

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION MEETING  
January 9, 2017**

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 Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Sendelsky and Shah.

Councilmember Patil entered at 6:04pm.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer Kataryniak, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Fire Chief Latham, Police Deputy Chief Mieczkowski 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 30, 2016 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

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

Walter Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, regarding the Ordinance O. 1955-2016 that was passed on December 14, 2016, the Open Space Committee was never informed of this acquisition. He read a letter from the Open Space Committee regarding their concerns.

Council President Lombardi, added the letter as a communication to the agenda .

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, asked if the Settlement Agreement with Officer Sarni, does he get life time benefits.

Ms. Ruane replied yes, if he gets approved for disability pension.

Mr. Diamond commented he won the lottery and we are paying for it. How much will it cost the town?

Ms. Ruane, approximate \$32,000. per year.

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

- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
a. through d. No comments were made.

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

- a. No Comments was made.

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

Councilmember Coyle, Environmental Commission, will be having a meeting with CME, on February 16, 2017.

**8. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Lombardi, announced Martin Luther King Celebration is on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the Minnie B. Veal Community Center from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Councilmember Sendelsky, there are new defibrillators hung up around town hall. They will be checked and charged every month.

**9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

a. No comments were made

b. Councilmember Shah asked what services do we receive for \$80,000.00.

Ms. Ruane, all Veterinary Services performed at the Animal Shelter.

c. Councilmember Shah asked can we do this internally?

Ms. Ruane, replied, no.

d. through g. No comments were made.

h. Councilmember Shah asked why are we doing this resolution again.

Ms. Ruane, It is required by the JIF.

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

a. through f. No comments were made

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

a. No comment was made.

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

a. through f. No comments were made.

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

a. No comment was made.

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

a. and b. No comments were made.

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

Councilmember Sendelsky, there is a Special Planning Board meeting tomorrow and the next regular scheduled meeting is January 18, 2017.

16. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Added to Agenda: Letter received from the Open Space Committee from Walter Stochel.

17. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Lombardi:**

- a. Freeholder Tomaro will make sure whatever necessary funds for light at Oak Tree.

**Councilmember Coyle:**

- a. He thanked the Residents of Edison and Committee for selecting him to serve on Council. He also thanked Council and Mayor for all their support. He will work hard for the residents of Edison.

**Councilmember Diehl:**

- a. Resolution of Recognition will be presented to Eagle Scout Steven Zeberbaum on Wednesday night.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

- a. Thanked Councilmember Sendelsky for staying on top of Website.

**Councilmember Patil:**

- a. None

**Councilmember Sendelsky:**

- a. The new website is up and there is a Recycling App. you can get the schedules for garbage, recycling, hazardous waste, etc.

**Councilmember Shah:**

- a. Regarding the snow, they did a great job, what is the process.

Mr. Russomanno explained we pre-salted the roads and waited till snow stopped then the trucks started to plow the streets.

- b. She asked Mr. Elliot for an update on the court case and what is the total amount received in fines last year.

Mr. Elliot, next Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is the court date. In 2015 we collected \$18,000 in fines, 2016 we collected \$68,000 in fines.

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky , with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.

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Michael R. Lombardi  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk