

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
April 30, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Council President Karabinchak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad and Shah.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Police Chief Bryan, Deputy Police Chief Anderko and Cameraman Cologna

The Township Clerk advised that adequate Notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by a Special Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on April 23, 2014 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Council President Karabinchak said the Ordinance that is being introduced has been in the process for over a year and has had many versions and options. He thanked the Mayor and the Public Safety Committee for all their input and hard work. He said they also tried to engage all ideas from the Police membership. He said other Police Chief's and command staffs in surrounding municipalities were visited to see what works for them. He thanked Prosecutor Carey, who has reviewed this and said it is a good solid Ordinance that addresses issues that have been out there for many years. Is it the best in the world? Council President Karabinchak said "no", but it is a first step and is monumental in Edison's history. He said these issues have gone unaddressed through four Administrations.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE (PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014.

The following Ordinance was introduced by title:

**O.1865-2013 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HIRING AND PROMOTIONAL
PROCESS IN THE POLICE DIVISION.**

Councilmember Gomez thanked everyone that worked on this Ordinance. He said it was a hard effort and he is looking towards moving Edison forward.

Councilmember Lombardi thanked all who contributed to this Ordinance and said that Edison is sorely in need of this.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Karabinchak

NAYS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Karabinchak opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolution R.201-042014.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, commented on Resolution R.201-042014. She thanked the Clerk's office for their knowledge and professionalism.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, thanked the Clerk's office for the job that they do and said she appreciates all their efforts.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said he echoes the sentiments of the previous speakers and felt the Clerk's office does an excellent job.

There were no other comments from the public regarding Proposed Resolutions. On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Diehl commented that the amount of work that passes through the Clerk's office is impressive. He said they are always consistent, which is the mark of a professional. They are always able to get things done in a pleasant and courteous manner. They do a great job and he thanked them.

Councilmember Lombardi said the Clerk’s office is vital to the running of the Township and they do it with efficiency and grace.

Councilmember Gomez echoed the sentiments of his Council colleagues and he thanked the Clerk’s office on behalf of the Council and the residents.

Councilmember Mascola said the Clerk’s office makes the Councilmember’s jobs easier. He said they are always prompt, courteous and accurate.

Councilmember Dr. Prasad agreed with all his Council colleagues and he thanked the Clerk’s office.

Councilmember Shah said as the newest Councilmember, she thanks them every day for all their help and guidance.

The following Resolution R.201-042014 was adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Mascola and seconded by Councilmember Diehl.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Karabinchak

NAYS - None

RESOLUTION R.201-042014

WHEREAS, a Municipal Clerk is a professional who provides continuity in government from administration to administration, seeing to it that the business of local government continues uninterrupted while providing experienced and dedicated public service to the governing body, colleagues and residents; and

WHEREAS, one of the oldest positions of public servants in local government, the Municipal Clerk’s Office was established when the early colonists came to America and began setting up forms of local government; and

WHEREAS, the functions of a Municipal Clerk necessitate a thorough knowledge of law procedure, administration and interpersonal relations; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Clerk has core duties prescribed by state statute, including but not limited to (1) acting as secretary to the municipal corporation; (2) acting as secretary to the governing body; (3) serving as chief administrative officer in all elections; (4) serving as chief registrar of voters in their municipality; (5) serving as the administrative officer responsible for accepting and issuing various licenses and permits; (6) serving as coordinator and records manager; and (7) performing other such duties as are imposed by statute, regulation of municipal ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Municipal Clerk’s Week (May 4 – 10, 2014), the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison wishes to recognize its Acting Municipal Clerk and her staff for their outstanding services with which they provide to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that while recognizing the importance of its role and functions of the Municipal Clerks Office and the impact it has on the public, that it salutes its Acting Municipal Clerk, Cheryl Russomanno; Deputy Municipal Clerk, Robin Kenny; and staff members Marlena McCray and Michelle Kasperski for their dedication and commitment to Edison Township’s local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison recognizes all of New Jersey’s Municipal Clerks and their staff members for their service to their respective local governments and calls upon other communities to join them in recognizing their Municipal Clerks and staff members during the week of Municipal Clerk’s Week, May 4 -10, 2014.

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Karabinchak opened the meeting for public comment.

Hearing no comments from the public Councilmember Diehl made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Prasad and duly carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Prasad, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Robert Karabinchak
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk