

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
December 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 6:09 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, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Elliot, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Kelly 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.

Walter Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, Sid Frankel was instrumental in the Environmental Commission, being the First Chairman and helped create the Open Space Plan. When on Council he got the first tree Ordinance passed in this town. He was one of the Environmentalist in this town. He asked about the Grant Writing firm we recently hired what grants are they working on?

Ms. Ruane replied they are working on a Firefighter grant along with putting together TTF Grant, NJDOT grant and a TAP grant.

Bruce Diamond – 74 Calvert Ave. West , thanks to Jay Elliot in reference to deer that needed to be picked up off road. Mr. Morrison still hasn't called regarding Open Space audit.

Ms. Ruane said she had reached out to him.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, some questions regarding items under department of Law. She asked for the Engineer to explain the traffic signals.

Mr. Kataryniak explained these ordinances on the traffic signals are a formality required by the NJDOT since the work has been completed. He also explained the King George Road improvement Resolution. The Resolution being added regarding a detour NJDOT for improvements to bridge. We don't have the details as of yet once they schedule the work to be done we will be informed.

Council President Lombardi asked the Engineer to also explain the resolution which is being added to agenda.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Item 9C, charge for credit cards, we charge a percentage shouldn't this have gone through our lawyers first to make sure this is legal.

Ms. Ruane explained it is legal we had to wait for the court approval and the estimated cost to be \$1,500.00. We were waiting for courts to give permission with this credit card company.

Council President Lombardi asked Ms. Ruane to have the resolution checked by Wednesday.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. No comment was made

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

- a. No comments were made.

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

8. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi, the Lighting of the Menorah will be on December 29, 2016 at Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County on Oak Tree Road at 7:00pm.

Starting tomorrow Inman Avenue and Tingley Lane will be closed for approximately ten days. There are detour signs in place, also posted on our Message Board of our Website.

Mr. Kataryniak explained this is necessary repair work for the quiet zone. He handed delivered a notice to businesses in the area along with a robo call.

Councilmember Sendelsky, last Thursday Edison Tower's 1st Tree Lighting was a great success. Wreaths Across America will be on Saturday, December 17th at 3pm at St. James Church on Woodbridge Avenue and also James Monroe School will have an open house at 3:00pm on Saturday.

Council President Lombardi added on December 2nd, 2016 at the Heritage at Clara Barton held their Tree Lighting event it was well attended and everyone enjoyed.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. through e. No comments were made

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- a. through f. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

- a. Mr. Northgrave explained this agreement .

- b. through d. No comments were made.

e. Added to agenda: Resolution in support of the NJDOT replacement of the Grove Avenue Overpass CSX Line in the Borough of Metuchen and as a result, the signed detour o traffic through

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

- a. No comment was made.
- b. Council President Lombardi, he thought we had already did a resolution regarding this.

Mr. Kataryniak this is in addition to and should be the final.
- c. No comment was made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

- a and b. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- a. through c. No comments were made.

17. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

18. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky next meeting will be December 19th.

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

- O.1955-2016 No comment was made.

Mr. Northgrave a supplemental requirement in the ordinance primary access if from Road 2 as on page 15.

Mr. Kataryniak explained Road 2 is not a public street so presently it is identified as 111 Truman Drive.

20. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Received as submitted.

21. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

- a. None

Councilmember Coyle

- a. None

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Resolution of Recognition Eagle Scout for Kevin and Kyle Gordon.
- b. How wonderful tree lightings were 1st time at tower venue nice but he was disappointed on the sound system.

Councilmember Gomez

- a. None

Councilmember Patil:

- a. None

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. Take precautions during the holidays. Lt. Dudash is putting out a public service announcement.
- b. He asked Mr. Elliot if he looked at the property at Andre Avenue and Rt. 27 hedges blocking site triangle.
Mr. Elliot, went today .
- c. Utility Company work, they are tearing up the roads do we have specification for repair street.
Mr. Kataryniak, yes we have specifications, however they are doing temporary repairs through winter. The Utilities companies are to present their plans to us to track locations.
- d. Redevelopment projects in town such as Aldi, WaWa, Federal Express, Top Gold and Applebees renovation all bring new jobs to town.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. Positive news today regarding Lora Fong a former Board of Education member, appointed to a new position as a Chief Diversity Officer at the New Jersey Attorney General Office. Congratulations to her and would like to have a Resolution of Recognition.
- b. Air B & B, a mansion offering free parking and free breakfast. He did you follow up on that, it is definitely Air B & B but no one there on the visit. The other one was being operated as a rooming house, they have a court date. Prospect Street is a legal two family and had all permit.
- c. Animal Control, there were two loose pit bulls on the Greenways and Dudash Park.
- d. Yolanda Drive, regarding sewer back up.
Mr. Kataryniak explained the line of the Sewer to Street is the homeowners responsibility, we are responsible for street main clean and clear.
- e. Neighborhood Watch , do we have surveillance cameras around the town?

Captain Kelly answered, No we do not.

Captain Kelly said the detective bureau does canvas residents in the area if they have a camera they do cooperate. He will have Lt. Dudash look into this project.

22. CLOSED SESSION:

The Council retired to Closed Session at 7:05 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) Litigation

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.

The Council returned from Closed Session at 7:38 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Patil 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 7:39pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk