

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
October 21, 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 7:00 p.m. by Council President Karabinchak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Kemm, Business Administrator Ruane, Acting Finance Director Pollex, Recreation Director Halliwell, Public Works Director Roderman, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer Medina, Deputy Fire Chief Latham, Police Chief Bryan and Cameraman Cologne.

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 January 3, 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.

Mike ussa – first aid squad thanked for garbage – 81 days – volunteers. – 2 weeks – Squad 1 -2 & Clara Barton awaiting –

MR – working hand in hand – agreement- legal issues – draft agreement this week n Raritan

Bruce – Mayor debate -

RK – reported who is attending –

Walt – aug 18th new York times – read mayor Bloomberg environmental – what will your legacy be .- 2005 had a plan -

Walt - Wallace st.- review soil testing. Sample soil.

Mr. poodi - - public safety in Edison – vandalism south – increased – get some facts – public safety- how many 2010 active – t

Sgt.cimmino – 189 – today 160 – retirement aprox. 35 – new hires 7 – fairly acq – 9 people

Poodig- average overtime –\$ 900,000 in o/t – this yr. 1,00,000.- mistaken facts – net loss- wood has 190

RD – ms. Ruane – has not thing to do with –

Chief Latham – 25 over last four years.

AG – public safety committee – we know – do we hve a plan and time period- long range plan -

MR – 30 for 2014 . – numbers –

AG – wages up – debt up – plan better - revenues 650,00 additional debt.- take into acct. long - pls loo

TL – no wage increase 2014 police & fire –

RK – budget

MR - working on early this year

RD – mayor original budget – exactly the same – surplus - -

AG – surplus state said could not use -

Items moved –

Dr, P - contracts?? – 5yrs? 2% in budget – not -

AG –

Esther –announcement – November 17th? – farmers markam – 8am – 2pm Sunday.

Bruce – new hires will lower overtime?? – do police o/t – town run your money instead of mine –
b

RD – finance committee - if council has no control on budget .

AG – if we don't have a plan to fund . – 1.5% in o/t - nothing for police need more attention to.

RD – different administration

TL - RK

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a.

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

MR - 82% -

AG - O/T – after ordinance passed . no extra – coming in close to numbers

TL- monthly analysis

7. POINTS OF LIGHT -

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a.

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

10. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**
 - a.

11. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**

12. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**
 - a.

13. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**
 - a.

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

15. **FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:**
 - a.

16. **FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**
 - a.

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

Councilmember Lombardi – oct 22 -

18. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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19. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - a.

20. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Council President Diehl:

 - a. Resident on calvert – speed hump taken out- winter & calvert put a stop sign?
 - b. JR –
 - c. Medina – police get traffic data – Sgt. Cimmino – put the speed .

Councilmember Gomez:

 - a.

Councilmember Karabinchak

 - a.

Councilmember Lankey:

- a. Hillcrest swim club – bond issue ?

Councilmember Lombardi:

- a.

Councilmember Mascola:

Councilmember Prasad:

- a. Status of reappointment of judges? 3 judges??

22. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion made by Councilmember Prasad, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at

Robert Diehl
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk