

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
October 23, 2017**

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 Lombardi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Fire Chief Latham, Deputy Police 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 30, 2016 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.

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Ave. asked about what kind of Fire Works are we allowed and what time. She reported that there are wires hanging at 1054 Amboy Avenue and 946 Amboy Avenue. Is there a schedule for the Street Sweepers? She thanked our Police and Fire for keeping us safe and sound. She asked who is in charge of the gas lines being moved.

Mr. O'Brien, the utility companies are switching meters there are flyers that are put out months in advance.

Ms. Ruane said she approved the notices the utility companies are sending to residents.

Mr. Russomanno said he will call her in the morning regarding the sweeper schedule.

Fire Chief Latham explained the only fireworks allowed are sparklers and no other items are being sold in Edison.

Council President Lombardi, time would be under the noise ordinance.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, West, Do we have any information on the vasectomy for the Deer Population? He asked for update on Abbott .

Mr. Elliot, the pilot project in Staten Island is 3.1million dollar project.

Mr. Diamond asked if we can survey some veterinarians in our area.

Councilmember Diehl, lets reach out to our local veterinarians as far as he understands it done in a van with a doctor in it, tranquilize the deer perform the service and 15minutes later they gone.

Mr. Diamond asked if Rutgers has a Veterinary program.

Mr. O'Brien the plans for the thirteen (13) locations being designed over winter, drainage plans to go out to bid to be done on schedule for Spring.

Mr. Diamond thanked Edison TV for the tabs to identify the properties.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, comments about the resurfacing project between Tano Mall and where Florist starts. He understood under the over pass would be done by October.

Council President Lombardi, this is the state responsibility.

Carl O'Brien new information from the state towards the end of this week

Ms. Ruane we call every day.

Councilmember Coyle, part of the delay is because of Route 1 however they are replacing curbs and sidewalks also.

Resident - 8505 Hana Road at the October 11th Council Meeting I addressed the council in my personal capacity as well as a member of the Mosque on Olsen Avenue. I extended my hand just here to follow up to complete the hand shake and move forward also the extension to Mr. Keith Hahn, we don't exercise prejudice views to anyone.

Councilmember Lombardi regard to the meeting Councilmember Coyle volunteered to get a meeting together.

Councilmember Coyle apologized for not getting his information after meeting

Councilmember Sendelsky suggested we meet at a mutual site to meet with neighborhood. We will come up with an amicable location.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, reminded everyone Arts on Amboy will be this Saturday, from 10:00am until 4:00pm on the lawn in front of the Heritage. She would like an update on the Brick Street Scape that was ripped up for the ramps. They did an excellent presentation on Channel 15 on recycling.

Mr. O'Brien contacted the state he is confirming with the design engineer waiting for call back they are aware.

Resident - 235 Conway St. thank you for working with the Mosque regarding the issues. This Mosque administration encourages us to be respectful to the city and as well as our neighbors.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, made a suggestion to hold the meeting in a library. Ordinance O. 1992 -2017 – reading mention of fees, can you give me clarification is it for existing or new. How are we moving along on Sam Khan.

Mr. Northgrave explained this ordinance is to update existing and annual fees.

Mr. Northgrave expects to conclude his report before election. He explained the basic law on residence on a domicile.

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

- 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. and b. No comment made

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

Councilmember Coyle reported the beautification committee is working some improvements at the DOT location. He gave a surprise visit to JFK and road with the ambulance on calls.

Councilmember Diehl, Education Committee meeting is set for November 16th.

Council Vice President Gomez thanked Councilmember Coyle for his due diligence.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi, November 6th Combined Meeting moved to Thursday November 9th at 6:00pm, Arts on Amboy is on Saturday and also if anyone wants to help the Environmental Commission is doing a clean -up at Piscataway Burial Grounds.

Councilmember Sendelsky, on Saturday, October 28th 3:00 -6:00pm is the Harvest Fun at the Edison Memorial Tower bring a non perishable food and the Tower of Terror is from 6:30pm – 9:00pm it \$3.00 per person .

Councilmember Coyle along with Councilmember Sendelsky attended a SUCA gathering of all faith based leaders.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. No comment was made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through d. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. and b. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

a. No comment was made.

13. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky report as follows:

Edison Township Planning Board Meeting of Monday October 16, 2017

The following resolutions were approved :

- #P5192 Fox & Foxx Development 4 Reider Road(Minor Approved
- #P8-2017 Northeast Foods, 1 Gourmet Lane (Preliminary)
- #P9-01/02 Amended Resolution For Shopping Center Associates (Nordstrom's)
- #P5191 Asit Govil - 51 Lahiere Avenue (Minor Subdivision)
- #P5179 Realty Construction 39 Madison Avenue (Minor Subdivision)
- #P28-04/05 & P88-04/05 Extension of Time Community Hospital Group
- #P18-09/10 Extension of Time- Community Hospital Group

Case P8-2017 Northeast Foods was granted final approval after Township Planner Hank Bignell indicated to the board that the applicant had satisfactorily dealt with the previous outstanding issues.

The first new case was #P-12-2017 Blueberry Village , Plainfield Avenue and Brunswick Avenue, seeking Preliminary and Final Approval. Block 4.A Lot#22 . It was a proposal to construct a Wa Wa Convenience store and gas station. No variances were required. A question came up about the proper notification of an adjoining condo complex so the applicant's attorney decided to re-notice everyone again before proceeding with their testimony.

The next regularly scheduled is **Monday November 13, 2017**

Respectfully Submitted Councilman Leonard D. Sendelsky

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

O.1991-2017 **No comment was made.**

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17. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

a. He asked the Deputy Chief of Police if we can calculate Traffic Accidents, due to the Deer population

b. He thanked all the restaurants that participated in Eats for Relief,

a. Ms. Ruane, only has the flat fee raise is about \$6,000, we don't have the tally yet.

He said lot of work went into this, the administration will be presenting the six restaurants with a Proclamation.

Councilmember Coyle:

a. Firehouse in Clara Barton leak repair and portion of wall .

Carl O'Brien will have report for Wednesday night.

b. Highway Terrace had a complaint.

Ms. Ruane, approval for that business was back in the 1970's she is working on it?

Councilmember Diehl

a. None

a. He also heard the concerned about lime disease but also traffic accidents will increase as the deer population increases. We want to be human safe guard our residents we are going to seriously look at, its time.

Councilmember Gomez:

a. Dear Program he asked Mr. Elliot if there are any grant to support this. Let's go thru the exercise for the operationally and financially, but the bigger issue is Lime Disease.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. Regarding the WaWa gas station do we have the traffic study report ? He lives in that area even today from 4:00pm to 7:30pm from New Brunswick Avenue to Edison Train Station it takes more than 45 minutes. This area is very congested.

Councilmember Sendelsky, they did submit a traffic study that will be presented to the Planning Board.

He asked who will be doing the Traffic Study, because we have seen traffic studies with no issues.

The meeting isn't scheduled as of yet.

He said the residents weren't notified.

Councilmember Sendelsky said the site doesn't require any variances.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He asked Jay for an update on the property maintenance issues.

Mr. Elliot, has received without going to court

Leave bags are able to be picked up daily and on Saturdays. Schedule is on the Website also.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. None

18. CLOSED SESSION:

The Council retired to Closed Session at 7:02 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky and duly carried. The Township Clerk read the following Resolution into the record:

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body may hold a closed session; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council will during this meeting enter into discussion of the following matters:

- 1) Personnel Matter – No action will be taken

WHEREAS, the matters to be discussed in closed session are to remain in the strictest of confidence by all Council Members in furtherance of their fiduciary duties to the Township of Edison;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, matters discussed at this meeting will be released to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon them in closed session no longer exists.

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The Council returned from Closed Session at 7:25 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky and duly carried.

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

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk