

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
March 11, 2013**

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 Diehl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Karabinchak, Lankey, Lombardi, and Mascola  
Councilmember Gomez entered at meeting at 6:05p.m.  
Councilmember Dr. Prasad was absent.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Kemm, Business Administrator Ruane, Management Specialist Stephens, Finance Director Saponaro, Recreation Director Halliwell, Public Works Director Roderman, Township Engineer Medina, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Polkowitz 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 27, 2012, and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

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

Jane Tousman, 14 Butler Road, asked if she could obtain a copy of the budget. She also questioned item 11A regarding parking on Alexis Lane.

Mr. Medina explained the ordinance for Alexis Lane stating there was a petition from the residents requesting resident parking on both sides of the street.

Ms. Tousman said she is pleased to see item 11b regarding groundwater testing. She asked for an explanation of item 8e regarding the CAP ordinance and asked if we are going over budget.

Ms. Ruane said this is to establish a CAP bank for 2014 and the amount is \$1.4 million.

Ms. Tousman asked for a list of outstanding tax appeals.

Ms. Ruane said she will get a list for 2012. The 2013 appeals are not in yet.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, commented that we need more working microphones. She also asked if there is a plan for the NJAW 2013 grant money.

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

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Accepted as submitted

- 6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Councilmember Lankey reported that the Finance Committee met to distribute copies of budget and all questions will be submitted to Ms. Ruane.

**7. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Diehl announced that there will be a Police Promotion Ceremony on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Councilchambers.

Council President Diehl also announced the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Gurley Road has been rescheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30a.m.

**8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

c. Council President Diehl ask if we can get a plan for this grant.

d. and e. No comments were made.

f. Councilmember Mascola said that the paperwork showed two other vendors with lower bids and he asked Ms. Ruane how this firm was chosen.

Ms. Ruane said this firm agreed not to exceed \$200,000.

Councilmember Lankey asked how many hours were billed and spent last year.

Ms. Ruane said she will have that information to the Council by Wednesday.

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

a. through f. No comments were made.

**10. FROM THE LIBRARY:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

**11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**

a. Councilmember Lankey asked where the parking for the ball field will be.

Mr. Medina explained the ordinance and the parking provided.

b. Mr. Medina said this is for annual testing.

**12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

a. No comment was made.

**13. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

**14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

d. Council President Diehl asked for an explanation of this.

Ms. Halliwell said this is to purchase Yankee tickets for three separate bus trips that the Recreation Department will sponsor.

**15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

a. No comment was made.

**16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Lombardi said the next meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> and he will have a report then.

**17. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

R.015-012013 Councilmember Lombardi questioned some wording in the contract.

Mr. Kemm said he will check this and get back to him.

R.016-012013 No comment was made.

R.100-022013 No comment was made.

**18. COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Diehl:**

a. He said this Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, is a big day in Middlesex County. It is hazardous waste drop off day. He felt this is a wonderful program for the residents and he urges everyone to take advantage of it. He said it is fast and easy and the County does a terrific job.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

None

**Councilmember Karabinchak:**

a. through d. No comments were made.

**Councilmember Lankey:**

None

**Councilmember Lombardi:**

None

**Councilmember Mascola:**

None

**Councilmember Prasad:**

Absent

**20. CLOSED SESSION:**  
None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilmember Lankey, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Robert Diehl  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno  
Acting Municipal Clerk