

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
April 9, 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.

Council President Patil asked for a moment of the passing of Christopher Killmurray, Mayor of South Brunswick.

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

Councilmember Coyle was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, 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.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL:

Councilmember Diehl, introduced Dr. Anthony J. DeNicola of White Buffalo, Inc to do a power point presentation on Suburban Deer Management. In the presentation he explained the different methods of Management Options. In order to establish a program you first need to gather data.

Councilmember Diehl, this was a very good presentation, however this confirms there is no easy answer. He asked Dr. DeNicola what is the life expectancy of deer.

Dr. DeNicola Deer in rural environments they are very healthy, 10 to 15 years.

Councilmember Diehl, asked could we tranquilize them and transport them somewhere else?

Dr. DeNicola said that is not an option in New Jersey.

Councilmember Gomez, he asked about safety on the sharp shooting method. It doesn't seem any one solution will fit us.

Dr. DeNicola in New Jersey you must be 450 feet away.

Councilmember Joshi, asked is there a certain time of day deer are more or less active. Can you provide us with the information when most active so we can inform residents. Is there a sound or light that can deter Deer?

Dr. DeNicola explained they are more active during dawn and dusk. He will get the information to Mr. Elliot.

Councilmember Diehl asked if he has stats on Lime Disease.

Dr. DeNicola explained there are two things that factor on Lime Disease the theory is you need to get the Deer population down to ten per square mile, so there is not enough for the ticks to populate.

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Councilmember Diehl asked in your expert opinion if we didn't have the legal restrains would you say darting and euthanizing would be the best plan.

Dr. DeNicola, yes.

Council President Patil thanked Dr. DeNicola for this time and presentation.

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

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, April 19th there is a Clara Barton Block Watch meeting, April 22th is Earth day and Edison High School has their Craft Fair on April 28th from 9am-3:00pm.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, the presentation was most interesting talk but before you consider a program you should get in touch with surrounding towns and coordinate through the county. This past Saturday Walter Stochel had a Historical Presentation it was well attended Council President Patil was also there. Walter did a great job he will be scheduling another event in the fall. .

Lois Woke, 10 Peak Road, item 14 b. what is this, is it less or more. She believes Walter's next event is June 9th at the Main Library.

Council President Patil, it's more stringent.

Frank Greco 10 Maida Road, the deer situation is close to his heart. He made a very good presentation. The amount of Deer in Edison we have a problem, but don't know what to do.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, Clara Barton Neighborhood Preservation Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00pm. She is working on agenda.

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

6. REVIEW OF MINUTES

a. and b. No comments were made

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

8. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Patil announced all the upcoming events throughout the town for the month of April as follows: April 11, 2018, Wednesday, at the JCC on Oak Tree Road, Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony 7:30pm – 8:00pm, April 13, 2018 – Friday, Edison Chamber of Commerce Health & Wellness Expo at Pines Manor from 11am – 2:00pm, April 14, 2018 Saturday, North Edison Baseball and Softball Opening Day Parade starts at 9:00am from John Adams Middle School to Baseball Complex, April 14, 2018- Saturday, Edison Boys Baseball Opening Day starts at 8:00am at Central Avenue near the Jets Field, April 22, 2018 EARTH DAY 9:00 – 3:00 at Papanianni Park also From 12:00 To 4:00pm Grand re-opening of our Animal Shelter, April 22, 2018 Sunday, Midtown Little League Opening Day at 12:00pm at their field on Glenville Road.

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Councilmember Diehl, the E Recycling program this past Saturday was a huge success. There were over 500 vehicles. He thanked Mr. Elliot and the County for their involvement it was very efficient and easy.

Councilmember Joshi, he attended the FCCLA Competition last week where students from both JP Stevens and Edison High competed and are going on to Georgia to the National Competition.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. though d. No comments were made

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. No comments were made.

b. Councilmember Joshi asked what is the History on this dates from 1978?

Mr. Northgrave explained he was contacted by the woman attorney, the deed was never recorded. This is just cleaning up the paper work from 40 years ago.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. and b. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. and b. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Coyle was absent.

16. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Patil:

a. He asked Ms. Ruane, for the Citizen Request report.

Ms. Ruane you should have received it by email.

b. Is there a limit/ time period that tractor trailers can use Plainfield Road or Park Avenue?

Police Captain Shannon, there are no time restrictions.

Mr. Northgrave will work with the Police there may be interstate laws.

Councilmember Coyle:

a. Absent

Councilmember Diehl

- a. He thanked the administration for the Lights on Talmadge causeway are now all working.
- b. He asked for an update on Kearny and Meadow Road.

Ms. Ruane we are trying to get a meeting scheduled with the right person.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. Any update on Firehouse #3

Ms. Ruane, we had a meeting today with the attorney we will be taking on all the repairs.

He asked how long will it take to complete.

Mr. Russomanno estimated approximately five weeks.

Councilmember Sendelsky asked about the electrical work there.

Mr. Russomanno is working with Engineering and Code.

Councilmember Joshi:

- a. Mayor has been promoting Health & Wellness, he explained briefly how to lost weight, set realistic goals and how to measure your body fat

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He received a complaint from a South Plainfield Councilmember regarding Bartel Landscaping property along Route 287. Jim Ayotte went out today to look at.
- b. He asked for an update on the Telephone Poles.

Mr. Russomanno, we have contacted the Telephone and Cable companies they are aware, it out of our hands.

- c. He asked about Light bulbs out in Clara Barton.

Mr. Russomanno, Debbie Donald is working on that with P.S.E & G.

- d. Codemmed property on Harding and Oak Tree.

Mr. Elliot is aware it is a rental property he will call the contact tomorrow.

- e. Is there any grant money for the Deer population?

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Ajay Patil
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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