

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
June 25, 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 6:00 p.m. by Council President Patil, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Gomez entered meeting at 6:18pm.

Councilmember Diehl was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, 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.

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

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson, reminded everyone the Edison Famers Market is open on Sundays 8:00am to 2:00pm. She asked for update on poles and light bulbs on Amboy Avenue.

Mr. Russomanno, the person at P.S.E. & G is on vacation but he is still working on it, Debbie Donald has send a work order to P.S.E & G for the bulbs.

Ms. Orchid, what is the procedure to get a light at the corner of Blvd. of the Eagles and Old Post Road?

Mr. O'Brien, an analysis has to be done he will talk to administration.

Ms. Orchid asked for an update on the Deer Population.

Mr. Elliot is in the process of getting another quote.

Council President Patil added contact Franklin Township they did an aerial study.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, asked for an explanation on items, E, F & G under Township clerk. What are we trying to accomplish. What are we doing different?

Council President Patil explained the FAR to review a proposed ordinance it's a general request for planning board to review.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. No comments were made

6. **2018 SOLID WASTE BUDGET:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

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

Councilmember Coyle, Environmental Commission has been doing clean ups, if you have a clean up in your neighborhood reach out to the commission.

Councilmember Lombardi, Finance Committee will start meeting with department heads.

Councilmember Joshi, Library Board meeting was canceled, rescheduled for August.

Council President Patil, On June 12th Meeting of the School Board Safety, they were discussion on special law enforcement proposal being a class 3 officer.

8. **POINTS OF LIGHT**

Council President Patel announced on Wednesday, June 27th at 6:00pm the Unveiling of the Sculpture, Edison Art Society at Lake Papianni, July 14TH, Saturday at Edison Municipal Building parking lot resident paper shred program from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 18TH at 6:00pm Mayor Lankey will present 2018 Municipal Budget Public Hearing at 6:00pm.

Council Vice President Sendelsky attended the Elks picnic on Saturday, June 14th for Flag Day Celebration.

9. **FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

a. Council President asked if we did a bid for this.

Ms. Ruane, this is the same company we have now, it's only on a month to month basis.

Council President Patil, what is the charge.

Ms. Ruane, its 2.9% to the customer, no fee to the township.

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

a. through d. No comments were made.

e. Council President Patil, feels we should looked for a full time CFO to be in our Finance Department every day.

Ms. Ruane explained with this contract we get about 5 or 6 people working on our finances along with Ken being here daily.

Ken DeRoberts explained in depth what his company has accomplished along with working on Strategic Planning as well as fixing the messes from previous CFO's. We are getting various staff members in the department trained, with much success. Many towns across the state are short CFO's. It takes a couple of years to fix operations.

Councilmember Gomez, this company has a level of expertise far beyond our past CFO. Ken and his team have provided us understanding the numbers and ability to report.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

- a. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

- c. Councilmember Lombardi asked to pull this off agenda for further review this takes power form council to the Business Administrator.

Ms. London explained item b is for approval to serve notice and c is to amend the code.

- d. Councilmember Coyle requested to pull this off agenda, all the changes he requested aren't included.

- e. No comments were made.

- f. Council Vice President Sendelsky, commented about an deceleration lane.

Council President Patil, Route 287, state is working on that.

Councilmember Lombardi, he has the proposed plan from the state he will send to Mr. Northgrave.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

- a. and b . No comments were made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- a. Councilmember Lombardi, last meeting we passed a resolution for ammunition for about \$27,000.

Ms. Ruane, will check.

16. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

- a. through d. No comments were made.

e.

f.

- g. Councilmember Gomez asked for explanation on e.f. and g.

Council President Patil, explained why he would like to send to board.

Council Vice President Sendelsky, these resolutions are just sending to planning board to review.

Councilmember Coyle asked how the FAR is calculated.

Council Vice President Sendelsky explained.

17. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Coyle reported Middlesex Water Company application for an addition received approval, 1100 King Georges Road application for adding a loading dock received approval and Open Space Committee gave a presentation.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

O. 2010-2018 No comments were made

O.2011-2018 No comments were made

O.2012-2018 No comments were made

O.2013-2018 Council President asked if this is specific to construction only.

Ms. Ruane yes, this is for after business hours for safety traffic control.

19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Patil:

a. He asked Ms. Ruane for operating guidelines for each department.

Ms. Ruane, Directors are set by ordinance.

He asked if there are reviews on performances for each department head. Do we have a plan for the company we recently hired to oversee personnel?

Mr. O'Brien, Director of Engineering, he is here 32 hour per week depending on the work load. He has multiple people with his firm managing the individual and he is available 24-7. He is in the process of interviewing various positions.

b. Woodside Pool, the property isn't being maintained by the owner. The pool gate is down and it has water in it creating a mosquito heaven.

Mr. O'Brien he will send someone out tomorrow and take the necessary steps.

c. Brook on Kearny Avenue

Mr. O'Brien, Department of Public Works is in charge of clean up easement maintenance in that brook.

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. He Thanked the administration for Amboy Avenue clean up.
- b. Old Post Road, can we have police for additional speeding enforcement.

Captain Shannon explained we need more speed trailers they are approximately 4-5,000 a unit, but temporary he will pull traffic unit to target areas of speeding.

- c. Engineering are we looking for an engineer to be full time in construction?

Mr. O'Brien, we are interviewing to build a staff within Engineering Department first.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Absent

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. He explained the functions of the Finance Committee in the budget process we assess as a team and then we make the determination.

Councilmember Joshi:

- a. Plastic Bags he is purposing a full band.

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a. Resolution of Recognition St. Helena's School, is postponed until July 25th meeting.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He asked about the boxes throughout the town is there revenue to the town??

Mr. Russomanno, the contract is coming up he will get the information.

- b. He asked for Mr. Russomanno to follow up on the telephone line on Stephenville Parkway that is tied to a gas line.
- c. He was recently at the Elks club there were a lot of mosquitos.

Mr. Elliot will call the Mosquito commission.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Ajay Patil
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk