

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
March 9, 2015**

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 6:04 p.m. by Council President Diehl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola and Prasad. Councilmember Shah entered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney McManimon, Business Administrator Ruane, Recreation Director Halliwell, Public Works Director Roderman, Health Director Elliot, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Kelly 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 11, 2014 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

**4. ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS:**

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, said she was very impressed with the presentation by Superintendent O'Malley on the bond referendum for the James Monroe School. She felt it is very important to vote for the referendum as we currently have 500 students that do not have a school and we need to have our students come back to Edison. She felt if it does not pass we may have to redistrict.

Council President Diehl said the polls are open from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmello Drive, said she has questions on item 8b on the agenda.

Council President Diehl said this item will be pulled from the agenda.

Ms. Hennessey said she was told that the broken flashing light on Suttons Lane belongs to the Board of Education and not to Edison. She asked the Chief to please find out what is going on.

Captain Kelly said he will pass her request on to the Chief.

Ms. Hennessey questioned item 15a. on the agenda. She asked where this will be located.

Ms. Russomanno said this is a pocket license and is not being used.

Ms. Hennessey asked why we are locked into such a long contract on item 14a.

Ms. Ruane said this is what we typically use.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said she is happy that agenda item 8b. is being pulled off the agenda as she has a lot of questions and concerns about it.

Julian Zames, 10 Stiles Road, said he is pleased to hear that Edison and Hartz Mountain are moving forward and he asked if there is a roster of businesses that are moving in.

Ms. Ruane said there is nothing set in stone yet. The talks are ongoing and she cannot comment.

Mr. Zames asked if the rendering will be the same as once proposed.

Councilmember Karabinchak said the plans have changed dramatically due to restrictions placed on us by the State.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Accepted as submitted

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA;  
FROM MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY:**

- a. and b. No comments were made.

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

No comments were made.

**8. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Diehl said there is a Special Board of Education Election tomorrow on the referendum for the James Monroe School. He announced that the polls are open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and it is important to get out and vote.

**9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- a. No comment was made.
- b. This item was removed from the agenda.

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

- a. through e. No comments were made.

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

- a. No comment was made.

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

- a. and b. No comments were made.

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

- a. through d. No comments were made.

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

- a. and b. No comments were made.

**15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.:**

- a. No comment was made.

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

Councilmember Shah announced that the next meeting will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**17. COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Received as submitted.

**19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Diehl:**

a. He said he received a packet from the Open Space Committee regarding an abandoned house on Tyler Road that the Township owns. He said they would like to turn the property into a satellite meeting location for environmental groups but it needs to be made presentable.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

None

**Councilmember Karabinchak:**

None

**Councilmember Lombardi:**

None

**Councilmember Mascola:**

None

**Councilmember Prasad:**

None

**Councilmember Shah:**

a. She asked if there are any updates on the DPW fire.

Ms. Ruane said there is nothing yet and as soon as she has information she will inform the Council.

On a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Robert Diehl  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno  
Acting Municipal Clerk