

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
January 22, 2020**

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 6:06 p.m. by Council President Ship-Freeman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Ship-Freeman called for a moment of silence for the lives that were lost in a Fire today in Edison.

Present were Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil, and Ship-Freeman.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Inspector Spearnock, Acting Recreation Director Fircha, Township Engineer O’Krephy, Police Captain Filamino, Fire Deputy Chief Toth and Cameraman Cologna.

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, the Sentinel and News India Times on December 13, 2019 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:**

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, Congratulations to all winners, the Lions Club does great work.

Mahesh Chitnis, Lions Club, he thanked the Mayor and Council for all their cooperation. The main reason was to bring awareness of hunger in Middlesex County. He also thanked Councilmember Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman for being the judges.

**RESOLUTION R.035-012020**

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**WHEREAS**, All sculptures were judged on four criteria - theme, creativity, construction and appearance in four categories- Children, youth, adult and organizer.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:** The Municipal Council hereby recognizes Team Sunshine and its members Neeharika Agarwal, Kavyasree Sreejith and Nivaan Mahajan for dedication to relieving hunger by participating and winning the children category of “Together We CAN” food drive and sculpture contest.

**RESOLUTION R.036-012020**

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**RESOLUTION R.037-012020**

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**RESOLUTION R.038-012020**

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**RESOLUTION R.040-012020**

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Councilmember Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman presented the twenty two participates for the great job they all did.

On a motion made by Councilmember Coyle, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, theses Resolutions were adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Joshi, Gomez, Patil, and Council President Ship-Freeman

**5. REVIEW OF MINIUTES:**

a. No comments were made

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

None

**7. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Ship Freeman announced on February 4, 2020 at the Edison Main Library there will be a ribbon cutting starting off Black History Month. Acting Recreation Director Fircha announced our Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration will be on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> here in Council Chamber including the Essay Contest from 1:00-3:00pm

**8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

a. through e. No comments were made

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

a. through d. No comments were made

e. Councilmember Brescher asked what the time line is for Budget 2020.

Ms. Ruane replied her goal is for March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Councilmember Patil, asked what is the EMS allocation?

Ms. Ruane, it is \$105,000 same allocation its disbursed around October after budget adoption.

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

a. and b. No comments were made

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

a. through e. No comments were made.

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

a. Councilmember Brescher asked for explanation.

Mr. Northgrave explained it also is credited toward our COAH.

b. through e. No comments were made.

**13. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:**

a. through d. No comments were made

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

a. No comments were made

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

a. No comments were made

**16. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

a. through c. No comments were made.

d. ADDING TO AGENDA: Resolution appointing Joseph Coyle to the Planning Board, Resolution R.071-012020

Councilmember Brescher asked if he can interview a Zoning Board Member.

Council Vice President Joshi, yes you can reach out to talk to them, he has done it in the past.

**17. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:**

None

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

O.2062-2020 No comments were made.

**19. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Ship-Freeman:**

a. She wanted the public to know she doesn't answer face book if you would like to have a discussion go thru the website. She said she is a straight up regular person here to serve the people.

**Councilmember Brescher:**

a. He would like to add a resolution to tonight agenda. He said he ran on transparency and this Resolution to form a Committee of the Whole is to investigate 1) Assess recent property Tax Increases, 2) Investigate whether certain commercial property holders are properly assessed, 3) Investigate the appropriateness of Vendor operated public safety functions, including without limitation Emergency Medical Services, and 4) Propose a comprehensive property tax reform . He sent this to all Council colleagues.

Council Vice President Joshi agrees with Councilmember Brescher that everyone should pay their fair share, but he doesn't agree the way he is going about it. He will not support going thru a Committee of the Whole. He said it would be more beneficial to have a conversation with JFK and obtain the information from our Tax Assessor. We cannot legally target certain commercial property owners.

Councilmember Diehl disagrees with the Committee of the Whole. We waited a year and a half before we formed that committee. He applauds you for your efforts but he will not be supporting this resolution at this time.

Councilmember Gomez, we can have the tax assessor attend a Council Meeting to explain, not necessary to have a Committee of the Whole. For the record we have begun the process moving forward toward the revaluation, tax maps it takes an extensive amount of time.

Council President Ship-Freeman, expressed the best way is to have the questions in public. We have a lot of things before us. We are trying to keep taxes increases to a minimum to keep our seniors in Edison.

Councilmember Brescher thanked everyone for their time and discussion. He said there are law firms that we can hire on a contingency basis. There are a lot of warehouses we have, have any of them been remeasured or reassessed. We have bonded in the past millions of dollars for tax appeals.

Councilmember Gomez, explained we have been able to pay the appeals ourselves in the budget. The state governs under the Freeze Act.

Councilmember Coyle, appreciated everyone discussion. He commended our new councilmember for bringing this subject to light.

Council Vice President Joshi, when you use the words Tax Reform the public thinks there taxes will go down. He said he has read part of the tax assessment manual we would have to do all or none. He explained the situation in Jersey City. When you do a revaluation it takes years to complete and millions of dollars. Just not one third of taxes will go up, one third will go down and one third will stay the same. If we tackle this the right way he is concerned for our seniors.

Councilmember Patil, we are looking at the commercial properties. He looked at Piscataway commercial warehouses. He is in support of this because as long as he is on this council he has seen twenty plus million dollar in tax appeals and if we continue to pay this year we will be short.

Council Vice President Joshi said we all agree for everyone to pay their fair share. He suggested prior to this vote we have the tax assessor do a presentation. Important we respond to the public.

Councilmember Brescher made a motion to add this Resolution to establish a Committee of the Whole, seconded by Councilmember Patil.

AYES: Councilmembers, Brescher, Coyle and Patil

NAYS: Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Joshi and Council President Ship-Freeman.

**MOTION FAILED**

**Councilmember Coyle:**

- a. He asked Ms. Ruane to look into a few properties complaints.
- b. Follow up with DOT to making Edmund Street a One Way.
- c. Used Car Dealerships along Route One
- d. Silverlake for adoption of that area
- e. 1975 Woobridge Avenue, he would like to have those resolution when they were approved.
- f. 72 Dellwood, it's been four years under construction.

**Councilmember Diehl:**

- a. We don't have many fire in Edison, hoping we can get an update on the fire tragedy today.

Captain Filamino there is little information that can be given out, there were two fatalities and they are investigating the cause of the fire.

Our hearts go out to the family.

**Councilmember Gomez:**

- a. None

**Councilmember Joshi:**

- a. None

**Councilmember Patil:**

- a. Rabies Clinic was this past Saturday, Mr. Elliot and his staff did a wonderful job.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:**

No additional remarks

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried, the Minutes of the Re-Organization and Worksession of January 6, 2020 were accepted as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER:**

Application for membership was received by:

Raritan Engine Company #1  
Gary E. Keefe, Jr.  
Henry J. Maurath IV

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on January 8, 2020 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

**O.2062-2020                    AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR THE BROTHERHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON AS BLOCK 20-A, LOT 4; BLOCK 20-A, LOT 5; BLOCK 20-A, LOT 6; BLOCK 20-A, LOT 57; BLOCK 20-B, LOT 1-A; BLOCK 20-B, LOT 2-A; AND ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 8802, LOT 3.02 BY EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN.**

(The above Ordinance O. 2062-2020 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #28.)

Council President Ship-Freeman declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2062-2020.

None

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

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Colye, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Joshi, Gomez, Patil, and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS - None

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR MONDAY, FEBURARY 10, 2020.**

The following Ordinances were introduced by title:

**O.2063-2020                    ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE “PATRICK AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – BLOCK 203, LOT 17, QUALIFIER C0003 AND BLOCK 206, LOTS 1A AND 2 THROUGH 15,” (FOR SUCH PROPERTIES IN THE AREA OF AND BOUNDED BY PATRICK STREET AND ROUTE 287), PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Coyle seconded by Councilmember Gomez this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle ,Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil, and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS – None

**O.2064-2020                    ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER XVI, FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION, TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FIRE PREVENTION CODE TO FURTHER ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY'S FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Diehl this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle ,Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil, and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS – None

**O.2065-2020                    ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED SALARIES OF TOWNSHIP OF EDISON COUNCIL MEMBERS**

On a motion made by Council President Ship-Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Diehl this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle ,Diehl, Gomez, and Council President Gomez

NAYS – Councilmember Joshi, and Patil

Mr. Northgrave advised the council he sent this Ordinance O.2066-2020 to our labor council to review. He recommend to hold off on the introduction until next meeting or if you choose to introduce it will have to be re-introduced because of changes to the ordinance. The Council chose to introduce this Ordinance anyway.

**O.2066-2020                    ORDINANCE CODIFIES THE POLICY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON REGARDING MILITARY LEAVE LAW FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES**

On a motion made by Councilmember Joshi seconded by Councilmember Coyle this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Joshi, Patil, and Council President Ship –Freeman.

NAYS – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Ship-Freeman opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.041-012020 through R.071-012020.

Bruce Diamond -74 Calvert Avenue, Resolution R.050-012020 he asked if the property taxes get reduced.

Mr. Northgrave, he find out and get back to him.

Andrew Hibell, Howard Avenue, regarding Resolution R. 063-012020, he believed that when they build that building there was going to be a traffic light on Morris and Main Street. Resolution R.064-012020 is this replacing a light before Mill Road.

Mr. Northgrave, that is an issue to be before the Planning Board, they have to approve.

Ms. Ruane, explained R.064-012020 it's a cross walk.

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

The following Resolutions R.041-012020 through R.071-012020 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Gomez.

**RESOLUTION R.041-012020**

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING January 16, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through, January 16, 2020.

| <b>FUND</b>                   | <b>AMOUNT</b>          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Current                       | \$25,974,109.51        |
| Affordable Housing            | 18,691.67              |
| Capital                       | 1,021,621.86           |
| Cash Performance              | 0.00                   |
| CDBG                          | 6,123.54               |
| Developers Escrow             | 102,795.53             |
| Dog (Animal Control)          | 26,686.92              |
| Federal Forfeited             | 1,230.85               |
| Grant Funds                   | 5,270.33               |
| Law Enforcement               | 0.00                   |
| Open Space                    | 0.00                   |
| Park Improvements             | 36.40                  |
| Payroll Deduction             | 70,251.90              |
| Sanitation Fund               | 485,172.03             |
| Self Insurance                | 0.00                   |
| Sewer Utility                 | 190,323.17             |
| Tax Sale Redemption           | 623,417.39             |
| Tree Fund                     | 0.00                   |
| Tree Planting                 | 7,125.00               |
| Trust                         | 103,825.84             |
| Edison Water Utility          | 166,820.17             |
| Edison Landfill Closure Trust | 57.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$28,803,559.11</b> |

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo  
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.042-012020**

**Authorizing refund for redemption of tax sale certificates**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Lina Vallejo, reports and advises that 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 Tax Collector further reports that the said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and further advises that 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 aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling **\$159,957.34**.

**RESOLUTION R.043-012020**

**Authorizing refund for tax overpayments**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Lina Vallejo, reports and advises that on various properties located within the Township of Edison, overpayments of real estate taxes have been made due to erroneous or duplicate payments, and

**WHEREAS**, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of the said overpayments, and the Tax Collector advises that the requesters are entitled to refunds as provided the attached listing; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing totaling **\$2400.00**.

**RESOLUTION R.044-012020**

**Authorizing Overpayment Refund caused by Successful Tax Court Appeal**

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Tax Collector has received a successful tax appeal judgments from the Tax Court of New Jersey for the cases on list attached for 16 FAIRFAX RD, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Tax Court of New Jersey, the assessed value of the property has been reduced for the for the tax years indicated in the list, including Freeze Act Year(s), if any, as per provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act), and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in assessed value has caused a real estate tax overpayment in the amount and for the years listed, totaling **\$4,420.93**, and may also cause additional real estate tax overpayments for affected tax years for which the tax rate or assessment may not have been finalized, or payment not received or posted at the time of this resolution, and

**WHEREAS**, per N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2 (**Refund of Excess Taxes; Interest**), “in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from an assessment on real estate property, the respective taxing district shall refund any excess taxes paid, together with interest thereon from the date of payment at a rate of 5% per annum, less any amount of taxes, interest, or both, which may be applied against delinquencies pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1983, c.137 (C.54:4-134), within 60 days of final judgment.”, and

**WHEREAS**, Upon request the tax payer or legal representative and confirmation of the Township’s Tax Appeal Lawyer for the cases interest may be owed, if not waived or if paid after the agreed deadline for waiving, and may be needed to be paid also.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the:  
1) Aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

- 2) Tax Collector shall and is hereby authorized to adjust the tax accounts to reflect the reductions of assessments ordered by the tax court as indicated above.
- 3) Appropriate official of the Township of Edison, shall and is hereby authorized to draw check to the property owner or legal representative in the amounts:
  - a. Listed as part of this resolution totaling **\$4,420.93**.
  - b. Calculated by the Tax Collector after the setting of the tax rate and final assessment or further review payments, if at such time the account reflects a further overpayment related to this resolution.
  - c. Of interest at a rate of 5% per annum from the due date to the date of the payments as calculated by the Tax Collector upon request and confirmation of the Township’s Tax Appeal Lawyer.

**RESOLUTION R.045-012020**

**TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, 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 2019 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the calendar year, and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of 2020 temporary budget is not in excess of 26.25% of 2019 budget, exclusive of debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

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

| <u>CURRENT FUND</u>                     | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---|---------------|
| BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Salary           | 152,479.17    |
| BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses    | 22,613.06     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| PURCHASING Salary                       | 59,933.74     |
| PURCHASING Other Expenses               | 24,200.66     |
| PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses | 16,365.30     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary         | 32,291.97     |
| COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses | 14,542.50     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| PERSONNEL/HR Salary                     | 42,937.91     |
| PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses             | 22,876.88     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| MAYOR Salary                            | 10,495.80     |
| MAYOR Other Expenses                    | 630.00        |
| <br>                                    |               |
| COUNCIL Salary                          | 20,259.75     |
| COUNCIL Other Expenses                  | 6531.01       |
| <br>                                    |               |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary                  | 47,293.84     |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses          | 67,751.26     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses        | 2,625.00      |
| <br>                                    |               |
| FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary               | 2,100.00      |
| FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses       | 48,455.63     |
| <br>                                    |               |
| DISBURSEMENTS Salary                    | 51,402.22     |
| DISBURSEMENTS Other Expenses            | 1,077.30      |
| <br>                                    |               |
| PAYROLL Salary                          | 15,153.60     |

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| PAYROLL Other Expenses                | 10,320.15    |
| AUDIT SERVICES                        | 18,923.10    |
| DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses        | 50,745.00    |
| TAX COLLECTION Salary                 | 55,217.14    |
| TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses         | 7,919.63     |
| TAX ASSESSMENT Salary                 | 74,508.00    |
| TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses         | 43,837.50    |
| LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary               | 27,043.01    |
| LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses       | 194,250.00   |
| ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary           | 118,229.48   |
| ENGINEERING SERVICES Other Expenses   | 75,253.77    |
| PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses         | 7,665.00     |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMM Other Expenses     | 341.26       |
| ZONING BOARD Other Expenses           | 6,877.50     |
| PLANNING & ZONING DEPT Salary         | 73,301.29    |
| PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses      | 26,775.00    |
| CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary     | 394,047.15   |
| CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses       | 96,993.75    |
| RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary             | 3,937.50     |
| RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses     | 367.50       |
| GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE                | 6,265,616.70 |
| EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGES(WAIVERS)    | 0.00         |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE        | 0.00         |
| INSURANCE & SURETY Expense            | 2,091,175.00 |
| LOSAP-Other Expenses                  | 26,250.00    |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary              | 7,211,303.67 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses      | 303,909.38   |
| DISPATCH 911 Salary                   | 560,399.71   |
| DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses           | 142,931.25   |
| OFFICE OF EMRGNCY MGMT Other Expenses | 3,937.50     |
| AID TO VOL FIRE                       | 0.00         |
| AID TO VOL FIRST AID                  | 0.00         |
| FIRE FIGHTING Salary                  | 5,693,394.66 |
| FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses          | 259,840.88   |
| FIRE PREVENTION Salary                | 96,087.86    |
| FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses        | 29,347.50    |
| FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES                  | 422,394.79   |
| STREETS & ROADS Salary                | 372,546.04   |

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| STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses                   | 85,260.00                   |
| SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary                     | 285,500.51                  |
| SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses             | 16,143.75                   |
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary                       | 420,853.91                  |
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses               | 60,900.00                   |
| MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary                          | 216,821.85                  |
| MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses                  | 25,173.75                   |
| POLICE VEHICLES Salary                           | 63,974.40                   |
| POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses                   | 60,598.13                   |
| CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS                            | 42,000.00                   |
| HEALTH Salary                                    | 425,861.11                  |
| HEALTH Other Expenses                            | 38,298.77                   |
| SENIOR CITIZEN Salary                            | 95,801.47                   |
| SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses                    | 10,434.39                   |
| RECREATION Salary                                | 424,334.40                  |
| RECREATION Other Expenses                        | 152,329.81                  |
| PARKS & TREES Salary                             | 311,122.61                  |
| PARKS & TREES Other Expenses                     | 20,422.50                   |
| FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Salary                       | 739,315.50                  |
| FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Other Expenses               | 780,499.13                  |
| CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENSES            | 16,012.50                   |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEAT,LIGHT,POWER                | 248,290.61                  |
| STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE                          | 288,750.00                  |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS TELEPHONE                       | 65,625.00                   |
| FUEL & LUBRICANTS Other Expenses                 | 214,159.31                  |
| CONTINGENT Expense                               | 13,125.00                   |
| PERS Expense                                     | 519,379.59                  |
| O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) Expense               | 437,564.64                  |
| Defined Contribution Retirement Program Expenses | 18,900.00                   |
| PFRS Expemses                                    | 2,173,086.45                |
| MUNICIPAL COURT Salary                           | 164,542.35                  |
| MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses                   | 14,980.88                   |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary                           | 9,187.50                    |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER Other Expenses                   | 525.00                      |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND                               | <u><u>33,887,479.09</u></u> |

| <b>SEWER UTILITY FUND</b>              | <b>AMOUNT</b>       |
|--|---------------------|
| SEWER Salary                           | 485,033.59          |
| SEWER Other Expenses                   | 1,178,556.25        |
| SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges        | 2,887,500.00        |
| SEWER Capital Improvement Projects     | 275,269.94          |
| SEWER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS) | 251,002.00          |
| SEWER Social Security (OASI)           | 39,375.00           |
| <b>TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND</b>        | <b>5,116,736.78</b> |

| <b>WATER UTILITY FUND</b>              | <b>AMOUNT</b>       |
|--|---------------------|
| WATER Salary                           | 377,641.96          |
| WATER Other Expenses                   | 758,272.19          |
| WATER Bulk Water Purchase              | 1,844,062.50        |
| WATER Capital Outlay                   | 263,367.38          |
| WATER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS) | 176,790.00          |
| WATER Social Security (OASI)           | 28,889.70           |
| <b>TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND</b>        | <b>3,449,023.73</b> |

| <b>SANITATION FUND</b>                      | <b>AMOUNT</b>       |
|---|---------------------|
| SANITATION Salary                           | 675,937.50          |
| SANITATION Other Expenses                   | 835,230.46          |
| SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE  | 597,211.00          |
| SANITATION Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS) | 184,700.00          |
| SANITATION Social Security (OASI)           | 52,500.00           |
| SANITATION Disposal Fees                    | 551,250.00          |
| SANITATION Capital Outlay                   | 234,500.00          |
| <b>TOTAL SANITATION FUND</b>                | <b>2,896,828.96</b> |

**RESOLUTION R.046-012020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO EDISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Edison has determined that they have a 1995 Ford F80 Truck, VIN # 1FDYF80E0SVA75455, License Plate #MG35371, that is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Contracts Law 40A:11-36(2) allows the sale of such property to another contracting unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Edison Township Board of Education desires to purchase this vehicle at a price of \$1.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this vehicle is to be sold as is; 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, State of New Jersey that the Township of Edison is hereby authorized to sell the 1995 Ford Truck, VIN # 1FDYF80E0SVA75455, License Plate #MG35371 for the sale price of \$1.00 to Edison Township Board of Education as indicated herein.

**RESOLUTION R.047-012020**

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR RENEWAL OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE EDMUNDS SYSTEM FOR 2020 AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ANIMAL LICENSING II SOFTWARE APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison needs to renew the hardware and software maintenance for the Edmunds System for the year 2020 and wishes to purchase the Animal Licensing II software application; and

**WHEREAS**, services such as support and/or maintenance of proprietary hardware and software may be awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd); and

**WHEREAS**, EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225, has submitted a proposal to provide maintenance services for the year 2020 at a cost of \$50,245.00 and provide the Animal Licensing II application at a cost of \$6,250.00 for a total cost of \$56,495.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this shall be awarded 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**, prior to entering into a contract EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC., will have 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 EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of \$50,245.00; have been certified to be available in the Data Processing-Computer Hardware and Software Account, Number 0-01-20-0140-000-059 and funds in the amount of \$6,250.00 have been certified to be available in the Health Computer Hardware & Software Account, Number 0-01-27-0330-001-059, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds in the 2020 temporary and/or permanent budget; 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 and any other necessary documents, in the amount of \$56,495.00, with EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC., 301A Tilton Road, Northfield, NJ 08225 as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (dd) and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et. seq, INC. as described herein
3. The Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$50,245.00** are available for the above contract in Account No. **0-01-20-0140-000-059** and funds in the amount of **\$6,250.00** are available in Account No. **0-01-27-0330-001-059**, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds in the 2020 temporary and/or permanent budget.

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo  
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION R.048-012020**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS FOR VETERINARY SERVICES/CLINICS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison (the Township) has the need for veterinary services, and 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**, PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS, 401 Hillside Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205 has submitted a proposal to provide such services; 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**, this Contract is not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to *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**; the total amount of this contract shall be in the amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS 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 PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS from making any reportable contributions through the term of this one year contract; 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 Township is hereby authorized to execute a contract and any other necessary documents, with PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS, 401 Hillside Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and 19:44A-20.5 et. seq, and without competitive bidding.
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.049-012020**

**Central Jersey Joint Insurance Program  
2020 Safety Incentive Program  
Acceptance Resolution**

**TOWNSHIP OF EDISON  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT  
INSURANCE FUND’S 2020 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Edison is a member of the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JIF); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members’ employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the CENTRAL JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the CENTRAL JIF's Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund's Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Program will assist all the Central JIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the CENTRAL JIF has adopted the new 2020 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment; and

**NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM be adopted by the Township of Edison.

**RESOLUTION R.050-012020**

**Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a subsidy grant of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Market To Affordable Program for the purchase of a home from market rate to affordable.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed \$2.875 million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Market To Affordable Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a subsidy for such purchase under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seller, has entered into a Sales Contract with a household that is income certified as eligible to purchase such a Unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a subsidy grant of \$85,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to reduce the price for the Buyers to qualify the Unit as "Affordable"; and

**WHEREAS**, the title company, known as Direct Title, will distribute such funds to the Seller, on behalf of the Buyer, at the time of the Closing in order to meet the full *sale price*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to award this subsidy grant to buy-down the selling price to make it an *affordable* unit at 898 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ, Block 694.P, Lot 37.02, in the amount of \$85,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Township's Market To Affordable Program; and to authorize the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Njeri Gachago, the Buyer, with respect to such subsidy grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$85,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Township's Market To Affordable Program, to Direct Title, 400 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of a Deed Restriction between the Township and Njeri Gachago, 898 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 with respect to such subsidy grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

**RESOLUTION R.051-012020**

**Explanation: A Resolution authorizing a grant of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program for the purchase of an *affordable* housing unit by an income certified buyer.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible *affordable* housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed one million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program and receive a grant for such purchase under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buyers, have entered into a Sales Contract to purchase an *affordable* housing unit, as approved by the Township's Administrative Agent and qualifies for a grant of \$15,000 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to provide affordability assistance by reducing the costs for the Buyers; and

**WHEREAS**, the title company, known as Direct Title, will distribute such funds on behalf of the Buyer at the time of the Closing to subsidize the down payment or closing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to award this grant to provide assistance in the purchase of an *affordable* unit at 898 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ, known as Block 694.P, Lot 37.02, in the amount of \$15,000 for the purpose set forth herein under the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program; and to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Njeri Gachago, the Buyer, with respect to such grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a subsidy grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program, to be paid to Direct Title, 400 West Main Street, Freehold, NJ 07728, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Njeri Gachago, 898 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 with respect to such grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

**RESOLUTION R.052-012020**

**Explanation: Authorizing a non-refundable grant of \$877.90 from the Township's Affordable Housing Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program for the tax differential of a Fair Market sale unit to an *affordable* housing unit.**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established a Market To Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner/s in the purchase of eligible *affordable* housing units in the Township of Edison, to use these existing Fair Market value properties as Affordable Housing units (Unit), and committed one million dollars from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council also approved and adopted a Manual at that time for the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program in accordance with the Court's directives, which set forth the application process for applicants to comply with in order to participate in the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, a Unit was located and an application to participate in the Program was submitted, reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance by the Township's Administrative Agent with the requirements to purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Unit is now subject to a reduction in property taxes based on the affordable assessed value that is lower than the current "market rate" assessed value of the property located at 31 Silver Lake Avenue for the 2020 tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buyer is entitled to a non-refundable grant of \$877.90 to be paid from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to provide affordability assistance by reducing the costs for the Buyer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will distribute these funds on behalf of the Buyer to Edison Township's Tax Collector at the time of the Closing to subsidize the property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to award these funds to provide assistance in the tax differential of an *affordable* unit at 31 Silver Lake Avenue in the amount of \$877.90 for the purpose and under the terms set forth herein under the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program; and to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Mara Brea, the Buyer, with respect to such grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby approves and authorizes a non-refundable grant in the amount of \$877.90 from the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund account T-13-00-0000-000-006 with respect to the Down Payment/Closing Cost Affordability Assistance Program, to be paid to Edison Township's Tax Collector for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of an Agreement between the Township and Mara Brea, 31 Silver Lake Avenue with respect to such grant.
2. That an original certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

**RESOLUTION R.053-012020**

**WHEREAS**, The Edison Department of Health and Human Services established the Edison Municipal Alliance (EMA) as a Township-based, grass-roots volunteer organization comprised of community leaders, private citizens and human service agency representatives, over twenty five years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of EMA is to promote and support alcohol, tobacco, other drug, and violence prevention, education programs and related activities, in order to encourage positive, healthy behavior among local youths and their families, as an alternative to deleterious and potentially dangerous conduct and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, H-Mart has grant funds available, through its FY19 Community Grants Program for eligible programs, projects, activities and related costs of qualified organizations in the communities **H-Mart** serves, for which it continues to solicit on-line requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, intends to apply for grant funding for a maximum request of **\$10,000.00** from **H-Mart**, as it will help to further strengthen its mission, focus and vision through effective programs, projects, events and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, no matching funds are required in order for the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, to apply for corporate grant funding from **H-Mart**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, will utilize all grant funds awarded to it by **H-Mart** as described in its application for said funds and in compliance with all applicable Municipal, Middlesex County, New Jersey and United States federal requirements, guidelines, regulations and statutes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve and authorize the development and submission of said grant application, at a regularly-scheduled, combined Work Session and Public Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

**RESOLUTION R.054-012020**

**EXPLANATION: This Resolution awards a professional services contract to Conventus Labor Consulting, LLC, to implement improvements and continue to train staff in furtherance of the Township's Human Resource/Labor Relations management functions and processes.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for continued improvements and training with regard to the human resource and labor relation management functions and processes in the Township of Edison (the "**Township**"); and

**WHEREAS**, Conventus Labor Consulting, LLC ("**Company**") is skilled at and experienced in performing reviews of companies in order to help organization and analysis of existing labor issues, while implementing technologies and strategies to enhance the Township's best practices in order to enable the Office of Human Resources to meet the needs of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Company will also assist the Township in designing and implementing strategies, which will include but shall not be limited to, salary and benefits administration, labor contract administration and union grievance procedure, and workers' compensation, harassment and complaint procedures; 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**, the municipal council of the Township ("**Municipal Council**") seeks to authorize the Company to provide human resource and labor relation consulting services from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, and any other services as may be reasonably required to effectuate same (the "**Services Proposal**") attached hereto as *Exhibit A*; 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 a 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 contract shall not be 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 human resource and labor management services shall be paid pursuant to the Services Proposal at a flat rate of Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,250.00) per month, and not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with additional services outside the scope of the Services Proposal to be billed at a rate of \$125.00 per hour; 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 aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length herein.
2. The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Company to perform human resource and labor management services to the Township from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, and any other services as may be reasonably required to effectuate same pursuant to the Services Proposal.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Company, consistent with the terms set forth herein and approved by the Township Attorney.
4. The 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.
5. 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 contract authorized for execution herein, which notice shall state that a copy of this Resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
6. The contract is awarded as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5* without competitive bidding. Total compensation to be paid will exceed \$17,500.
7. A copy of this Resolution, the Services Proposal, contract and the Company’s completed Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be available for inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.055-012020**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO AFA FOR FIRE AND BURGLAR ALARM MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

**WHEREAS**, AFA is our current vendor for Fire and Burglar alarm maintenance and repair for various buildings within Edison Township; and

**WHEREAS**, AFA PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS, 961 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 has exceeded \$17,500.00 and therefore needs authorization through 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 in aggregate in a twelve month period; and

**WHEREAS**, this Contract is not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to contract award, AFA PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS will have 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 AFA PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$33,000.00, 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/purchase order and any other necessary documents, with AFA PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS, 961 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, in amount not to exceed \$33,000.00 for fire and burglar alarm maintenance and repair as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and 19:44A-20.5 et. seq, and without competitive bidding.
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.056-012020**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TSUJ CORPORATION FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the Township of Edison on January 7, 2020 for Public Bid No. 20-07-01- Electrical Services; and

**WHEREAS, TSUJ CORPORATION**, P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, NJ 07474, submitted the lowest legally responsible bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial contract shall be for one year from execution of the contract with the option to renew for the second and third years at the same prices, conditions, requirements and terms of the contract, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds for the second year and third years; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$175,000.00, and 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 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 by **TSUJ CORPORATION**, P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, NJ 07474 for Electrical Services is determined to be the lowest legally responsible bid.

- 2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year and any other necessary documents, with **TSUJ CORPORATION**.

**RESOLUTION R.057-012020**

**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 STO0000389, to the following:

**Permit Number: DEV-0139**

**Opening Location: 19 SYCAMORE AVE**

**Block/Lot: 106/69**

**Applicant's Name & Address:**

**AARON CHENG  
19 SYCAMORE AVE  
EDISON NJ 08817**

**Initial Deposit Date: 09/06/2019**

**Deposit Amount: \$2400.00**

**Paid by & refunded to:**

**AARON CHENG  
19 SYCAMORE AVE  
EDISON NJ 08817**

**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.058-012020**

**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 STO0000358, to the following:

**Permit Number: DEV-0105**

**Opening Location: 45 BARTHA AVE**

**Block/Lot: 905/16**

**Applicant's Name & Address:**

**MILANO CONTRACTING  
946 INMAN AVE**

**EDISON NJ 08820**

**Initial Deposit Date: 06/06/2019**

**Deposit Amount: \$900.00**

**Paid by & refunded to:**

**SP CONSTRUCTION & SON LLC  
41 LARGO LN  
CLARK, NJ 07066-2004**

**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.059-012020**

**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 STO0000298, to the following:

**Permit Number: DEV-0018**

**Opening Location: 65 UNION AVE**

**Block/Lot: 652/10**

**Applicant's Name & Address:**

**DREAM BUILDERS  
31 COLUMBUS AVE  
NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801**

**Initial Deposit Date: 07/06/2018**

**Deposit Amount: \$300.00**

**Paid by & refunded to:**

**GOLD STAR DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
87 LONG HILL RD  
LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424-2308**

**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.060-012020**

**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 STO0000343, to the following:

**Permit Number: DEV-0087**  
**Opening Location: 6 BERRUE CT**  
**Block/Lot: 337.E/19**

**Applicant's Name & Address:**  
A CUCCINELLO INC  
30 CLEREMONT AVE  
EDISON, NJ 08817-5438

**Initial Deposit Date: 04/05/2019**  
**Deposit Amount: \$480.00**  
**Paid by & refunded to:**

A CUCCINELLO INC  
30 CLEREMONT AVE  
EDISON, NJ 08817-5438

**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.061-0120120**

**RESOLUTION TO RELEASE AMUSEMENT DEVICE PERMIT FEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following  
Is the fee deposited for 2020 Amusement Device Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, notification has been received from Richie's Bar stating that they have issued the Check# 8601for \$175.00 on 12/03/2019 to us initially, not knowing that the equipment lease company should be the one to issue the check to the Township of Edison for the 2020 Amusement Device 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 the Amusement device permit fee back to Richie's Bar, as the equipment lease company, Vaness Vending Inc., from Irvington, NJ has issued the Check#1422 for \$175.00 on 01/05/2020 for the 2020 Amusement Device Permit; for Richie's Bar. Please refund the fee amount from account# 9-01-08-104-000, to the following:

**Permit Name: Amusement Device Permit**  
**Location: 52 Vineyard Rd**  
**Block/Lot: 1111/54**  
**Applicant's Name & Address:**

SONDEK, INC.  
RICHIE'S SPORTS BAR & LIQUORS  
52 VINEYARD ROAD  
EDISON, NJ 08817

**Initial Deposit Date: 12/04/2019**  
**Deposit Amount: \$175.00**  
**Paid by & refunded to:**

SONDEK, INC.  
RICHIE'S SPORTS BAR & LIQUORS  
52 VINEYARD ROAD  
EDISON, NJ 08817

**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.062-012020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EDISON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT’S APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) facilitates a law enforcement support program, which originated from the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal law permits the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense to transfer to federal and state agencies personal property of the Department of Defense that the secretary determines is suitable for use by agencies in law enforcement activities; and

**WHEREAS**, informally known as the “1033” Program”, this initiative allows local law enforcement agencies to obtain , at little or no cost, surplus federal property, including aircraft, vehicles, weapons and night vision equipment originally intended for use by the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, although equipment is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to county and municipal law enforcement agencies, these entities are responsible for costs associated with the maintenance , fueling and upkeep of this equipment and for specialized training for its operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in this era of fiscal restraint, participation in the 1033 Program allows local units to obtain equipment that they might not otherwise be able to afford, and to prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism and natural disasters such as hurricanes, and severe floods; by complying with sections 2(a) and 2(b) of Senate bill no 2364; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Edison that the Edison Police Department apply and participate in the LESO 1033 Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey that the Edison Township Chief of Police is hereby authorized and approved to apply, enroll and participate in the Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program.

**RESOLUTION R.063-012020**

**EXPLANATION: A Resolution designating a redeveloper and authorizing execution of the Redevelopment Agreement with RC Realties North, LLC and S&R 123 So. Main St. Realties, LLC regarding the area in need of redevelopment known on the Township tax maps known as Block 198, Lots 23.E1, 27 and 28 (aka 900, 910, and 920 Route 1) and Block 199, Lots 16-R, 16-S, 16-T, 16-U, 16-V-2, 16-C-1, 16-D, 16-E-1, 16-F-1, 16-G-1, 17-D-1, 17-D-2 and 34 (aka 121 Main Street).**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of the Township (the “**Municipal Council**”), pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-6, authorized and directed the Planning Board of the Township (the “**Planning Board**”) by way of Resolution R.642-112018, adopted November 8, 2018, and later by Resolution R.700-112018 adopted December 12, 2018, to conduct a preliminary investigation of, amongst other parcels, the property more commonly known as Block 198, Lots 23.E1, 27 and 28 (aka 900, 910, and 920 Route 1) and Block 199, Lots 16-R, 16-S, 16-T, 16-U, 16-V-2, 16-C-1, 16-D, 16-E-1, 16-F-1, 16-G-1, 17-D-1, 17-D-2 and 34 (aka 121 Main Street) on the Township’s tax maps (the “**Study Area**”), and to determine whether those parcels met the criteria for a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2019, the Planning Board, after providing due notice, conducted a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, at which hearing it determined that the Study Area qualified as an area in need of redevelopment and recommended that the Municipal Council designate the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria and requirements of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted Resolution R.185-042019 which designated the Study Area as “an area in need of development” pursuant to the Redevelopment Law (the “**Redevelopment Area**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2019, the Municipal Council resolved to authorize and direct the Planning Board to review a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled “Ray Catena Automotive Properties Redevelopment Plan” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) and to make recommendations as required by *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12A-7(e) of the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2019, the Planning Board reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and made comments to the Municipal Council concerning the Redevelopment Plan and recommended the adoption of same; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2019, the Municipal Council adopted Ordinance O. 2054-2019 by which it accepted the findings of the Planning Board and adopted, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 4 of the Redevelopment Law, the Municipal Council is the redevelopment entity, as such term is defined at *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3*, for the Redevelopment Area, with full authority to exercise the powers contained in the Redevelopment Law to facilitate and implement the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, RC Realties North, LLC and S&R 123 So. Main St. Realties, LLC (collectively, the “**Redeveloper**”) desires to be designated by the Township as the “redeveloper” (as such term is defined in the Redevelopment Law) for the Property, and has provided information evidencing financial responsibility and capability, concept plan and a construction schedule with respect to the development of: (i) construction of a 18,620 square foot addition to an existing 27,280 square foot 2-story Jaguar showroom on land more commonly known as Block 198, Lot 23-E-1 (also known as 920 US Route 1); (ii) construction of a 13,400 square foot addition to an existing 49,320 square foot 2-story Infiniti car showroom and service facility on land more commonly known as Block 198, Lot 27 (also known as 900 US Route 1); (iii) construction of a 37,600 square foot addition to an existing 64,800 square foot 2-story general showroom and service facility and construction of a 31,830 square foot addition to an existing 40,370 square foot 2-story Porsche car showroom and service facility on land more commonly known as Block 198, Lot 28 (also known as 910 US Route 1); (iv) Construction of a 3-story sales addition consisting of 15,610 square feet on the first floor, 26,870 square feet on the second floor, and 25,870 square feet on the third floor; and a 2-story service addition consisting of 11,075 square feet on the first floor and 11,075 square feet on the second floor to an existing 2-story auto sales service center all on property more commonly known as Block 199, Lots 27-A, 16-C-1, 16-E-1, 16-D, 16-G-1, 16-R, 16-S, 16-T, 16-U, 16-V-2, and 34 (also known as 123 South Main Street); and (v) renovation and construction of a 2,260 square foot addition to an existing 11,740 square foot 2-story preparation building; renovation and construction of a 6,300 square foot addition to an existing 10,100 square foot 2-story service bay building; and renovation of an existing 10,200 square foot 2-story car wash and preparation building on land more commonly known as Block 199, Lots 17-D-1 and Lots 17-D-2 (also known as 89 & 90 South Main Street); and

**WHEREAS**, Redeveloper is the owner of the Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the Redeveloper meets all necessary criteria, including financial capabilities, experience, and expertise to implement and complete the rehabilitation of the Project in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and all other applicable laws, ordinances and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and Redeveloper have negotiated the terms and conditions of a redevelopment agreement governing the Redeveloper’s redevelopment of the Project (the “**Redevelopment Agreement**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined the Project to be in the vital and best interests of the Township, and that it promotes the health, safety, morals and welfare of the Township’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to designate the Redeveloper as the redeveloper of the Project and to authorize the execution of the Redevelopment Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison as follows:

**Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

**Section 2.** The Municipal Council hereby authorizes the execution of a redevelopment agreement with the Redeveloper in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and by this reference incorporated herein.

**Section 3.** The Mayor is authorized to execute the Redevelopment Agreement with the Redeveloper in substantially the same form as the Redevelopment Agreement attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and modifications as the Mayor may determine necessary upon consultation with counsel and the Redeveloper.

**Section 4.** RC Realties North, LLC and S&R 123 So. Main St. Realties, LLC, is hereby, collectively, designated as the redeveloper of the Project, subject to the execution of the Redevelopment Agreement.

**Section 5.** If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** A copy of this Resolution shall be filed and available for public inspection at the in the offices of the Township.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.064-012020**

**EXPLANATION: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Traffic Signal Agreement among the Township of Edison, BAPS Temple and the County of Middlesex for the installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon along Woodbridge Avenue in the Township.**

**WHEREAS**, a traffic condition exists along Woodbridge Avenue in the vicinity of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and the BAPS Temple (“**BAPS**”) in the Township of Edison (“**Township**”), in the County of Middlesex (the “**County**”), which requires the installation and operation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon, in accordance with the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (“**MUTCD**”); and

**WHEREAS**, in discharge of their public duties pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 39:4-120.1*, the Township and the County, along with BAPS, desire to jointly provide for the installation of the pedestrian hybrid beacon, in accordance with the requirements set forth in the MUTCD, along Woodbridge Avenue in the vicinity of the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and the BAPS Temple; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the mutual and joint obligations proposed to be undertaken by the Township, the County and BAPS, the parties have proposed a form of Traffic Signal Agreement (“**Agreement**”) pertaining to the installation of said pedestrian hybrid beacon, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement substantially in the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to such additions, deletions, modifications or amendments deemed necessary by the Mayor in his discretion in consultation with counsel, which additions, deletions, modifications or amendments do not alter the substantive rights and obligations of the parties thereto, and to take all other necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the Agreement.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.065-012020**

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Municipal Council to appoint Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council has selected to re-appoint Philip C. Taglianetti, Sr. to be appointed to said Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that Philip C. Taglianetti, Sr., 31 Warwick Road, Edison, NJ 08820 be and he is hereby re-appointed as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, said term to expire December 31, 2023.

**RESOLUTION R.066-012020**

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Municipal Council to appoint 1<sup>ST</sup> Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council has selected Biral Patel to be appointed to said Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that Biral Patel, 11 Stanley Place, Edison, NJ 08817 be and he is hereby appointed as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, said term to expire December 31, 2020.

**RESOLUTION R.067-012020**

**WHEREAS**, The Edison Department of Health and Human Services (EDHHS) established the Edison Municipal Alliance (EMA) as a Township-based, grass-roots volunteer organization comprised of community leaders, private citizens and human service agency representatives, over twenty four years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of EMA is to promote and support alcohol, tobacco, other drug, and violence prevention, education programs and related activities, in order to encourage positive, healthy behavior among local youths and their families, as an alternative to deleterious and potentially dangerous conduct and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Investors Foundation has grant funds available, through its FY20 Community Grants Program for eligible programs, projects, activities and related costs of qualified organizations in the communities Investors Bank serves, for which it continues to solicit on-line requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, intends to apply for grant funding for a maximum request of \$8,500.00 from the Investors Foundation, as it will help to further strengthen its mission, focus and vision through effective programs, projects, events and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, no matching funds are required in order for the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, to apply for or receive grant funding from the Investors Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Department of Health and Human Services, through EMA, will utilize all grant funds awarded to it by the Investors Foundation as described in its application for said funds and in compliance with all applicable Investors Bank Foundation, Municipal, Middlesex County, New Jersey and United States requirements, guidelines, regulations and statutes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve and authorize the development and submission of said grant application, at a regularly-scheduled combined Work Session and Public Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

**RESOLUTION R.068-012020**

**EXPLANATION: This resolution provides for refund of Engineering Fees.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2019 a Engineering fee was paid, check #572, Engineering SIP permit #2019-026, was posted in the total amount of \$250.00 by the homeowner, Jason Fan, residing at 32 Walnut Street, NJ 08817.

and **WHEREAS**, the permit fees were paid for but then was discovered the resident did not need the permit.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends the refund of the Engineering fee, on Permit # 2019-026 in the amount of \$250.00 for the referenced application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the sum not to exceed \$250.00 on engineering permit fees posted by Jason Fan, be refunded to the resident;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$250.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to the owner, Jason Fan ,32 Walnut Street , Edison , NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.069-012020**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution releasing Performance Surety Bond NO. 106518210 for Conti Enterprises 2045 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08817; Application # P3-2017**

**WHEREAS**, Conti Enterprises 2045 Lincoln Highway, Edison , NJ 08817 , posted a **Performance Surety Bond NO. 106518210** posted on August 28,2017 of **The Travelers Casualty and Surety Company** in the amount of \$ **33,847.20** posted by Conti Enterprises , having offices at 2045 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08817, to

guarantee the installation of improvements for the project 2045 Lincoln Highway , Edison , NJ , 08817 which the applicant is not going forward .

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**, that the Township Clerk hereby authorized to return the Performance Surety Bond **NO. 106518210** in the amount of **\$ 33,847.20** of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company to Conti Enterprises 2045 Lincoln Highway, NJ 08817 and also the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company.

**RESOLUTION R.070-012020**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Edison Commerce Center located at Talmadge Road Rd Block: 22 and Lot(s): 5A,6A,11B-1,&12A-E, Application #**Z01-06/07**, and said inspection indicates all improvements are complete and in accordance with the Municipal Standards of the Township of Edison; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 6, 2016, **Wick Companies LLC. posted a Maintenance Bond Check # 5040 in the amount of \$ 39,906.72 on deposit in account # CP171207WI with the** Township of Edison, to guarantee the integrity of the site improvements with the Township of Edison. The maintenance period has elapsed with no defects developing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Maintenance Bond check # 5040 in the amount of **\$ 39, 906.72**, plus accrued interest, if applicable, principal being Wick Companies LLC. having offices at 100 Woodbridge Avenue , Woodbridge ,NJ 07095and acceptance of the subject improvements; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON** Director of Finance hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Maintenance Bond in the amount of **\$39,906.72**, plus accrued interest, if applicable, to the applicant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$ 39,906.72, plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account # **CP171207WI** to the applicant.

**RESOLUTION R.071-012020**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23(a), a Class III Member of the Planning Board must be appointed by the Governing Body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council must make such appointment to said Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that they do hereby ratify and confirm the appointment of Councilmember Joseph Coyle to serve as the Class III Council Representative Member of the Edison Township Planning Board for a term of one year ending December 31, 2020.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Diehl, Joshi, Gomez, Patil and Council President Ship-Freeman

NAYS - None

**ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Ship-Freeman opened the meeting for public comment.

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, announced on Saturday, the Board of Education is holding a special meeting with the new School Superintendent. On Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> there is a Greenway Meeting, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Clara Barton First Aid Squad the Fire Department will be doing a presentation.

Anthony Pasquale, Pine Street, regarding the Library Board there are still two factions on that board. He doesn't see it getting any better. Does the mayor watch these videos does the council have any input? He felt a councilmember needed to apologize regard accusations that were uncalled for.

Susan Campione, 8 Shilfa Court, she lives by the Dismal Swamp there is a coyote problem. There are dens living in dismal swamp it is dangerous. They are coming out during the day, they chase the deer. She has called the state. How often do we do traffic studies in our area.

Council President Ship-Freeman , she will look into it .

Rich Sweeney, 313Suttons Lane, Congratulated Ms. Ship-Freeman on her election and Presidency. He asked for a traffic study on Suttons. He commented that the census is coming up and where are they kids going with all the building that is going on. He asked about Esther Nemitz and the Wolke's since he hasn't seen them at meeting.

Resident from 151 Whitman Avenue she has been here before complaining about the new warehouse being build the dust, and noise.

Ms. Ruane, is aware of and the job has been shut down.

Mr. Diamond, regarding the salary increase ordinance, he said Woodbridge and New Brunswick is \$10,000.00. He felt you should have said it out loud when you were running you expected more money to do the job.

Elizabeth Conway, Netherwood Circle, the Board of Education has changed their meetings to Tuesday. She was very upset regarding her cable bill price increase for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please look into the road department she has experienced the spit and run for pot holes. Please put Netherwood Circle on your paving list.

Mr. Northgrave explained we cannot do anything about cable companies they are a monopoly. The franchise agreement doesn't give us any flexibility. You have to go to the Board of Public Utilities.

Council Vice President Joshi, would like us to look into a Municipal Broad Band.

Anthony DeMorin, 15 Rodak Circle, do not come to us with raising taxes we have enough with Amazon, Top golf He feels we should be adding council members due to our town is growing at a rapid rate. We don't have a boss everyday we need a full time mayor.

Elizabeth Talke, 15 Midwood Avenue expressed her traffic concerns at Vineyard Square Shopping Center there are only two small exits. Also parking at Metro Park Station they use Charles and Henry street.

Andrew Hibell, Taxes and Traffic, South Main Street in Bohamtown the road gets backed up to Metuchen and Woodbridge Avenue. He would like the town to look into a four way stop sign and sidewalk for Morris Avenue. He has called Public Service regarding street light out.

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

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Joshi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Joyce Ship-Freeman  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk