

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
September 12, 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 6:16 p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Lombardi asked for a short moment of silence for the memory of victims from 9/11.

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

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Haines, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Fire Chief Latham, Police Chief Bryan 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.

Council President introduced Steve the representative from AME for a report on the Air Conditioning System in Council Chamber.

Steve from AME reported the parts are due with the next two weeks. He requested to have all parts by September 26th, and should have up and running by the next council meeting. He explained the coils have to be made to fit application along with a new condenser and piping.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, regarding the GB zone under law Item E and F commented she doesn't like the way it is written and would like to see a full and complete information cycle.

Council President Lombardi explained that under law item E is being rescinded and item F is being pulled off agenda, Mr. Northgrave can explain on Wednesday.

Ms. Nemitz, regarding O.1938-2016 there is not a clear understanding of exceptions outside the two mile radius.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, under law items E and F he feels this is being done for one company.

Township Engineer Kataryniak explained it is permitted within the use of that zone providing all other conditions are met.

Mr. Wolke, item B under law why don't we have something to say about who to hire and what their cost is.

Township Attorney London explained it is court ordered. There are a limited number of special masters for this, every municipality in Middlesex County is ordered by the Judge.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, agrees with Esther and Fred regarding the items under Law. Item D under law why is this an ordinance and what equipment is it.

Ms. London explained it is by statute to do it by ordinance.

Fire Chief Latham explained it is two fire pumpers no longer used. One is a 1989 and the other is 1993 estimated book value is \$3,000.00 each.

Ms. Wolke asked about the Police Union Contract noting they end in 2017 and how much is this going to cost.

Ms. Ruane explained, Zero for 2014, Zero for 2015, 2% for 2016 as of 9/1/16, and 2017 is 2.9%. No retro pay. She will have the dollar amount on Wednesday.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd., October 15th Neighborhood Block Party 3-7pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church. He has set up a website for Clara Barton Neighborhood.org. He asked if the police can go around during the block party since there was another break- in the neighborhood. 3-7pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Police Chief Bryan said he will take off having it patrolled.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. through d. Accepted as submitted.

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

a. No comment was made.

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

8. POINTS OF LIGHT

Council President Lombardi said the services for 9/11 held yesterday were well attended and he thanked Denise Halliwell and the Department of Recreation for a wonderful event.

Councilmember Diehl added it has been 15 years and we haven't lost our enthusiasm. He also thanked everyone involved in this event.

Council President Lombardi also wanted to thank Captain Anthony Marcantuono who was one of the Twenty two officers who went to ground zero and recounted his experience on 9/11.

Council President Lombardi, announced on Saturday, September 24th, Fall Family Day on Amboy Avenue in Clara Barton section. Also the Council Meeting of September 28th will be a combined meeting to start on 6:30pm due to the unveiling of the Art at the entrance of building.

Councilmember Sendelsky, said he attended on Saturday the Battle of the Bands at Edison High School all the schools did a great job. Our 9/11 Ceremony is a great remembrance of people who died we will never forget.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through f. No comments were made.

Ms. Ruane explained the changes in the Union contracts for PBA/SOA, Nurses and Crossing Guards.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through e. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. through e. No comments were made

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. through e. No comments were made.

f. Is being pulled off agenda.

g. No comment was made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

a. through e. No comments were made.

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. No comment was made.

17. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. No comment was made.

18. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky has no report their next meeting is on September 19, 2016.

**19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND
FINAL ADOPTION:**

O.1937-2016 No comment was made.

O.1938-2016 No comment was made.

O.1940-2016 No comment was made.

O.1943-2016 No comment was made.

20. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

a. None

Councilmember Coyle:

a. Position of Zoning Officer

Ms. Ruane said she is working on changing the position which is presently in the union and trying to get out of union and raise the salary.

He asked who is taking the calls for Zoning.

Ms. Ruane replied the calls are being routed to Engineering to Mark.

Councilmember Diehl

a. None

Councilmember Gomez:

a. None

Councilmember Patil:

a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

a. None

Councilmember Shah:

a. None

21. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Shah, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk