

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
April 7, 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 6:10 p.m. by Council President Karabinchak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney McManimom, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Roderman, Health Director Elliot, Recreation Director Halliwell, Township Engineer Medina, 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 14, 2013 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

a. Presentation from Good Energy Materials

Council President Karabinchak introduced Charles Decasteja, Managing Partner, Good Energy Materials. He reported that since he was here last time Woodbridge has made a significant move towards energy aggregation. He said seventy-five municipalities have passed ordinances to be ready to purchase in the next few months.

Councilmember Gomez asked for an overview of how this works.

Mr. Decasteja said the first step is to pass an ordinance that allows an agreement with PSE&G. The bid specs are then prepared and reviewed by the attorney and the BPU. When the marketplace is right, we will go out to bid. A letter will then go to the residents stating that they can opt out if they choose.

Council President Karabinchak asked if this covers residential and commercial.

Mr. Decasteja said this is only for residential. There is no advantage for commercial.

Councilmember Mascola asked if the residents will see the savings on their bill and what savings can be expected.

Mr. Decasteja said the savings will show on the resident's bill and the average savings will be about \$100 per year.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street asked if it works differently for tenants.

Mr. Decasteja said it works the same if you pay your own bill.

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

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, said she would like an explanation on two items regarding medical services.

Ms. Ruane said this is a renewal of a second year contract with JFK.

Ms. Nemitz asked if we are purchasing new items for the Kilmer building and who is moving over and when.

Mr. Roderman said the new lifts are to enable our mechanics to work under the vehicles. He said sanitation, recycling and the mechanics should be moving and in by June 1st. He commented that the long term plan is consolidation.

Ms. Nemitz asked if Red Flex is improving our accident rates.

Mr. Medina said yes, there have been less accidents.

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

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. and b. Accepted as submitted

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

8. POINTS OF LIGHT

None

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. through d. No comments were made.

e. This Resolution for a tax appeal was added at the meeting.

f. This Resolution for Red Flex was added at the meeting.

Councilmember Mascola asked about the timing of the light at Route 1 and Prince Street. He asked how long someone must stay at a complete stop in order to not receive a ticket.

Captain Kelly said you must come to a complete stop and every photo is reviewed by the Police.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. and b. No comments were made.

c. Council President Karabinchak asked Ms. Ruane if we will receive the budget next month.

Ms. Ruane said "yes".

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. through g. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

a. through c. No comments were made.

13. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

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a. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Mascola said there was no meeting.

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

O.1861-2014 No comment was made.

O.1862-2014 No comment was made.

O.1863-2014 No comment was made.

18. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Karabinchak

a. He said the right of way negotiations are currently going on with the property owners.

b. and c. No comments were made.

d. Mr. Medina said there will be a land fill meeting in a couple of weeks.

e. No comment was made.

Councilmember Diehl:

Absent

Councilmember Gomez:

None

Councilmember Lombardi:

Absent

Councilmember Mascola:

a. He asked if the street paving list has been prepared and if it includes Suttons Lane.

Mr. Roderman said the list has been prepared but it is not made public until funding is available.

Councilmember Prasad:

Absent

Councilmember Shah:

None

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Robert Karabinchak
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk