

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
March 10, 2014**

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 6:01 p.m. by Council President Karabinchak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola and Shah.
Councilmember Gomez was absent
Councilmember Prasad entered at 6:22 p.m.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney McManimom Business Administrator Ruane, Finance Director Saponaro, Recreation Director Halliwell, Township Engineer Medina, Fire Chief Latham, Police Deputy Chief Anderko 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 14, 2013 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

Council President Karabinchak opened the meeting for comments from the public.

Walter Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, asked if anyone had the information he requested regarding the speed limit on Oak Tree Road and the number of violations issued.

Mr. Medina said he has the information in his office and he will go and get it.

Julian Zames, 17 Stiles Road, asked if the Township receives discounts on prescriptions.

Ms. Ruane said yes we do receive a lot of discounts.

Mr. Medina returned with the information Mr. Stochel requested. He said the speed limit on Oak Tree Road is 40 MPH.

Mr. Stochel felt that a new study should be done as Oak Tree Road has grown and there are still a lot of residential properties.

Councilmember Diehl felt that Mr. Stochel made a good point. He said Oak Tree Road has grown in the last 20 to 30 years and it needs to be reviewed.

Council President Karabinchak asked Deputy Chief Anderko to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Deputy Chief Anderko said he will have the information for the March 26th council meeting.

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

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Accepted as submitted.

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

7. POINTS OF LIGHT

None

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. and b . No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through e. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. No comment was made.

b. This Resolution applying for a grant from NJDOT was added at the meeting.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. through c. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. No comment was made.

b. Council President asked for an explanation.

Mr. Medina said this is for sidewalks and curb cuts on Melville Road.

c. through e. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. and b. No comments were made.

c. Council President Karabinchak asked if this vendor might have a problem fulfilling this contract to repair all potholes in Edison when he is also handling other municipalities with the same issues. He asked if we can go with the second lowest bidder if this vendor cannot do the work we require.

Ms. Ruane said that is a legal question.

Council President Karabinchak asked if there is a time period in the contract in which the work must be completed. He does not want this vendor to be tied up somewhere else.

Ms. Ruane said she will get that information for Wednesday.

d. through f. No comments were made

g. Council President Karabinchak asked why we are rejecting all bids.

Ms. Ruane said there were exceptions taken by the bidder.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

- a. No comment was made.

16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Mascola said the next meeting will be on March 17th.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O.1856-2014 No comment was made.

O.1857-2014 No comment was made.

18. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Karabinchak

- a. He said the Township will be meeting with the property owners shortly regarding this traffic signal.
- b. He said we have owned this property since 2006 and felt it is time to start utilizing it.
- c. He said he is working on one area to be used as a test area.
- d. He asked how we stand on this.

Mr. Medina said this has to go out for bid.

- e. He said there is a difference of opinion on the difference between equalized and assessed value.

Mr. Medina commented that the Tax Assessor said in Edison they are the same thing.

Ms. Ruane said she will get that for him in writing tomorrow.

- f. He felt this is a good, proactive position and he urged all to support this to help with taxes and budgeting.

Councilmember Diehl:

- a. He asked Ms. Ruane for an update on the pothole repairs.

Ms. Ruane said she will obtain that information for Wednesday.

Councilmember Gomez:

None

Councilmember Lombardi:

None

Councilmember Mascola:

None

Councilmember Prasad:

None

Councilmember Shah:

None

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Robert Karabinchak
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk