

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
October 24, 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 6:03 p.m. by Council President Lombardi followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Gomez entered meeting at 6:10pm.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Elliott, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Township Engineer Kataryniak, 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 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.

Esther Nemitz,162B Fay Street, item 8 c is this for Amboy Avenue paving. What is included in plan and what does grant cover.

Township Engineer Kataryniak explained it's a federally funded program which is for any streetscape outside of the roadway paving. There is no guarantee we will be getting this money. It will be used to enhance streetscape overall down town.

Ms. Nemitz, asked when will the paving take place in Clara Barton.

Mr. Kataryniak the resurfacing will be done by the county sometime within the next month, however there are no plans for full reconstruction of the road.

Ms. Nemitz, item 10 d. pleased to see the grant for Muller Machinery Company.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, item 8 F is this for additional money over the budget.

Ms. Ruane, we do this Ordinance every year as a special emergency, nothing is in the budget for retirees. This amount is for all retirements as of December 31, 2016.

Ms. Wolke, since we no longer have a DPW Director who will be handling the job, will you be advertising for the position.

Ms. Ruane, the Assistant Director will be handling the department, we have no plans right now to advertise maybe the beginning of the year.

Ms. Wolke, item 8 e. leasing a garage for vehicles.

Ms. Ruane it is the same lease we had last year for our vehicles until our new garage is built.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd., Thanked everyone who participated in the Block Party this past week and on Saturday, November 5th at 9:00am we will be having a Neighborhood Clean Up.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. through d. No comments were made.

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council Vice President Gomez reported the Finance Committee met last Wednesday, he thanked the Administration, Ken DeRoberts, Lina and all the member of the committee. The new stream lining the deposits has reduced lines at the counter, all linked with Edmunds, ADP is fully intergraded into payroll and provides for an audit trail. We did our financial quarterly review everything is projected as planned.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT

Council President Lombardi again reminded everyone of Saturday, November 5th the Middlesex County Electronic Recycling from 8:00am to 2:00pm at Papaianni Park. Also our Veterans Day Services on November 11, 2016 start at 8:00am Individual Post Services, 9:00am Veterans Menlo Park Home, 9:45am Proctor & Park Way Street Dedication Sgt. Alexander R. Dutka, Army-Vietnam Era, 10:15am Veterans Park (Rt. 27 & Stony Rd.)

Council Vice President Gomez also thanked Council President Lombardi and Councilmember Sendelsky for their participation on the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Sendelsky, this Saturday October 30th Tower of Terror at the Edison Tower on Christie Street. Today was the ribbon cutting at the Dog Park, this is a great partnership that we got done. It is being used a lot.

Councilmember Coyle, there was a great turn out for the Block Party in Clara Barton. He said Ms. Nemitz did a wonderful job providing information about our town to the residents.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through g. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through f. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. No comment was made.

b. pulling off agenda

c. No comment was made.

e. **Councilmember Shah, we already approved \$100,000.00 to them**

Mr. Northgrave, we will recover some thru escrows and the cost would be less.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. and b. No comments were made

c. Council President said we will be adding an Ordinance amending Chapter 37 .

Mr. Kataryniak explained this ordinance is to address undersized lots to avoid going to zoning board to be handled in house administratively.

Councilmember Sendelsky, this will help our residents for example to remodel a kitchen.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. and b. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. Councilmember Shah commented Chartwell makes excellent meals.

14. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

a. through c. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. No comment was made.

16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky report as follows:

Report of Planning Board Meeting of October 19, 2016

Two resolutions were approved Case #P6=2016 Lincoln Property Management (preliminary) and Case #P7-2016 Branca properties (Preliminary & Final). The re-development Study for 340 Meadow Road was postponed for a special planning board meeting due to additional documentation given to us by the property owners. Case #P8-2016 Shree Umiya Parivar , Inc Oak Tree Road (Cittone School) Block 643DD Lot 15B3, 15V, 33 & 34 and Case #P-2016 Block 161.N Lots 42T1. 42T242.M,65,42.V Shore to Shore Edison were postponed until the Monday November 14, 2016 meeting.

The only case that was heard was #P9-2016 Beechwood Shopping Center - 2650 Woodbridge Avenue Block 396 Lot 501. The proposal was to construct a 3,527 square foot urgent care and a 2,492 square foot pharmacy. No variances were requested. There was no opposition from the public. This project was unanimously approved by the board. The next Planning Board meeting is Scheduled for Monday November 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted, Councilman Sendelsky

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

O.1945-2016 THIS ORDINANCE ADOPTS THE “OUR LADY OF PEACE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN” FOR BLOCK 748, LOT 36 (aka 635 Amboy Avenue) PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

O.1949-2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Council President Lombardi, regarding O.1949-2016 are we creating a new account or just raising the amount .

Mr. Kataryniak said this is the COAH fund.

Mr. Northgrave, this is the final in the overall settlement from the court, it a formality.

18. COMMUNICATIONS:
None

19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

- a. None

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. He will advise the Environmental Commission on the important recycling dates.
- b. Snow Plowing, are we ready.

Ms. Ruane, we are fully prepared for this winter, renting of the garage and having all equipment and salt on hand.

He asked about a front end loader at the town yard is that going to be used for snow.

Mr. Russomanno, he doesn’t recall a truck sitting, however he is considering to bring to the attention of the administration to add a plow to that loader. He will be having a meeting with Road Department on plowing and the JIF has snow plowing training scheduled for December 2nd

Ms. Ruane, the GPS tracking is on about 95 vehicles. We will be able to see and track during a snow storm.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Dove tail on November 5th electronic recycling we also have on November 20, 2016 the County Hazardous Materials at Middlesex County College from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Let’s keep our environment clean.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. He asked Mr. Elliot to explain what the outcome would be for repeat offenders.

Mr. Elliot replied in the ordinance it states if they are repeat offenders could service jail time.

Councilmember Patil:

- a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Update on Walsh Avenue situation -.

Mr. Elliot, a warrant to be served they didn't show up in court.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. Police regarding Criminal Justice reform, what is the plan for Edison on the new law.

Police Captain Shannon, it is in the works since 2014. It's very positive we have been getting trained. The program starting date is January 1, 2016. He explained the judge will be making the determinations. We will be doing less transport.

- b. Neighborhood watch, how many active groups do we have.

Police Captain Shannon approximately twenty five (25) listed about half are active. We are proactive with this program however people are busy meetings are not very well attended.

- c. Mr. Elliot did a wonderful job last weekend regarding an illegal two family.

Mr. Elliot explained how the process on how this is handled and fined.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Diehl , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk