MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING June 10, 2015

A Combined 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, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola and Shah.

Councilmember Gomez entered at 6:15 p.m.

Councilmember Prasad entered at 6:07 p.m.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Director Elliot Township Engineer Kataryniak, Recreation Director Halliwell, Police Captain Freeman, Fire Captain Toth and Cameraman D'Amato.

The Township 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 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. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

FROM MAYOR LANKEY

a. No comment was made.

5. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

6. POINTS OF LIGHT:

None

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

a. through c. No comments were made.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. Councilmember Mascola asked about a large expense for Police education.

Captain Freeman said this is a reimbursement for the new hires.

b. through e. No comments were made.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. through c. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. No comment was made.

11. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:

a. through c. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

a. through c. No comments were made.

13. **FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:**

a. No comment was made.

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

a. through c. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

a. through c. No comments were made.

16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Shah said the next meeting will be on June 15th.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O.1906-2015 No comment was made.

O.1907-2015 No comment was made.

O.1908-2015 No comment was made.

O.1909-2015 No comment was made.

18. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Diehl:

None

Councilmember Gomez:

Absent

Councilmember Karabinchak:

None

Councilmember Lombardi:

None

Councilmember Mascola:

a. He said there are a lot of un-kept properties around the Township and the situation is getting worse and worse. He felt our Ordinances are not being enforced.

Councilmember Prasad:

a. He again asked about the felling of trees in Oak Ridge Park.

Ms. Ruane said she will have an answer by the 24th.

b. He again asked who made the decision as to what monuments to visit on Memorial Day.

Ms. Ruane said the Veteran's Organizations decide not the Township.

Councilmember Shah:

None

19. CLOSED SESSION:

The Council retired to Closed Session at 6:15 p.m., on a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Prasad 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) Potential Litigation

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 6:34 p.m., a motion to reconvene was made by Councilmember Mascola, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak and duly carried.

20. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

Council President Diehl said we need to be proactive on enforcement of code violations through the Township. We are not taking care of it if residents have to keep coming back meeting after meeting with the same issues. He felt we need to keep a careful eye on the numbers we are bringing in through code violations. We cannot allow quality of life issues to just go by.

21. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Applications for membership were received by:

Raritan Engine Company #2

John Regan

A motion was made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Prasad, and duly carried, the above applications were approved.

22. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:</u> FROM MAYOR LANKEY

May 26, 2015

Ms. Cheryl Russomanno Acting Municipal Clerk Township of Edison 100 Municipal Blvd. Edison, NJ 08817

Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please be advised that I hereby appoint Kenneth A. Kumar of 56 Marlin Avenue West, Edison New Jersey, to serve on the Environmental Commission for a term of two years. Mr. Kumar's term will expire on December 31, 2017.

Thank you.

/s/ Thomas Lankey Mayor

Cc: Kenneth A. Kumar

22. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on May 27, 2015 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

O.1906-2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMTS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(The above Ordinance O.1906-2015 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book 26.)

Council President Diehl declared the Public Hearing opened for O.1906-2015.

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak, and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Diehl NAYS - None

O.1907-2015

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

(The above Ordinance O.1907-2015 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book 26.)

Council President Diehl declared the Public Hearing opened for O.1907-2015.

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, asked if this is for the equipment that was destroyed in the fire and how much we received from the insurance company.

Ms. Ruane said we received \$2 million. The equipment was older and we received the depreciation value. This is for the Fire engine that was burned.

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Shah and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Shah, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Diehl

NAYS - None

O.1908-2015

ORDINANCE AMENDS THE EDISON TOWNSHIP CODE TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS ON CERTAIN STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP

Council President Diehl declared the Public Hearing opened for O.1908-2015.

Walt Shneer, Park Way, asked if these are the streets that were mentioned in the Home News.

Ms. Ruane said "yes"

Mr. Shneer asked why we need all these Stop signs and felt we are spending money the wrong way.

Council President Diehl said if signage is necessary then we need to spend money on it.

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, questioned if these Stop signs are legal. She asked if the DOT must approve them.

Mr. Northgrave said "no".

Bruce Diamond, Calvert Avenue, said ten years ago the Stop sign requirements were changed. He said the State only permits Stop signs on the streets that have the right-of-way.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmello Drive, asked if we did a traffic study.

Police Captain Freeman said yes a traffic study was done at all locations.

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Shah, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Diehl

NAYS - None

O.1909-2015

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PROVIDE THAT COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LOCAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

APPLICABLE TO ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF USED ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT

(The above Ordinance O.1909-2015 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book 26.)

Council President Diehl declared the Public Hearing opened for O.1909-2015

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Karabinchak, seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Diehl

NAYS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Diehl opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.363-062015 through R.386-062015.

Walt Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, on Resolution R.367-062015, he read a comment from the Open Space Committee stating that this property is listed on the ROSI and a solar generating facility is not an acceptable use. He said this does need to be closed but we should not put a power plant there. He said July 2nd is the next Open Space meeting and he invited the Administration to attend.

Frank Greco, 10 Maida Road, said he echoes everything that Mr. Stochel said.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, on Resolution R.385-062015, asked what the salary is.

Ms. Ruane said the CFO is an employee of the Township and the salary is \$600 per month.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmello Drive, on Resolution R.384-062015, asked if this Resolution had been corrected.

Ms. Ruane said "yes".

Ms. Hennessey asked if there is an hourly rate for employees of the company and if that is extra.

Ms. Ruane said it is included.

Ms. Hennessey, on Resolution R.385-062015, asked if Mr. Fargo will be running the finances or only signing documents.

Ms. Ruane said he will sign and monitor.

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, on Resolutions R.384-062015 and R.385-062015, asked why we cannot get a CFO and said perhaps we should offer more money to get qualified work. On Resolution R.371-062015, she asked what street this is for.

Mr. Kataryniak said we have a grant from the DOT to pave that section of the road.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, on Resolution R.367-062015, said she is in agreement with Mr. Stochel and Mr. Greco on this. She said we hired a Planner and have never seen them. She felt we need justification for doing this and said this should be pulled for discussion.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, on Resolutions R.384-062015 and R.385-062015, asked if Mr. Fargo is an employee of Government Strategies Group.

Ms. Ruane said no he is an independent CFO.

Mr. Wolke said if we add these two amounts together it is a great deal of money and felt we could pay a CFO.

Councilmember Karabinchak said when the Finance Committee meets they will be looking at our salary ranges. He said our salary range is very low and unfortunately there is a blemish on us from the last two CFO's.

Councilmember Gomez wanted to clarify that the CFO company fits into the direction we want to take the Township in. They will start to lead us in the right direction with a great deal of expertise and will help us to find a CFO.

Mr. Wolke agreed that the Finance Committee needs to look at this. He asked for an explanation of Resolutions R.376-062015 and R.386-062015.

Mr. Northgrave said these are the new consumption licenses that were bought by Hartz Mountain.

Mike Orlowski, Sheryl Drive, on Resolution R.384-062015, asked if this was competitive.

Mr. Northgrave said this is a professional services contract and does not require an RFP.

There were no other comments from the public regarding Proposed Resolutions. On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak and duly carried, the public hearing was closed.

Council President Diehl requested that Resolution R.367-062015 be pulled for separate vote.

The following Resolutions R.363-062015 through R.366-062015 and R.368-062015 through R.386-062015 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Mascola and seconded by Councilmember Karabinchak.

RESOLUTION R.363-062015

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 4, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through June 4, 2015.

ELIND	AMOUNT
FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$29,908,610.20
Affordable Housing	2,266.21
Capital	235,481.24
Cash Performance	691,828.93
CDBG	5,800.00
Developers Escrow	40,432.82
Dog (Animal Control)	18,114.84
Federal Forfeited	0.00
Grant Funds	1,280.59
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Payroll Deduction	427,556.85
Sanitation Fund	241,975.36
Sewer Utility	2,457,463.78
Tax Sale Redemption	1,421,017.90
Street Opening	0.00
Tree Planting	19,745.09
Trust	81,225.48
TOTAL	\$35,552,799.29

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the above-referenced disbursements report is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION R.364-062015

WHEREAS, at various sales of land for delinquent taxes held by the Edison Township Collector of Taxes, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the attached listing of tax sale certificates were sold; and

WHEREAS, the said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to a refund of monies paid at the time of redemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling \$163,361.77.

RESOLUTION R.365-062015

WHEREAS, on various properties located within the Township of Edison, overpayments of real estate taxes have been made due to erroneous or duplicate payments: and

 $\textbf{WHEREAS}, \text{ applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of said overpayments, totaling $3,450.61 \text{ and}$

WHEREAS, the attached listing is a detail of the requested refund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the Director of finance shall and is hereby authorized to draw checks to the parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing.

RESOLUTON R.366-062015

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution make appropriations if any contract, commitments or payments are to be made between the beginning of the Calendar year and the adoption of budget; and

WHEREAS, the Local budget Law and the Optional Municipal Charter Act of 1950 provide for the adoption of municipal budget by March 20 (revised to April 24) unless said budget calendar is extended according to law; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is prior to the adoption of the 2015 Calendar Year Budget,

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

	2015
CURRENT FUND	
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR	• • • • • •
SALARIE & WAGES	3,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	
SALARIE & WAGES	3,234.58
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK	
SALARIE & WAGES	13,940.63
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
ETHICS COMMISSION	
OTHER EXPENSES	333.33
OFFICE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR	
SALARIE & WAGES	41,852.30
OTHER EXPENSES	2,094.38
COMMUNICATIONS	
SALARIE & WAGES	32,158.16
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
DIVISION OF CENTRAL PURCHASES	
SALARIE & WAGES	15,700.00
OTHER EXPENSES	14,575.12
CENTRALIZED STORES	9,225.96
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL	
SALARIE & WAGES	19,432.40
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
LEGAL DEPARTMENT	
SALARIES & WAGES	4,127.72
OTHER EXPENSES	100,208.33
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	,
SALARIES & WAGES	0.00
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
AUDIT	11,113.57
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS AND	,
CONTROL	
SALARIES & WAGES	3,469.12
OTHER EXPENSES	29,248.88
DATA PROCESSING	
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00

DIVISION OF CUSTODY &	
DISBURSEMENT	
SALARIES & WAGES	8,888.39
OTHER EXPENSES	130.00
TAX COLLECTOR	
SALARIES & WAGES	34,319.33
OTHER EXPENSES	2,257.30
TAX ASSESSOR	
SALARIES & WAGES	19,750.20
OTHER EXPENSES	19,272.21
RECREATION	215 541 40
SALARIES & WAGES	215,741.48
OTHER EXPENSES TELEPHONE	105,000.00 14,000.00
HEAT ,LIGHT AND POWER	106,477.76
HEALTH	100,477.70
SALARIES & WAGES	112,961.37
OTHER EXPENSES	30,000.00
DIVISION OF SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES	20,000
SALARIES & WAGES	30,242.68
OTHER EXPENSES	4,229.98
DIVISION OF POLICE	
SALARIES & WAGES	2,111,878.92
OTHER EXPENSES	93,769.86
DISPATCH 911	
SALARIES & WAGES	265,594.90
OTHER EXPENSES	98,182.22
POLICE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	10.270.25
SALARIES & WAGES	18,369.27
OTHER EXPENSES FIRE FIGHTING	19,166.67
SALARIES & WAGES	1,872,538.02
OTHER EXPENSES	6,990.87
FIRE PREVENTION	0,220.07
SALARIES & WAGES	29,344.62
OTHER EXPENSES	12,622.50
FIRE HYDRANT SERVICES	164,475.00
AID TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES	12,375.00
AID TO FIRST AID SQUAD	11,812.50
PARKS & TREES	
SALARIES & WAGES	74,641.00
OTHER EXPENSES	5,747.08
MUNICIPAL GARAGE	
SALARIES & WAGES	113,823.22
OTHER EXPENSES	7,824.01
FUELS, LUBRICANTS FOR MUN. EQUIPT.	160,278.81
STREET LIGHTING	195,833.33
STREETS & ROADS	_, _,,,,,,,,
SALARIES & WAGES	130,106.01
OTHER EXPENSES	9,368.75
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	
SALARIES & WAGES	112,222.48
OTHER EXPENSES	29,500.00
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING	
SALARIES & WAGES	177,105.60
OTHER EXPENSES	4,708.12
CONSTRUCTION ENFORCING AGENCY	100 /1= 0=
SALARIES & WAGES OTHER EXPENSES	103,417.27
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING	38,872.92
SALARIES & WAGES	61,459.97
OTHER EXPENSES	15,393.48
DIVISION OF PALNNING AND ZOING	10,070,70

SALARIES &WAGES OTHER EXPENSES	26,835.20 4,612.50
PLANNING BOARD OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
ZONING BOARD	
OTHER EXPENSES	1,737.92
RENT CONTROL BOARD	4.074.04
SALARIES &WAGES	1,876.92
OTHER EXPENSES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	56.25
OTHER EXPENSES	50.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	20.00
SALARIES & WAGES	44,093.03
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER	
SALARIES & WAGES	4,842.63
OTHER EXPENSES	391.67
PUBLIC LIBRARY	
SALARIES & WAGES	250,199.02
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
CONDOMINIUM SERVICES OTHER EXPENSES	16,312.50
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH	10,312.30
INSURANCE	
OTHER EXPENSES	3,899,683.00
OTHER INSURANCE AND SURETY	505 005 05
BONDS	597,897.05
LOSAP OTHER EXPENSES	32,083.33
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY	32,003.33
MANAGEMENT	
OTHER EXPENSES	4,972.92
EMPLOYEE'S UNEMPLOYMENT	
INSURANCE OTHER EXPENSES	16,875.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	10,075.00
OTHER EXPENSES	6,750.00
SOCIAL SECURITY(O.A.S.I)	134,101.00
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TOTAL FOR CURRENT FUND	12,007,777.52
SEWR UTILITY FUND	
SALARIES & WAGES	213,201.58
OTHER EXPENSES	66,938.22
M.C.U.A. SEWAGE DISPOSAL CHARGES	818,064.49
SOCIAL SECURITY	27,808.33
SOCIL SECONT	
TOTAL FOR SEWER UTILITY FUND	1,126,012.62
SANITATION FUND	
SALARIES & WAGES	417,644.23
OTHER EXPENSES	236,418.41
SOCIAL SECURITY	39,166.67
DISPOSAL FEES	372,083.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH	100.050.00
INSURANCE	199,070.33
TOTAL FOR SANITATION FUND	1,264,382.64

RESOLUTION R.368-062015

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing the entering of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Highland Park for the Township of Edison's provision of animal control services.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the "Township") is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 *et seq.* ("Shared Services Act") to enter into an agreement with other local units to provide jointly (or through the agency of one of them on behalf of the other) any service which such entity may legally perform for itself; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, the Township has the capacity to and seeks to provide animal control services, including the regulation, collection and housing of stray animals, to the Borough of Highland Park ("Highland Park" and, together with the Township, the "Parties"), for the purpose of promoting efficiency in government and reducing each Party's respective expense for such services; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance, the Parties desire to enter a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement," in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*) pursuant to the Shared Services Act to establish the terms of the Township's provision of animal control services to Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township ("Municipal Council") seeks to hereby authorize the Township's entering and execution of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
- Section 2. The form of the Agreement is hereby approved, and the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be maintained on file with the Township Clerk.
- Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the signed Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for informational purposes, in accordance with the Shared Services Act.
 - Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.369-062015

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing the entering of a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Metuchen for the Township of Edison's provision of animal control services.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the "Township") is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 *et seq.* ("Shared Services Act") to enter into an agreement with other local units to provide jointly (or through the agency of one of them on behalf of the other) any service which such entity may legally perform for itself; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, the Township has the capacity to and seeks to provide animal control services, including the regulation, collection and housing of stray animals, to the Borough of Metuchen ("Metuchen" and, together with the Township, the "Parties"), for the purpose of promoting efficiency in government and reducing each Party's respective expense for such services; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance, the Parties desire to enter a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement," in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*) pursuant to the Shared Services Act to establish the terms of the Township's provision of animal control services to Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township ("Municipal Council") seeks to hereby authorize the Township's entering and execution of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
- Section 2. The form of the Agreement is hereby approved, and the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be maintained on file with the Township Clerk.
- Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the signed Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for informational purposes, in accordance with the Shared Services Act.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.370-062015

EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing the entering of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Scotch Plains for the Township of Edison's provision of animal control services.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (the "Township") is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 *et seq.* ("Shared Services Act") to enter into an agreement with other local units to provide jointly (or through the agency of one of them on behalf of the other) any service which such entity may legally perform for itself; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, the Township has the capacity to and seeks to provide animal control services, including the regulation, collection and housing of stray animals, to the Township of Scotch Plains ("Scotch Plains" and, together with the Township, the "Parties"), for the purpose of promoting efficiency in government and reducing each Party's respective expense for such services; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance, the Parties desire to enter a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement," in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*) pursuant to the Shared Services Act to establish the terms of the Township's provision of animal control services to Scotch Plains; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township ("Municipal Council") seeks to hereby authorize the Township's entering and execution of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.
- Section 2. The form of the Agreement is hereby approved, and the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be maintained on file with the Township Clerk.
- Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of the signed Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for informational purposes, in accordance with the Shared Services Act.
 - Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.371-062015

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO MECO INC. FOR THE 2015 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM PHASE I (VARIOUS STREETS) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on May 29, 2015 for Public Bid No. 15-31-01-2015 Road Resurfacing Program Phase I (Various Streets) for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, MECO INC., P.O. Box 536, Clarksburg, NJ 08510 submitted the lowest, legally responsible, responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$1,013,578.25; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$529,435.17 have been certified to be available in the DPW Asphalt, Materials & Equipment Account, number C-04-14-1872-310-000, and funds in the amount of \$484,143.08 have been certified to be available in the Repaving & Reconstruction of Various Roads Account, number C-04-15-1899-290-000; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

- 1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid submitted by MECO INC., P. O. Box 536, Clarksburg, NJ 08510, for the Township 2015 Road Resurfacing Program Phase I (Various Streets), is determined to be the lowest, legally responsible, responsive bid as listed on the spreadsheet.
- 2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,013,578.25, and any other necessary documents, with MECO INC. as described herein.
- 3. The Township of Edison Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to return any and all deposits and/or bonds of the unsuccessful bidders.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$529,435.17 are available for the above in account number C-04-14-1872-310-000 and funds in the amount of \$484,143.08 are available for the above in account number C-04-15-1899-290-000.

/s/Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.372-062015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF DATA PROCESSING TAX ASSESSOR SOFTWARE USED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison needs to renew the annual maintenance and support agreement for the data processing tax assessor software used by the Tax Assessor's Office as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, such annual renewal for the support of proprietary software may be awarded without public advertising for bids or bidding, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd); and

WHEREAS, VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 900 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08611, has submitted a proposal to provide such services for a one year term from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$48,000.00; and

WHEREAS, VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Edison in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$48,000.00 cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract and any other necessary documents, in the amount of \$48,000.00, with VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., 900 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08611 as set forth above.
- 2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq, and without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd).
- 3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.
- 4. The Township Clerk shall advertise notice of this action in a legal newspaper pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. and in compliance with the Local Public Contracts Law guidelines.

RESOLUTION R.373-062015

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORPORATION FOR ITEM NO. 1 UNDER AUTOMATED REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM PARTS (LABRIE EXPERT 2000, HEIL & MCNEILUS)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on May 14, 2015 for Public Bid No. 15-08-21, Automated Refuse Collection System Parts (Labrie Expert 2000, Heil & McNeilus) for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, S-122 Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652 submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for Item No. 1, Labrie Expert 2000 parts; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$25,000.00, cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, there were no legally responsible, responsive bids for Item Numbers 2 & 3; Heil & McNeilus parts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

- 1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid submitted by SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, S-122 Route 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07652 for Item No. 1, Labrie Expert 2000 Parts, Automated Refuse Collection System Parts (Labrie Expert 2000, Heil & McNeilus) for the Department of Public Works, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid.
- 2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for Item No. 1, Labrie Expert 2000 parts, and any other necessary documents, with SANITATION EQUIPMENT CORPORATION as described herein.
- 3. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to rebid Item Numbers 2 & 3, Heil & McNeilus parts.

RESOLUTION R.374-062015

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO PUMPING SERVICES, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF A FLYGT PUMP AT THE FORDS PUMPING STATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, an emergency occurred on May 13, 2015 at the Fords Pumping Station, causing an emergency effecting the welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation it was determined that the pump was inoperable and needed to be removed and repaired; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq, a contract may be awarded and immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services may be provided when an emergency affects the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, PUMPING SERVICES, INC., 201 Lincoln Blvd., P.O. Box 117, Middlesex, NJ 08846-0117 submitted a quote in the amount of \$22,595.03; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$22,595.03 have been certified to be available in the Sewer-Other Professional Services Account Number 5-07-55-0501-000-028; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the amount of \$22,595.03 and any other necessary documents, with PUMPING SERVICES, INC., 201 Lincoln Blvd., P.O. Box 117, Middlesex, NJ 08846-0117, for the removal and replacement of the Flyght Pump.
 - 2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$22,595.03 are available for the above in Account No. 5-07-55-0501-000-028.

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.375-062015

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000119, to the following:

Permit Number: 0057

Opening Location: Plymouth Place

Block/Lot: N/A

Applicant's Name & Address: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

2800 Post Oak Boulevard Houston, TX 77251-1396

Initial Deposit Date: 06/03/14
Deposit Amount: \$2,000.00

Paid by & refunded to: Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

P.O. Box 1396

Houston, Texas 77251

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

RESOLUTION R.376-062015

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to Edison Land Investment, LLC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R.595-102014 adopted on October 22, 2014, and in conformance with the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, *N.J.S.A.* 33:1-1 *et seq.* ("Act"), the regulations promulgated thereunder at *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-1.1 *et seq.* and the Township Code of General Ordinances ("Code"), the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township of Edison ("Township") authorized the sale of one (1) new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License ("License"); and

WHEREAS, as required by, and in accordance with the above-referenced authority, the Township prepared bid specifications for the sale of the License, published notice of the proposed sale by bid and received bid(s) pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2014, the Municipal Council adopted Resolution R.818-122014 which awarded the License to Edison Land Investment, LLC ("Entity") as the sole and winning bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Entity's License application is complete and all fees and costs for the License have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has passed the necessary background checks and the complied with the notice publication requirements of the Act, and the Entity is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established under the Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the Township has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has complied with all the conditions of sale within six (6) months of said award of license, and the Township desires to issue the new License to the Entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township Clerk to issue a new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to the Entity, pursuant to the Act, to be effective as of July 1, 2015.

- 2. The Entity shall apply to the Township for approval of a place-to-place transfer upon the determination of a business location for the use of the License.
 - 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.377-062015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO RAMESH MARIMUTHU FOR THE YAP PROGRAM

WHEREAS Amongst Elite, LLC made payment in the amount of \$42.00 for . participation in the Boot and Shoe Show, at the Expo Center on Januay 9, 2015

WHEREAS Amongst Elite, LLC did not parcipate in the show.

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison shall refund the amount of \$42.00 to Amongst Elite, LLC, 7 Arden Court, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 which amount represents the permit amount for the Boot & Shoe Show.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$42.00 are available in Account #5-01-55-0291-000-000.

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.378-062015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO

DENISE MALAGON FOR THE ABC/YAP PROGRAMS

WHEREAS Denise Malagon made an overpayment in the amount of \$78.72 for her children Joel & Jonathan Villamil's participation in the ABC and YAP Programs at Woodbrook Elementary and Thomas Jefferson Middle Schools; and

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison shall refund the amount of \$78.72 to Denise Malagon, 13 Tarbert Ct., Edison, NJ 08817, which amount represents the overpayment for the ABC & YAP programs.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$78.72 are available in Account #5-01-55-0291-000-000.

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial

RESOLUTION R.379-062015

Explanation: The Division of Police has been approved for funding in the amount of \$17,170.00 to support officers in overtime hours at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for speed enforcement, education of motorists, combating distracted driving and to purchase speed enforcement equipment. This will be accomplished between the dates of October 1, 2014- September 30, 2015. Application was revised due to reduced funding from NJHTS.

Resolution Federal Highway Safety Fund 2015 Grant Approval

WHEREAS, the Division of Police has been approved for grant funding in the amount of \$17,170.00 to provide additional manpower hours for speed enforcement, education of motorists, combating distracted driving and to purchase speed enforcement equipment; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to reduce violations related to speeding and distracted driver's to reduce the number of crashes and potential fatalities related to these offenses; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the grant; and

WHEREAS; the project will involve increased enforcement from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS; an increase in enforcement will reduces accidents and save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares its acceptance of the grant monies and participation in the Federal Highway Safety Fund Grant Program 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the aforesaid grant approval for and on behalf of the Township of Edison.

RESOLUTION R.380-062015

WHEREAS, St. Helena Church, New Dover Road, Edison has requested a waiver of any and all permit and/or application fees concerning the Replacement of the Boiler and necessary piping.

WHEREAS, under the building code, St Helena Church, as a non-profit tax exempt organization, is entitled to a waiver of fees due to the Township of Edison, except the DCA fee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison feels that it would be appropriate to waive any applicable fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Edison, that it does hereby waive any application fees and/or building fees, except the DCA fee, due to the Township of Edison as a result of the application being submitted by St. Helena Church.

RESOLUTION R.381-062015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO SPECTRUM FOR LIVING

WHEREAS, SPECTRUM FOR Living made an over payment in the amount of \$45.00 for registration fee for their business.

WHEREAS, Spectrum for Living made an over payment for their registration fee.

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison shall refund the amount of \$45.00 to Spectrum for Living, 210 Rivervale Road, Rivervale, NJ 07675 which amount represents the registration fee for Spectrum for Living.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$42.00 are available in Account #5-01-55-0291-000-000.

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.382-062015

EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes the Township Counsel to grant permission to Garden State Fireworks to discharge fireworks for an Independence Day Celebration at the Plainfield Country Club, scheduled for July 3, 2015 with a rain date of July 5, 2015.

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks has applied to the Township of Edison for a permit to discharge fireworks on July 3, 2015 with a rain date of July 5, 2015, for an Independence Day Celebration taking place at the Plainfield Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks has provided proof of insurance to the Township of Edison for the purpose of conducting a fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 21:3-3, the Chief of Police, the Chief of Fire, and the Fire Official having reviewed the application for the firework display, have determined that the discharge of fireworks does not pose a hazard to anyone's property and/or person(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Council does herby grant permission for Garden State Fireworks to conduct a fireworks display on the evening of July 3, 2015 With a rain date of July 5, 2015 at approximately 8:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Plainfield Country Club in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 (a)(5)(iii).
- 2. The Fire Official shall not issue the fireworks permit until **1.** A permit fee in the amount of \$331.00 is made payable to the Township of Edison pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 (c)(3), **2.** Garden State

Fireworks posts a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 conditioned for the payment of potential damages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-5 and **3.** Garden State Fireworks post an escrow in the amount of \$500.00 for legal review of fireworks application and expenses associated with drafting a resolution authorizing the Township Council to issue any such fireworks permit **4.** A fire engine is on standby at the shoot site prior, during, and after the show until the post shell inspection has been conducted.

- 3. The Chief of the Fire Department and or The Fire Official shall have full enforcement and over sight powers to ensure that all aspects of the fireworks display are handled in accordance with the requirement of law.
- 4. The Township clerk of Edison Township is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Garden State Fireworks, the Fire Prevention Bureau, Division of Fire and Division of Police.

RESOLUTION R.383-062015

EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes the Township Counsel to grant permission to Garden State Fireworks to discharge fireworks for an Independence Day Celebration taking place on the grounds of Lake Papaianni, scheduled for July 4, 2015 with no rain date.

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks has applied to the Township of Edison for a permit to discharge fireworks on July 4, 2015 with no rain date scheduled, for an Independence Day Celebration taking place on the grounds of Lake Papaianni; and

WHEREAS, Garden State Fireworks has provided proof of insurance to the Township of Edison for the purpose of conducting a fireworks display; and

WHEREAS, under <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 21:3-3, the Chief of Police, the Chief of Fire, and the Fire Official having reviewed the application for the firework display, have determined that the discharge of fireworks does not pose a hazard to anyone's property and/or person(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Council does herby grant permission for Garden State Fireworks to conduct a fireworks display on the evening of July 4, 2015With no rain date, scheduled at approximately 9:00 p.m. on the grounds of Lake Papaianni in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 (a)(5)(iii).
- 2. The Fire Official shall not issue the fireworks permit until **1.** A permit fee in the amount of \$331.00 is made payable to the Township of Edison pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 (c)(3), (WAIVED) **2.** Garden State Fireworks posts a bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 conditioned for the payment of potential damages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-5 and **3.** Garden State Fireworks post an escrow in the amount of \$500.00 for legal review of fireworks application and expenses associated with drafting a resolution authorizing the Township Council to issue any such fireworks permit **4.** A fire engine is on standby at the shoot site prior, during, and after the show until the post shell inspection has been conducted.
- 3. The Chief of the Fire Department and or The Fire Official shall have full enforcement and over sight powers to ensure that all aspects of the fireworks display are handled in accordance with the requirement of law.
- 4. The Township Clerk of Edison Township is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Garden State Fireworks, the Fire Prevention Bureau, Division of Fire and Division of Police.

RESOLUTION R.384-062015

Explanation: This Resolution awards a Professional Services Contract to Government Strategy Group to provide financial management and advisory services.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council ("Municipal Council") of the Township of Edison ("Township") has determined that it is in its best interests and those of Township residents to engage a financial management services firm to support the Township's chief financial officer ("CFO") and to ensure proper financial reporting, and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 *et seq.* ("Local Contracts Law") to contract for "professional services" as it may require; and

WHEREAS, Government Strategy Group ("Company") has an excellent reputation in the area of municipal government, including, but not limited to, the areas of public finance and municipal accounting, and has extensive staff and resources that may be utilized to support the Township's CFO; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council seeks to enter a contract for professional services with the Company for a one-year term to provide for supporting financial services ("Services Contract," to be memorialized in an agreement based on the terms provided for herein); and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law, more specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5, allows for the awarding of a contract for "professional services" without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the Services Contract, the Company will have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification to the Township, which certifies that no individual with a ten percent (10%) interest or larger in the Company has made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Municipal Council in the previous year, and that the Services Contract will prohibit an individual with a ten percent (10%) interest or larger in the Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the Services Contract, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Services Contract is not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, compensation to the Company for general financial management services included under the Scope of Services as described on *Exhibit A* attached hereto shall be rendered at the flat rate of \$14,900.00 per month, payable in 12 monthly installments, which shall include, but not be limited to, assisting the CFO in managing the ongoing operations of the Township's Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, the Company shall bill the Township for capital related tasks for bond and/or note issues; special projects including financial project management for special studies; managing implementation of technology/software upgrades; and other special projects outside the Scope of Services in accordance with the following hourly rates:

CEO \$150 Sr. Managing Director \$145 Managing Director \$140 Director \$100 Associate Director \$80 Admin./Clerical \$60; and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law requires that contracts awarded without competitive bid be authorized by resolution of the municipal governing body and that notice of the award of such contract be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor, in consultation with counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a written Services Contract with the Company, on the terms herein provided, for a term of one year.
- 2. The Services Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Contracts Law, more specifically *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5, because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature.
- 3. A certificate showing the availability of funds for the Services Contract authorized hereby has been provided by the Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Township and is made a part hereof indicating that the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to the applicable accounts and is contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2015 calendar year.
- 4. No payments in excess of the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$186,000.00 will be approved, unless such services/expenditures are negotiated and agreed upon in advance of service delivery.
- 5. The Mayor of the Township may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate the Services Contract.
- 6. The Services Contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey contract and any provisions of the Services Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 7. In accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5 of the Local Contracts Law, the Municipal Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to publish once in the official newspaper of the Township, a brief notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit B*, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the Services Contract authorized for execution herein, which notice shall state that a copy of this Resolution and the Services Contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
- 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2015 calendar year, funds in the amount of \$225,000.00 are available in Account No.5-01-20-0130-001-028.

/s/ Agnes Yang Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.385-062015

Explanation: This Resolution appoints Nicholas C. Fargo as Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council ("Municipal Council") of the Township of Edison ("Township") has determined to appoint a Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-140.10; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas C. Fargo has an excellent reputation in the area of municipal government, is licensed as a Certified Municipal Finance Officer and has knowledge of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council desires to appoint Nicholas C. Fargo as CFO for a four year term running from January 1, 2015, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-140.10, at a salary determined by subsequent ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 9. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 10. Nicholas C. Fargo is hereby appointed CFO of the Township for a four year term, running from January 1, 2015, in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-140.10. The compensation for Nicholas C. Fargo as CFO shall be as set forth in a subsequent salary ordinance.
- 11. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
 - 12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION R.386-062015

Explanation: A Resolution authorizing the issuance of a new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to Edison Land Investment, LLC.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution R.595-102014 adopted on October 22, 2014, and in conformance with the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, *N.J.S.A.* 33:1-1 *et seq.* ("Act"), the regulations promulgated thereunder at *N.J.A.C.* 13:2-1.1 *et seq.* and the Township Code of General Ordinances ("Code"), the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township of Edison ("Township") authorized the sale of one (1) new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License ("License"); and

WHEREAS, as required by, and in accordance with the above-referenced authority, the Township prepared bid specifications for the sale of the License, published notice of the proposed sale by bid and received bid(s) pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2014, the Municipal Council adopted Resolution R.818-122014 which awarded the License to Edison Land Investment, LLC ("Entity") as the sole and winning bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Entity's License application is complete and all fees and costs for the License have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has passed the necessary background checks and the complied with the notice publication requirements of the Act, and the Entity is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established under the Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the Township has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has complied with all the conditions of sale within six (6) months of said award of license, and the Township desires to issue the new License to the Entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Township Clerk to issue a new Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to the Entity, pursuant to the Act, to be effective as of July 1, 2015.
- 2. The Entity shall apply to the Township for approval of a place-to-place transfer upon the determination of a business location for the use of the License.
 - 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following Resolutions will be voted upon separately:

RESOLUTION R.367-062015

EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes the Township to issue a Request for Proposals under the provisions of the Competitive Contracting law for landfill closure services necessary to prepare an approvable Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Plan to close the Edison Landfill and adjacent area so that a grid-tied solar photovoltaic farm can be built on top generating revenue for the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township is the owner of the Edison Landfill ("ELF") and adjacent "Environmental Benefits Area" ("EBA") which the Township is required to close in accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") standards and requirements governing landfill closure; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the NJDEP and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to promote the development of grid-tied solar photovoltaic farms ("Solar Farm") on closed landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Township met with the NJDEP on February 5, 2015 to discuss landfill closure issues and NJDEP informed the Township that it could close the ELF and EBA at the same time; and

WHEREAS, closing the ELF and EBA at the same time will achieve economies of scale, a single mobilization, and will maximize the amount of land area available for a Solar Farm which will in turn maximize the amount of ground rent paid to the Township by the Solar Farm developer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq. allows for contracting units to proceed for acquisition of necessary goods and services by Request for Proposals, allowing the Township to judge responses and award contracts based on a variety of factors such as prior experience, organization, and resources in addition to price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The responsible Township officials are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Request for Proposals for Landfill Closure Services consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq.;
- 2. The Township attorney is directed to submit the proposed RFP to the Department of Community Affairs' division of Local Governmental Services (DCA-LGS) for pre-approval of the RFP;
 - 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Council President Diehl said he is totally against this for reasons that were brought up earlier. He felt this is the most scenic site in Edison and to put a solar farm there is not the best decision. Once it goes up it will be very difficult to remove and he urged the Council not to vote on this tonight. He said there is not enough information and it will not get his vote.

Councilmember Shah said she will also be voting no.

Councilmember Karabinchak said he agrees that this should be tabled and reviewed however we have been trying to close this landfill forever and have not gotten anywhere in twelve years as there are multiple issues. He said solar panels bring in revenue. He said he will vote to table.

Councilmember Gomez said he agrees that we need to learn a little bit more but for health reasons he doesn't know if this can become a scenic site.

Councilmember Mascola said he was on the Landfill Committee and the reason we are adding a solar farm to the landfill is to defray some of the cost of closure. He felt we need to take a step back and recheck this. He said we have the money to close the landfill proper but not the extended benefit area.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Gomez to Table this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Gomez, Karabinchak, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah and Council President Diehl

NAYS - None

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Diehl opened the meeting for public comment.

Marilyn Brown, Oak Tree Road, requested that a percentage of the new housing at Roosevelt Hospital be dedicated for wounded warriors.

Tony Eggert, 141 Pleasant Avenue, said we need to enforce our property maintenance ordinances. He said there is a piece of property at 21 Third Street that is vacant, full of trash and the grass is two feet high. He said he has heard it

is under new ownership and is being gutted but that is hearsay. He also requested a copy of the Mayor's transition team report.

Council President Diehl said Mr. Elliot will take a look at this.

Bruce Diamond, Calvert Avenue, commented that Mr. Elliot is very responsive and he would give him a wonderful reference. He felt something needs to be done about teardowns. They should have to obtain their permits in a reasonable amount of time or post a bond and have money taken away. He said we need stronger rules for builders.

Council President Diehl said this is unsafe.

Mr. Elliot said we have sited this property. They have applied for their permits but have not started to build so this is a vacant piece of property.

Council President Diehl asked Mr. Northgrave to look into amending this ordinance.

Mr. Diamond asked if landscapers are allowed to have equipment in their yards.

Council President Diehl said "no".

Mr. Diamond said there is no respect for Open Space in this Town. He said the Mayor said we would have a forensic accountant look into the Open Space fund. He asked if that has happened.

Council President Diehl said he will find out.

Resident, Edison, said there is an issue with trash everywhere in Edison and they would like to make sure something is done and it is cleaned up.

Frances, 100 Yelencsics Court, said Yelencsics Court is owned by Middlesex Management, aka Atlantic Realty. She said there are a lot of things being replaced and no permits or inspections are being done. She felt the Township is losing a tremendous amount of revenue as this is a multi-family dwelling and furnaces are being replaced.

Council President Diehl asked how old the complex is.

Frances said it is twenty-five years old and only one permit has ever been issued.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, thanked Councilmembers Diehl and Mascola for bringing attention to the property maintenance issues. She said fines can help to raise money for the budget. She said we have not collected one dollar in fines for sign violations and she hopes we have action and not just words. She commented that the quality of life pamphlet was issued two Administrations ago and she agrees that Mr. Elliot does a great job.

Walt Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, said he attended a Green Acres diversion meeting with PSE&G regarding the Greenway overpass at Pierson Avenue. He asked that the Council adopt a Resolution and send it to the County requesting PSE&G to provide an entrance to the Greenway at Pierson Avenue.

Councilmember Gomez said he had a meeting with the PSE&G project manager to create something that may be agreeable to everyone.

Jamie Shepard, JFK Director for EMS, said he has enjoyed the privilege of providing service to the Township for the past two years and he gave the EMS response times.

Councilmember Dr. Prasad said there is no reason not to believe the response time numbers but he asked when the response time starts.

Mr. Shepard said that is a good question. He explained as soon as an address is confirmed, the ambulance is sent and the clock starts. He said the positioning of the ambulances is strategic and he invited Councilmember Dr. Prasad to see the operation.

Walt Shneer, Park Way, asked why JFK ambulances expenses are so high compared to the First Aid Squads. He said property maintenance is going downhill. He also saw a dangerous situation where children are tying skate boards to their bikes and pulling each other.

Frank Greco, 10 Maida Road, asked how the panels on the solar farm are built if the site is contaminated. He asked if this affects the workers. He also said he agrees with Mr. Stochel regarding requesting PSE&G provide an entrance to the Greenway at Pierson Avenue.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmello Drive, asked when we will meet Mr. Fargo and also the Planner.

Ms. Ruane said we will meet Mr. Fargo in July and she is not sure about the Planner.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said our taxes keep going up and he understands that we must maintain our services but he does not believe we are. He also said we keep getting less and less from the County.

Councilmember Shah spoke about the quality of life initiative and said she has nagged the Administration about this ordinance. She said it will be coming up and will be similar to Woodbridge.

Councilmember Karabinchak said this has to be discussed in the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Dr. Prasad left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Irene Wall, 205 Fleet Avenue, asked what the problem is with the closing of the landfill.

Councilmember Mascola said we do not have a proper plan or approval from the DEP.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, announced that the Farmer's Market is open. She also acknowledged the passing of Angelo Orlando saying he did a lot for Edison and was the founding member of the Edison Art's Society. Most importantly she said he is responsible for the Township's logo and we should never forget what he contributed.

Hearing no further comments from the public Councilmember Gomez made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Mascola and duly carried.

Council President Diehl asked for a moment of silence for Angelo Orlando.

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Mascola, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Cheryl Russomanno Acting Municipal Clerk	
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