to county and they return to State of New Jersey.

Mr. Wolke asked, why do we rent vehicles.

Ms. Ruane explained we need to rent vehicles when we are doing undercover operations.

Mr. Wolke asked when will the Finance Committee receive the budget to review.

Ms. Ruane replied it should be to the committee in May.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd., asked for explanation on the COAH resolution. He also thanked the council for the notices on the Amboy Avenue presentation.

Township Attorney London explained the COAH proceedings with the Court and the process ordered by Judge Wolfson moving forward.

Chris Troiano, 20 Hill Ave., do we have a program on exterminating for mosquitoes.

Health Director Elliot explained how the County Program works for spraying for mosquitoes.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, the computer at the Tax Assessor Office counter is not there anymore, why.

Ms. Ruane will look into why, no one brought to her attention.

Ms. Wolke pointed out the two new positive stories regarding our Police Department.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, regarding the Legal notice total number of units for COAH.

Ms. London explained the numbers of units covers a 10 year period.

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, regarding the Camp Kilmer project she heard a certain amount will be for our veterans and where would they apply.

Mr. Kataryniak explained the public bid process for that project, and Sue Peck will have the contact information.

Frank Greco, 10 Maida Road, asked what the criteria for veterans.

Mr. Kataryniak, no hard line numbers yet, working on details.

Ms. London explained there will be a variety of bedrooms the guidelines are governed by statute and code.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Accepted as submitted.

**6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

None

**7. POINTS OF LIGHT**

Council President Lombardi reminded everyone of Opening Day North Edison Baseball and Softball on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 9:00am and the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County and the Metuchen Edison Interfaith Clergy Association will be hosting a Interfaith Holocaust Program on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:30pm.

Councilmember Patel, Edison Libraries have their Science technology.

Councilmember Sendelsky announced we are continuing our program for Shoes at the Animal Shelter.

Councilmember Shah, we had a Young Lady from Edison on the Voice and we all should be proud.

**8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- a. Councilmember Patil asked if this is for the entire township and did we archive emails in the past.

Ms. Ruane replied some not all everything is on our server we are not allowed to destroy on any device.

- b. No comment was made.

- c. Councilmember Patil wants to make sure we are investing in the right things.

d. Councilmember Patil asked are we replacing.

Ms. Ruane yes, this is for replacement.

e. Council President Lombardi , this item is being pulled off agenda for further evaluation.

f. No comment was made.

**9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:**

a. through d. No comments were made.

**10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**

a. No comment was made.

**11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

a. through g. No comments were made.

**12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

**13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

a. through h. No comments were made

**14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

**15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

**16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

**17. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

**18. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Sendelsky reported next meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Lombardi:**

a. Status of Light at Oaktree and Woodland

Mr. Kataryniak, the next meeting is with South Plainfield, then the county can go out to bid.

**Councilmember Diehl**

- a. He asked regarding Stephenville Parkway, did the town receive notice about work being done by PSE & G this work is extensive.

Mr. Katarynak said he will request utility companies to notice. He added April 18<sup>th</sup> there are two projects going on.

He asked to find out if a notice went out to Stephenville residents.

Mr. Kataryniak said moving forward capital projects now are required to come before the Planning Board.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

- a. Who can assist to contact DOT regarding their properties to be cleaned up.

Ms. Ruane will send a letter with list of properties.

**Councilmember Karabinchak:**

- a. Absent

**Councilmember Patil:**

- a. Wood Ave. towards Grove Ave. Street Lights out.

Mr. Kataryniak explained how resident can go on website of P S E & G to investigate street lighting.

- b. He asked if the police are on regular patrol on Liddle Avenue.

Council Vice President Gomez ,the police are patrolling in all areas however the cars are lightly marked rest assure they are out there.

**Councilmember Sendelsky:**

- a. Cedar St. and Route 27 retaining wall, the right of way is all messed up.

Mr. Kataryniak said residents have made him aware and he will be looking at the plans.

- b. Stephenville Parkway isn't there a 5 year moratorium after paving.

Mr. Kataryniak replied we cannot stop development to take place, but we have the ability to have a higher standard.

- c. Karnell Court are we doing street light before paving is done .

Mr. Kataryniak said he is coordinating with Public Service.

**Councilmember Shah:**

- a. Update on Employee handbook

Ms. Ruane, it is still being worked on.

- b. Animal Shelter update on pipes smell.

Mr. Kataryniak no active complaints

- c. Senior buses

Mr. Elliot explained we are putting out a bid for new buses. The number for seniors to call for transportation is 732-248-7345.

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

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Michael R. Lombardi  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk