

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
JANUARY 5, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Council President Tomaro, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Karabinchak, Lankey, Mascola and Tomaro.
Councilmembers Diehl and Perilstein arrived at 6:09 p.m.
Councilmember Dr. Prasad was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Murphy, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Mayor Ricigliano, Acting Business Administrator Pollex, Township Attorney Kemm, Finance Director Acker, Recreation Director Halliwell, Health Director Grun, Public Works Director Roderman, Township Engineer Medina, Deputy Chief Anderko, Chief Jensen and Cameraman Ellis.

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 and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on January 1, 2010, and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Council President Tomaro wished everyone a Happy New Year. He asked Mr. Pollex to explain what was changed in the temporary budget.

Mr. Pollex explained the amounts in the temporary budget. He said he is comfortable with this document and it is under the 25% limitation in the temporary budget.

Council President Tomaro said oral petitions will be at the end of the meeting. He asked the Councilmembers if they have questions regarding the temporary budget.

Councilmember Mascola said he has noticed a few positions were eliminated since December 31st. He asked if the salaries are still in the budget.

Mr. Acker said the salaries are out. He said the calendar year 2010 budget prepared months ago did not have the positions.

Council President Tomaro opened the meeting for public comments on the Resolution.

Joe Petrucelli, 62 Revere Boulevard, said he met with Mr. Pollex to review the budget and each line item. He was happy to see that anything which wasn't adequately provided for wasn't taken out. He will continue to process to refine the committee and get detail.

Sam Joshi, Library Place, spoke about the salaries in the Administration office.

Mr. Acker said this is one half of what was expended in the transitional year budget.

Mr. Pollex said a budget is not done based on a person or name. He looks at the need that has been representing that budget to function. He knows from prior history of a certain need.

Mr. Joshi asked the positions that the Mayor has eliminated.

The Mayor said three positions were eliminated, noting they were the Communications Director, Constituency Liaison and Deputy Tax Collector. She did not have the figure in front of her.

Mr. Joshi asked about the Bridges program and if the Edison Youth Services Program was going to be funded.

Mr. Acker said the transitional year budget had full year funding for bridges.

Burton Gimelstob, 6 Churchill Road, asked if he can ask any questions.

Council President Tomaro said this is just for the budget.

Mr. Gimelstob said he has confidence in Mr. Pollex.

Jane Tousman, 14 Butler Road, asked to verify the amount of money for open space.

Council President Tomaro said there will be two, including one for county and one for municipal.

Mr. Pollex said he will look for the balance in the trust fund and provide to her.

Council President Tomaro said all this money has already been funded for purchases and there is no money available. The Town would have to approve a new referendum for additional monies.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, asked if they are carrying over from last budget.

Council President Tomaro said this is one fourth because it is a three months temporary.

Mr. Pollex said the State law bases the 26.25% on the prior 12 month budget, which is the SFY 09 budget. This eliminates debt service and the capital improvement fund.

Mr. Wolke asked if the Administration was going to provide a justification book for the new budget.

Mr. Pollex said he will be developing supporting documents.

Mr. Wolke wished the new Councilmembers and new Mayor the best of luck in difficult times.

Hearing no further comments, Councilmember Diehl made a motion to close the public hearing. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Perilstein, with all in favor.

RESOLUTION R.004-012010

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution adopted within the first 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year, make appropriations if any contract, commitments, or payments are to be made between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of the Resolution is within the first 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following Temporary Appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance for his record.

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	CY 2010
CURRENT FUND	
Office of the Mayor	
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Municipal Council	
Salaries and Wages	12,000.00
Other Expenses	515.00
Ethics Commission	1,000.00
Office of the Township Clerk	
Salaries and Wages	65,000.00
Other Expenses	18,000.00
Office of the Business Administrator	
Salaries and Wages	136,000.00
Other Expenses	15,000.00
Communications	
Salaries and Wages	76,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Division of Central Purchases	
Salaries and Wages	65,000.00
Postage	
Other Expenses	50,000.00
Centralized Stores	
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Division of Personnel	
Salaries and Wages	70,000.00
Other Expenses	120,000.00
Department of Law	
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00
Other Expenses	85,000.00
Department of Finance	
Salaries and Wages	52,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Division of Accounts and Controls	
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Data Processing	
Other Expenses	80,000.00
Division of Custody and Disbursements	
Salaries and Wages	60,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00

Division of Tax Collection	
Salaries and Wages	71,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Division of Tax Assessment	
Salaries and Wages	80,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Legal Tax Appeals	
Other Expenses	75,000.00
Division of Revenue (L&P)	
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Department of Recreation and Parks	
Division of Recreation	
Salaries and Wages	525,000.00
Other Expenses	175,000.00
Telephone	
Other Expenses	50,000.00
Heat, Light and Power	
Other Expenses	235,000.00
Division of Parks	
Salaries and Wages	245,000.00
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Department of Health	
Division of Health	
Salaries and Wages	480,000.00
Other Expenses	50,000.00
Division of Human Resources	
Salaries and Wages	13,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Division of Senior Citizen Services	
Salaries and Wages	100,000.00
Other Expenses	12,000.00
Community Shuttle	
Salaries and Wages	58,000.00
Other Expenses	13,000.00
Bridges Youth Program	25,000.00
Division of Police	
Salaries and Wages	6,575,000.00
Other Expenses	100,000.00
Emergency Dispatch	
Salaries and Wages	380,000.00
Other Expenses	400,000.00
Police Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	50,000.00
Other Expenses	65,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act	
Salaries and Wages	100,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Division of Fire	
Salaries and Wages	4,750,000.00
Other Expenses	125,000.00
Fire Hydrant Services	
Other Expenses	350,000.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	
Other Expenses	110,000.00
Department of Public Works	
Municipal Garage	
Salaries and Wages	265,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Vehicle Impound Area	
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Fuels and Lubricants for Municipal Equipment	
Other Expenses	235,000.00
Street Lighting	
Other Expenses	300,000.00
Division of Streets	
Salaries and Wages	525,000.00
Other Expenses	100,000.00
Division of Public Buildings	
Salaries and Wages	500,000.00
Other Expenses	60,000.00
Division of Sanitation	
Salaries and Wages	350,000.00
Other Expenses	35,000.00

Public Defender	
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Other Expenses	1,000.00
Department of Planning and Engineering	
Division of Planning and Zoning	
Salaries and Wages	130,000.00
Other Expenses	1,500.00
Community Development	
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00
Planning Board	
Other Expenses	11,000.00
Zoning Board	
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00
Other Expenses	8,000.00
Rent Control Board	
Salaries and Wages	2,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Other Expenses	300.00
Division of Engineering	
Salaries and Wages	200,000.00
Other Expenses	110,000.00
Group Insurance for Employees	
Other Expenses	4,750,000.00
Other Insurance and Surety Bonds	
Other Expenses	1,850,000.00
First Aid Organizations	
Other Expenses	105,000.00
Office of Emergency Management	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
Condominium Services	
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Employees' Unemployment Insurance	
Other Expenses	60,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	165,000.00
Other Expenses	30,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	
Salaries and Wages	205,000.00
Other Expenses	180,000.00
Prior Year's Bills	
Other Expenses	57,883.38
Deferred Charges – Overexpenditures	313,979.57
Social Security	
Other Expenses	650,000.00
Contingent	100,000.00
Library	
Other Expenses	1,500,000.00
Division of Fire EMT Services	
Salaries and Wages	200,000.00
Other Expenses	40,000.00
EECBG	250,000.00
Payment of Bond Principal	1,880,000.00
Interest on Bonds	787,306.50
Green Trust Loan Program	32,201.10
MCIA Capital Lease Payments	48,606.77
NJEIT Loan	55,486.25
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	32,620,778.57
SEWER OPERATING UTILITY FUND	
Salaries and Wages	465,000.00
Other Expenses	400,000.00
Middlesex County Utility Authority Charges	2,290,000.00
Social Security	75,000.00
TOTAL SEWER OPERATING UTILITY FUND	3,230,000.00
SANITATION FUND	
Salaries and Wages	850,000.00
Other Expenses	400,000.00
Social Security	60,000.00
Disposal Fees	1,000,000.00

TOTAL SANITATION FUND 2,310,000.00

Council President Tomaro said the number has changed from the original number presented to the Council, and was reduced by \$4 million.

Mr. Pollex again explained why the budget was reduced from the original draft.

Councilmember Perilstein asked about Celebrations of Public Events, and if this changed.

Mr. Pollex said this is down to \$10,000. He felt comfortable this will get through anything within the next three months.

Councilmember Perilstein asked if the Library fund is based on the formula for market value instead of assessment.

Mr. Acker said this is based on true market value.

Councilmember Perilstein asked if this number has been solidified yet.

Mr. Pollex said the State will receive a confirming number in February or March.

Councilmember Mascola asked how this affects the line items that were in the negative from the December meeting.

Mr. Pollex said this is new budget year and does not do anything with the transition budget.

Mr. Acker said, in the calendar year budget, they have to raise the money that was not transferred in the last budget.

Councilmember Mascola asked if there is anything in the temporary budget that will tie the Town's hands for the calendar year budget.

Mr. Acker said this is just to bridge spending.

On a motion made by Councilmember Mascola, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak the above Resolution was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Karabinchak, Lankey, Mascola, Perilstein, and Council President Tomaro

NAYS - None
Councilmember Dr. Prasad was absent.

Council President Tomaro opened the meeting for oral petitions and remarks.

Burton Gimelstob, 6 Churchill Road, asked why the Councilmembers abstained from voting for Council Vice President at the Reorganization meeting. He asked Councilmember Perilstein why she abstained from voting on Councilmember Diehl's Vice President motion.

Councilmember Perilstein said, in the prior year, the Council was called for unofficial protocol where courtesy was extended to all Councilmembers on who was up for nomination on Council President and Council Vice President. She felt this courtesy was not extended to some of the current Councilmembers.

Joe Petrucelli, 62 Revere Boulevard, congratulated the new Councilmembers and new Attorney. He looked forward to a prosperous year.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said tax bills were received in October which included the first two quarters of 2010. He asked if the tax rate will stay the same.

Council President Tomaro said the bill won't be received until August.

Hearing no further comments, Councilmember Diehl made a motion to close the public portion. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak, with all in favor.

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Lankey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Charles Tomaro
Council President

Reina A. Murphy, RMC
Municipal Clerk