

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
October 7, 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 6:03 p.m. by Council President Diehl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lankey, Lombardi and Mascola.  
Councilmember Karabinchak was absent.  
Councilmember Prasad entered at 6:11 p.m.

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, Health Director Elliot, Township Engineer Medina, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Pemberton 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.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, asked how much revenue we have taken in for zoning violations.

Ms. Ruane said no fines have been given out.

Ms. Wolke asked why.

Mr. Medina said there is a due process protocol to follow which Mr. Lombardi has been following for thirty-five years.

Ms. Wolke asked how many times we have gone to court.

Mr. Medina said he will get that information.

Ms. Wolke asked about the task force that was mentioned at the work session and if there was any progress on it.

Ms. Ruane said "no".

Mr. Medina said a task force has been looked into.

Councilmember Mascola asked how many actual notices went out and who complied.

Councilmember Gomez commended the Health Department for issuing fines and keeping up with property maintenance.

Ms. Wolke agreed that the Health Department does a fine job.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, said the Amboy Avenue flower planting was held on Saturday and she thanked the DPW for the preparation and clean-up. She also thanked the Edison and JP Stevens High Schools.

Council President Diehl thanked Ms. Nemitz for all her efforts and said that Amboy Avenue looks very nice.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, questioned the bond ordinance. He asked if the \$906,000.00 was supposed to be in the budget.

Councilmember Gomez asked if \$906,000.00 is the total amount.

Ms Ruane said this is the actual amount.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. and b. Received as submitted

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

None

**7. POINTS OF LIGHT**

None

**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. through f. No comments were made.

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

a. through k. No comments were made.

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

a. through c. No comments were made.

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

Councilmember Lombardi said the next meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

O.1846-2013 No comment was made.

**15. COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. through c. Received as submitted.

**16. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Diehl:**

- a. He said the Edison Wetlands Fall Festival was a very nice event and he thanked them.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

None

**Councilmember Karabinchak**

Absent

**Councilmember Lankey:**

- a. He asked for an analysis of overtime.

Ms. Ruane said she is still working on it and will have it sometime next week.

**Councilmember Lombardi:**

- a. He asked the status of the project on Inman Avenue

Mr. Medina said there is about two more months to go.

**Councilmember Mascola:**

- a. He asked the status of the traffic signal at Main Street and Morris Avenue.

**Councilmember Prasad:**

None

**23. CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council retired to Closed Session at 6:26 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Lankey 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) Purchase of Josell property on Wallace Street

**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 6:45 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Lankey, seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lankey, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Robert Diehl  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno  
Acting Municipal Clerk