

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
December 9, 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 6:05 p.m. by Council President Diehl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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, Recreation Director Halliwell, Public Works Director Roderman, Health Director Elliot, Township Engineer Medina, Police Captain Kelly, Fire Chief Latham 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 the Tax Sale list has been published yet. She also has questions on Mr. Rainone's bills. She asked which cases they are for and have we won any of them. She questioned an additional amount of money to be paid to the Auditor and she said she has concerns on the PILOT program for Roosevelt Hospital.

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

Council President Diehl asked Thomas Kelso, attorney for Middlesex County to report on Penrose Properties and the PILOT program for Roosevelt.

Mr. Kelso explained the funding and the rehabilitation of the building. He said the Township should receive 7% of gross revenue of the project for taxes.

Councilmember Lombardi asked when we can start to expect revenue.

Mr. Kelso said by the end of 2015.

Council President Diehl asked about the deed restriction that was placed on the facility that says it can only be used for medical purposes.

Mr. Kelso said the County can modify or change that restriction.

**5. CLOSED SESSION:**

The Council retired to Closed Session at 6:25p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Gomez 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) Status of Litigation in the matter of Ayers vs. Township of Edison
- 2) Personnel

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

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Accepted as submitted

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

None

**8. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Diehl spoke on the loss of Nelson Mandela

**9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- a. through c. No comments were made.

d. Councilmember Lombardi asked why this is coming up now.

Ms. Ruane said these are deferred charges and she was not here when they were incurred.

e. Councilmember Mascola asked what the extra \$20,000 is for.

Ms. Ruane said it is for extra work they have done.

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

- a. through d. No comments were made.

11. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:**
  - a. through e. No comments were made.
  
12. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:**
  - a. through f. Mr. Kemm explained the items on his agenda
  
13. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**
  - a. through c. No comments were made.
  
14. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:**
  - a. through c. No comments were made
  
15. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:**
  - a. and b. No comments were made.
  
16. **FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**
  - a. No comment was made.
  
17. **FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:**
  - a. through c. No comments were made.
  
18. **FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:**
  - a. No comment was made.
  
19. **FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Lombardi said the next Planning Board meeting will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  
20. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
**ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

O.1849-2013	No comment was made
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21. **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

No comment was made.
  
22. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
  - a. Received as submitted
  
23. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Diehl:**  
None

**Councilmember Gomez:**  
None

**Councilmember Karabinchak**  
None

**Councilmember Lankey:**  
None

**Councilmember Lombardi:**  
None

**Councilmember Mascola:**  
a.

**Councilmember Prasad:**  
Absent

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Robert Diehl  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno  
Acting Municipal Clerk