

**MINUTES OF  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING  
January 25, 2017**

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 7:08p.m. by Council President Lombardi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Patil, and Sendelsky

Councilmember Shah entered meeting at 7:35pm.

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

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA FROM MAYOR LANKEY:**

a. No comment was made

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

Councilmember Coyle reported Environmental Commission and Beautification issues he will be working together with Councilmember Gomez and Patil. Flower Show will be donating the flowers back to us for project with Earth Day Planting.

Councilmember Gomez, Finance Committee will be meeting in next three weeks.

**6. POINTS OF LIGHT:**

Council President Lombardi, Mayor Lankey State of the Township address will be on Thursday, February 23, 2017, Pines Manor at 7:00pm. He explained the additions/differences to the agenda from Monday to Wednesday, such as Resolution regarding Oak Tree and Woodland Light, Resolution authorizing the grant of \$13,519.10 from the Affordable Housing Program, Ordinance for a Feasibility Study regarding Amboy Avenue Parking Deck, and a Volunteer Firefighter.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mark Kataryniak, Township Engineer did a brief Presentation on the utility work in Clara Barton. The presentation outlined the 2017 Planned Utility Work being done on the street throughout Clara Barton section of town by Elizabethtown Gas and Middlesex Water. The project is anticipated for six months. When the work is completed both the utility companies will be sharing in the repaving of the streets which is schedule weather permitting Spring of 2017. A copy of the presentation will be available at the Clerk's office and on our website.

Council President Lombardi asked if we have to do a resolution for the companies to do paving.

Mr. Kataryniak, no my department will be working with them, they know their obligation.

Councilmember Sendelsky, hope we don't have to go through another winter.

Councilmember Sendelsky added a Point of Light our Recreation Department did a great job on Martin Luther King program, children received awards.

Council President Lombardi, for those of you who didn't attend the program is showing on Edison TV.

Councilmember Gomez thanked the Recreation Department.

**7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

a. through e. No comments were made.

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

a. through c. No comments were made.

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

a. through g. No comments were made.

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

a. through d. No comments were made.

**11. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:**

a. No comment was made

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

a. No comment was made.

**13. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

a. and b. No comments were made.

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

Councilmember Sendelsky report;

**Minutes of Edison Township Special Planning Board Meeting of 1/10/17**

The Planning Board had a quick re-organizational meeting re-appointing Sherri Ruggieri as Chairwoman, Dennis Pipala as Vice Chair, Lillian Triola as Secretary, Hank Bignell as Planner, and D & R Engineering as our Board Engineer.

The first case was some old business to make comments and recommendations to the Council on Block 333.6 Lots 4B1, 14A, 15 & 16 340 Meadow Road Study. A motion was made and seconded that based on the board site visits and the evidence presented for both sides that the planning board does **not find** that the property meets the criteria for an area in need of re-development. It passed unanimously with my abstention to vote at the council meeting.

The second case was #P5177 Hawkeye Development a minor Subdivision -1 Brook Avenue, Block 1011 Lot 12. This was a proposal to demolish an existing home and construct two new dwellings. Both new lots will be undersized where the RA zone calls for 20,000 sf lots the new lots. The new lots will each be 15,333 sf. Since the application was heard once before, the board had to determine if the doctrine of res judicata applied. The new project had 7 substantial changes such as: reducing the size of the footprint, reducing lot coverage, front yard setback was increased, the side yard setback for lot 12.02 had been increased, a new drainage connection was provided to pick up water that flows from the existing lot onto the adjacent neighbor's property, the applicant offered to purchase property from an adjacent property owner, and additional landscape buffering was provided with the new application. Our planner felt that res judicata did not apply and the board voted that res judicata did **not apply** and voted to re-hear the case. Bill Lund testified as both planner and as an engineer. He stated that the property met all of the criteria for an RA zone except that the new lot would be 15,333 sf. Mr. Lund presented the board with a tax map of the area indicating that there were some undersized lots in the neighborhood on Stephenville Parkway and Heron Road. He stated that one large house would be out of character with the neighborhood. The size of one house could be 7,000 sf in size. He stated that the two new homes would be beneficial in that it would upgrade the existing housing stock in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law. The applicant testified that the new homes would be priced at \$875,00. Mr. Lund testified that the applicant would comply with the Planner and Engineer's report. The application passed 6-1.

The final application heard was Case #P5178 Gulberg Builders a minor subdivision 121 Alfred Street Block 643.F Lot60-55.A. It was a proposal to demolish existing home and construct two new dwellings. Variances for lot area and lot width for one lot. The old house was 950 sf. The applicant proposed to build two new 2,000 sf homes which will comply with all setbacks and the floor area ratio. Each house will have a 2 car garage and will sell for \$500,000 each. The applicant will comply with Mr. Bignell and Mr. Curley's reports. There were four residents that testified in opposition to the plan. Parking was the main issue. The applicant stated that there would be four parking spaces per lot (two in the garage and two on the driveway). The application was unanimously approved conditioned on compliance with our planner and engineer's report as well as both front elevations being different and the old existing tree will not be removed. January 18 meeting was cancelled due to improper notice and was re-scheduled for Tuesday February 7, 2017 and the regular meeting will be on Wednesday February the 18, 2017.

**Respectfully Submitted- Councilman Len Sendelsky**

**15. COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. None

**16. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council President Lombardi:**

a. None

**Councilmember Coyle:**

a. None

**Councilmember Diehl:**

a. None

**Councilmember Gomez:**

a. None

**Councilmember Patil:**

a. He thanked Mr. Russomanno, Mayor Lankey and Maureen for the pot hole hot line.

**Councilmember Sendelsky:**

a. None

**Councilmember Shah:**

a. None

**17. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

Council President Lombardi, no additional remarks, all said in Points of Light.

**18. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA  
FROM MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY**

January 11, 2017

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

Dear Ms. Russomanno:

Please be advised that I hereby appoint John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Boulevard, Edison, New Jersey, to serve on the Environmental Commission for a term of three years. Mr. Poyner's term will expire on December 31, 2018

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/Thomas Lankey  
Mayor

cc: John Poyner

The above appointment was received on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez and duly carried.

**19. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS:**

Applications for membership were received by:

Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company  
Frank N. Conditto III

Raritan Engine Company #1  
Joshua T. Olexa  
Justin C. Tomaro

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

**20. NEW BUSINESS:  
PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017.**

The following Ordinances were introduced by title:

**O.1958-2017 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFORE ISSUANCE OF \$285,000. BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil 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 February 8, 2017.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, and Council President Lombardi

ABSENT: Councilmember Shah

NAYS – None

**O.1959-2017 BOND ORDINANCE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATING \$15,000,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$14,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky seconded by Councilmember Patil 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 February 8, 2017.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS – None

**O.1960-2017 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SURVEY, WETLANDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS (INCLUDING A PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT STUDY) A BUILDING HAZARD ANALYSIS AND GEOTECHNICAL SOIL BORINGS AT THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 50, LOTS 12 AND 13 (AKA NATIONAL ROAD PUMP STATION).**

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky 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 February 8, 2017.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS – None

**O.1961-2017 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000. FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING DECK ON AMBOY AVENUE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky 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 February 8, 2017.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.034-012017 through R.053-012017

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, Resolution R.042-012017 where is Brotherhood street in Edison. What is the purpose?

Mr. Kataryniak, Piscataway is doing a full reconstruction of this street and we have to pay for the portion that is in Edison.

Ms. Nemitz, Resolution R.043-012017 what part of Grandview and if we have the plans she would like to see them. Resolution R.046-012017 she is in support of this. Congrats to Bob Diehl.

Mr. Kataryniak, it is for Route 1 to Liberty we don't have plans yet, no necessary for the grant money.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Resolution R.043-012017, what are we rehabilitating and how much money.

Mr. Kataryniak, it is just the terminology.

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

Council President Lombardi requested that Resolution R.040-012017 be pulled for separate vote. He went on to read this Resolution in its entirety.

Council President Lombardi, we cannot be more proud of this Council and Mayor to recognize the people that perform these great duties, even though we cannot see them they are very important. We have a link on our website for charities and organization where you can offer your support and help.

Councilmember Gomez, he thanked all those who help, support and care for our Veterans. He also thanked the Administration and Council for putting forward this resolution.

Councilmember Shah, I hope this community gets more involved, we still need to do more.

Councilmember Sendelsky echoed everything that has been said. He endorses this resolution these men and women have sacrificed their lives to help our veterans.

Councilmember Diehl echoed sentiments, thanked Mayor and Administration this is a proud moment to be involved. These are people who are not recognized they keep helping and caring. This is a wonderful thing for us to be a part of.

Councilmember Coyle echoed the same. He took care of both of his parents, adjusting life and work. Thank all the veterans, they are unsung heroes.

Councilmember Patil thanked everyone who takes care of our veterans.

The following Resolutions R.034-012017 through R.039-012017 and R.041-012017 through R.053-102017 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Gomez and seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky.

**RESOLUTION R.034-012017**

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 20, 2017.

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through January 20, 2017.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$18,634,238.74
Affordable Housing	1,748,412.68
Capital	1,278,775.35
Cash Performance	0.00
CDBG	10,836.35
Developers Escrow	30,156.09
Dog (Animal Control)	66,538.54
Federal Forfeited	639.92
Grant Funds	3,177.43
Law Enforcement	0.00

Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	590,169.25
Sanitation Fund	647,695.69
Sewer Utility	897,159.98
Tax Sale Redemption	676,774.78
Tree Fund	550.00
Tree Planting	0.00
Trust	1,596,979.91
Water Operating Fund	90,693.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,272,798.22</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.035-012017**

**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 **\$523,539.56**.

**RESOLUTION R.036-012017**

**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 **\$77,438.71**.

**RESOLUTION R.037-012017**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO CRANBURY CUSTOM LETTERING INCORPORATED FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE LETTERING, DECALS AND WINDOW TINTING**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the Township of Edison on November 15, 2016 for Public Bid No. 16-02-24-Emergency Vehicle Lettering, Decals and Window Tinting for the Divisions of Police and Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, CRANBURY CUSTOM LETTERING INC., 566 Route 33 West, Mercerville, NJ 08619, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$20,000.00 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 and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

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

1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid submitted by CRANBURY CUSTOM LETTERING INC., 566 Route 33 West, Mercerville, NJ 08619 for Emergency Vehicle Lettering, Decals and Window Tinting for the Divisions of Police and Fire is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, and any other necessary documents, with CRANBURY CUSTOM LETTERING INC. as described herein.

**RESOLUTION R.038-012017**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO FEDERAL ELEVATOR INC. FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the Township of Edison on November 30, 2016 for Public Bid No. 16-12-07 ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; and

**WHEREAS**, FEDERAL ELEVATOR INC., 1106B Industrial Parkway, Brick, NJ 08724, 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 year at the sole discretion of the Township 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

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$45,000.00, 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 FEDERAL ELEVATOR INC., 1106B Industrial Parkway, Brick, NJ 08724 for Elevator Maintenance and Repair 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 \$45,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year and any other necessary documents, with FEDERAL ELEVATOR, INC., as described herein.

**RESOLUTION R.039-012017**

**Explanation:** Approval and execution of this Municipal Resolution officially authorizes the development and submission of a detailed, on-line grant application to the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER Program for a maximum

of \$2,000,000.00 in grant funds to support the salaries and benefits required to hire twelve (12), new, full-time, paid, career firefighters for the Edison Division of Fire, in accordance with all applicable program guidelines, regulations and statutes.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides an opportunity to U.S. Municipalities, Territories and Protectorates to apply for grant funding under the FY 2016 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Hiring Program; and

**WHEREAS**, USDHS FEMA SAFER provides grant funds to assist local Fire Fighter Companies to recruit, train, certify and retain Career Fire Fighters, under the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER Hiring Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison Department of Public Safety Division of Fire will submit an on-line grant application for a maximum of \$2,000,000.00 in grant funds to the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Division of Fire intends to hire twelve (12) new, Full-Time, Paid, Career Fire Fighters with the assistance of a grant to be provided by the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER program requires a local cash cost share for its three-year Period of Performance, 25%, 25% and 65% respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the specific guidelines and regulations of the FY 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER grant program are not retroactive to prior funding years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, does hereby authorize the development and submission of said 2016 USDHS FEMA SAFER grant application, at a regularly-scheduled, public meeting, convened on January 25, 2017.

**What Is The Purpose Of The 2009 USDHS FEMA SAFER Program?**

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants are managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program Office. SAFER Grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments to increase their cadre of frontline firefighters or to rehire firefighters that have been laid off. The goal is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities so they may respond to emergencies whenever they occur, assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

**RESOLUTION R.041-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution rescinding Resolution R.873-122016 and providing the Municipal Council's advice and consent to the appointment by the Mayor of JoAnn Jimenez as Township Tax Assessor for a partial term beginning January 9, 2017 until June 30, 2017, and a four (4) year term beginning July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison (the "Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, and seeks to hire a Tax Assessor to fill the partial term the Township Tax Assessor, effective January 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017, and filling the four (4) year term effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor shall, among other duties, establish values for all real property within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of the Township ("Municipal Council") has reviewed the qualifications of JoAnn Jimenez ("Ms. Jimenez") to serve as Tax Assessor, including her education, training, experience and various licenses and certifications, and found her both highly experienced and suitable to fill the available position; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council desires to rescind R.873-122016 in its entirety upon advice of the New Jersey Division of Taxation that Ms. Jimenez's partial term as Township Tax Assessor is effective from January 9, 2017 until June 30, 2017, and Ms. Jimenez's four (4) year term as Township Tax Assessor shall be effective July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor desires to appoint Ms. Jimenez as Tax Assessor, for the reasons set forth herein, to the partial term of January 9, 2017 until June 30, 2017, and the four (4) year term of July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2021, term pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148*, at a salary of \$112,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council seeks to provide its advice and consent to the aforesaid appointment, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43(b)*; and



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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby rescinds R.873-122016 in its entirety.
3. The Municipal Council hereby provides its advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Jimenez to serve as Township Tax Assessor for a partial term beginning January 9, 2017 until June 30, 2017, and a four (4) year term beginning July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2021, at a salary of \$112,500.00.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.042-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution authorizing the entering of a Shared Services Agreement with Piscataway Township for legal services regarding the condemnation of certain parcels of land and/or obtaining temporary construction, permanent roadway and/or permanent drainage easements of certain parcels of land situated on Brotherhood Street in both the Township of Edison and Piscataway Township.

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

**WHEREAS**, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, the Township has the capacity to and seeks to receive from Piscataway Township ("Piscataway") (together with the Township, the "Parties"), legal services with regard to the acquisition of certain parcels of land and/or obtaining temporary construction, permanent roadway and/or permanent drainage easements and, if necessary, fee simple interests in properties designated on the Piscataway tax maps as Block 8705, Lot 23; Block 8705, Lot 22.01; Block 20-A, Lot 6; Block 20-B; Lot 1-A; Block 20-B, Lot 1-B; and Block 8802, Lot 4, that are situated on Brotherhood Street in both the Township and Piscataway, for the purpose of promoting efficiency in government and reducing each Party's respective expense for such services; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance, the Parties desire to enter a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement," in the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*) pursuant to the Shared Services Act to establish the terms of Piscataway's provision of legal services to the Township for a term beginning January 25, 2017 and ending January 25, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal council of the Township (the "Municipal Council") further authorizes James F. Clarkin III, Esq., counsel for Piscataway, to negotiate the purchase of and, if necessary, fee simple interests, temporary construction, permanent roadway and/or permanent drainage easements of properties on the Piscataway tax maps as, designated as Block 8705, Lot 23; Block 8705, Lot 22.01; Block 20-A, Lot 6; Block 20-B; Lot 1-A; Block 20-B, Lot 1-B; and Block 8802, Lot 4, that are situated on Brotherhood Street in both the Township and Piscataway, to be paid by the Township on either a full or pro-rata basis, as more fully described in the Memorandum of James F. Clarkin III, Esq., dated August 8, 2016 and attached to the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides for and shall be subject to cancellation by either Party upon thirty (30) days' written notice; and

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

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

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

**RESOLUTION R.043-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** Resolution approving the submission of a 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid Grant application and execution of a grant agreement for the Grandview Avenue Rehabilitation project.

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Edison wishes to apply for and obtain funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid grant program for the completion of the Grandview Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Edison do hereby authorize the submission of such a grant application, for the said project, titled *MA-2017-Grandview Avenue Rehabilitation-00283*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon the receipt of a grant award the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION R.044-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** Resolution approving the submission of a 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid grant application and execution of a grant agreement for the Talmadge Road Phase III project.

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Edison wishes to apply for and obtain funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Municipal Aid grant program for the completion of the Talmadge Road Phase III Project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Edison do hereby authorize the submission of such a grant application, for the said project, titled *MA-2017-Talmadge Road Phase III-00273*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon the receipt of a grant award the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION R.045-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** Resolution approving the submission of a 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation – Safe Streets to Transit grant application and execution of a grant agreement for the Edison Station Pedestrian Improvements project.

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Edison wishes to apply for and obtain funding through the New Jersey Department of Transportation – Safe Streets to Transit grant program for the completion of the Edison Station Pedestrian Improvements project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township Council of the Township of Edison do hereby authorize the submission of such a grant application, for the said project, titled *SST-2017-Edison Station Pedestrian Improveme-00017*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon the receipt of a grant award the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION R.046-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution of Support from the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, authorizing the Sustainable Jersey™ Grant, funded by PSE&G, to develop and submit an application to the 2017 PSE&G Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program, for funding not to exceed \$20,000.00. The focus of this grant application is to obtain fiscal support for the green/sustainable ETEC Dudash Park Middlesex Greenway Access Enhancement Project.

**WHEREAS**, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison is a certified, Bronze Level participant of the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues and therefore created a public initiative titled: the 2017 PSE&G Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, no matching funds are required of the Township of Edison in order to participate in the 2017 PSE&G Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison has determined that the Township of Edison should develop and submit a viable application to the 2017 PSE&G Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program, in order to support local green/sustainable initiatives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, State of New Jersey, authorizes the development and submission of an application to the 2017 Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program, funded by PSE&G, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, at a regularly-scheduled, public meeting, on January 25, 2017.

**Sustainable Jersey**

The Sustainable Jersey Program is the product of a coalition of public and private organizations and agencies, throughout New Jersey, working together to identify the actions municipalities need to pursue in order to become green and sustainable, develop the guidance resources that will be needed in order to initiate such efforts, as well as to assist them to progress and build upon their successes. The Small Grants Program is one of many resources provided to municipalities through Sustainable Jersey.

**RESOLUTION R.047-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** This resolution provides for Senior Resident refund of the construction permit fee, less the DCA fee, posted for a residential construction permit.

**WHEREAS**, on April 20,2016, two Construction Permit fees, permit #2016-1390 & 2016-1389, were posted in the total amount of \$398.00 by the Homeowner, Taeyong Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, the applications were submitted for a Finished Basement & Furnance/ Hot water heater at 116 Westgate Drive, Edison, NJ 08820, by the homeowner,who did not make known to the Construction Code Enforcement Division that Taeyong Lee, is a bonafide Edison Senior Resident who is eligible for Senior Citizen waiver of municipal fees on construction permits, per the Edison Municipal Code, chapter 2-128.3; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate documents have been submitted to the Township indicating that the work was done for a bonafide senior resident it is therefore appropriate that the municipal permit fee in the amount of \$3955.00, derived from the \$398.00 total construction permit fee less the \$3.00 DCA fee, be refunded to the homeowner, Taeyong Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends the refund of the municipal permit fees, on Construction Permit #2016-1389 & 2016-1390, in the amount of \$395.00 for the referenced application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the sum not to exceed \$395.00 on construction permit fees posted by the homeowner Taeyong Lee be refunded ;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$395.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to the Homeowner Taeyong Lee at 116 Westgate Drive Edison, NJ 08820.

**RESOLUTION R.048-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** This resolution provides for Township Acceptance of the constructed improvements under Public Bid No. 15-31-02: 2015 Road Resurfacing Program – Various Streets – Phase II; authorizes a Corrective Change Order No. 1 for Final As-Built Quantities; and authorizes FINAL CONTRACT PAYMENT for release of retainage and close-out of the construction project.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison advertised for a construction contract for the 2015 Road Resurfacing Program – Various Streets – Phase II, Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey under Public Bid No. 15-31-02; and

**WHEREAS**, Lucas Brothers, Inc., 80 Amboy Road, Morganville, NJ 07751 was awarded a construction contract through resolution R.659-092015 in a contract amount not to exceed \$3,268,834.61 for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, upon tabulation and review of as-built construction quantities and necessary field changes during construction, it has been determined by the Township Engineer that there is a net reduction of \$355,475.02 in the final construction costs resulting in a revised and final total construction contract amount of \$2,913,359.59, as detailed in the attached Change Order No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed the project and certifies the construction work has been completed, and therefore recommends project acceptance, release of the performance bond following receipt of a two-year maintenance bond; and that final payment, including retainage, be made to Lucas Brothers Inc., in an amount of \$86,785.09 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$2,913,359.59.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the project under Public Bid No. 15-31-02: 2015 Road Resurfacing Program – Various Streets – Phase II, is deemed accepted by the Township of Edison, and that the performance bond shall be released upon receipt of a fully executed Maintenance Bond, and that final payment, including retainage, shall be made to Lucas Brothers, Inc., in an amount of \$86,785.09 for a total construction contract as-built cost of \$2,913,359.59, and that the remaining contract balance of \$355,475.02 be deducted from the contract, be unencumbered after final payment is made, and said unexpended contract amount shall be restored to the appropriate Township account.

**RESOLUTION R.049-012017**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL INC. FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR SEWER PUMP STATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the Township of Edison on January 4, 2017 for Public Bid No. 16-12-12 ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR SEWER PUMP STATIONS; and

**WHEREAS**, LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL INC., 1 Harry Shupe Blvd., Wharton, NJ 07885 submitted the sole, legally responsible, responsive bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial contract shall be for one year from execution of the contract with the option to renew for the second year at the sole discretion of the Township 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

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$30,000.00, 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. The sole bid submitted has been reviewed, and that bid submitted by LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL INC., 1 Harry Shupe Blvd., Wharton, NJ 07885 for electrical services for sewer pump stations is the sole, legally responsible, responsive bid.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year and any other necessary documents, with LONGO ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL INC. as described herein.

**RESOLUTION R.050-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution authorizing and approving the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption License held by Edison Land Investment to Zin Edison, LLC with respect to business premises to be located at Edison Town Square, Route 1 in Edison.

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed with the Township of Edison (“Township”) for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License, No. 1205-33-030-005 (“License”), issued to Edison Land Investment. (“Seller”) to Zin Edison, LLC (“Applicant”) to be used at Applicant’s new business location at Edison Town Square, 1003 Route 1, Edison; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant’s submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the License has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 13 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the License and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

**WHEREAS**, public notice of this transfer has been published in the Home News Tribune, a New Jersey publication, in accordance with law; and

**WHEREAS**, no legally valid objections have been received nor made as to why this transfer should not be granted to the Applicant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby approves the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of the License to the Applicant as to business premises now to be located at Edison Town Square, 1003 Route 1, effective January 25, 2017.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the Applicant’s current license certificate as follows: “This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Zin Edison, LLC at business premise \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ located \_\_\_\_\_ at Edison Town Square, 1003 Route 1, Edison, New Jersey.”
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

(New License No. 1205-33-030-006)

**RESOLUTION R.051-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** This Resolution fulfills the Township Council’s responsibility as to the establishment of the Dismal Swamp Commission by offering it advice and consent to the re- appointing of Robert Diehl to the Dismal Swamp Commission.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it accordance with Dismal Swamp Preservation Act, P.L. 2009, c 132 as codified at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-88.1 et seq. (the “Act”); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Council hereby appoints Robert Diehl, a Democrat as a Member to the Dismal Swamp Commission per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-88.4(a) (1) for a five (5) year term effective as of the date the Dismal Swamp Commission first meets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon adoption of said Resolution, the Township Clerk, is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of said Resolution to (i) Metuchen Borough clerk; (ii) South Plainfield Borough clerk; (iii) John Pulomena, Middlesex County Administrator, for distribution of all Middlesex County Freeholders, and to (iv) Senator Patrick J. Diegnan.

**RESOLUTION R.052-012017**

**EXPLANATION:**A resolution approving the Township’s portion of the payment to the County of Middlesex as set forth in the Final Engineer’s Estimate, as well as the plans and specifications, regarding the Oak Tree Road and Woodland Avenue project.

**WHEREAS**, the municipal council of the Township of Edison (the “**Municipal Council**”) found it in the best interest of public safety to authorize the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Oak Tree Road and Woodland Avenue the (“**Project**”); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about May 23, 2008, the Township of Edison (the “**Township**”) entered into an agreement with the County of Middlesex (the “**County**”) and the Borough of South Plainfield (the “**Borough**”) regarding the Project (the “**Agreement**,” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Agreement, the Township is in receipt of the County’s final engineer’s estimate (the “**Final Engineer’s Estimate**”), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, of which the Township’s portion of costs for the Project is \$230,336.95;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council hereby desires to approve and authorize the \$230,336.95 payment of the Township’s portion of the Project to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township’s Engineer has reviewed the plans and specifications regarding the Project and approves of same; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with and predicated upon the Township Engineer’s review of the plan and specifications regarding the Project, the Municipal Council desires to provide its approval of the Project.

**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.
2. The Municipal Council hereby approves and authorizes the payment of the Township’s share of costs for the Project to the County in an amount of \$230,336.95.
3. The Municipal Council, with the advice of the Township Engineer, hereby provides its approval of the plans and specifications regarding the Project.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.053-012017**

**EXPLANATION:** A Resolution authorizing the grant of \$13,519.10 from the Township’s Affordable Housing Emergency Repairs Program to New Jersey Institute for Disabilities for replacement of two client lift systems (bedroom and bathroom).

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution the Township Council approved, authorized and established an Emergency Repairs Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.8(a), to assist eligible owner or rental property, sponsors of permanent supportive housing, shared living arrangements (group homes) and certain public housing units in the Township of Edison, to make eligible repairs/replacements to systems or items, that if neglected, pose threats to the health and/or safety of the current of prospective tenants, and committed \$500,000 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 Emergency Repairs Program in accordance with COAH’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 repairs under the Program; and

**WHEREAS**, an application to participate in the Program was submitted by New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, was reviewed and deemed complete and in compliance with the Program requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to award a grant to New Jersey Institute for Disabilities for two client lift systems at the Oak Drive Group Home in the amount of \$13,519.10 the purposes set forth herein under the Township’s Emergency Repair Program and to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Township and two client lift systems, 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 grant in the amount of \$13,519.10 from the Township’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund with respect to the Township’s Emergency Repairs Program, to New Jersey Institute for Disabilities for the Oak Drive Group Home, for the purposes set forth herein and authorizes the execution of an Agreement with New Jersey Institute for Disabilities, 10 Oak Drive, 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.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS - None

The following Resolution will be voted upon separately:

**RESOLUTION R.040-012017**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT of TOWNSHIP OF EDISON ’S MILITARY AND VETERAN CAREGIVERS**

**WHEREAS**, the series of wars in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 Rand study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily tasks of these military and veterans caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, and caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

**WHEREAS**, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and

**WHEREAS**, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community; now, therefore,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Township of Edison become a Hidden Heroes City in support of military and veteran caregivers.
2. That the Township of Edison seek to identify military and veteran caregivers residing in our city.
3. That the Township of Edison work to ensure that our government, organizations, employers and non-profits are aware of the unique challenges of military and veteran caregivers and are encouraged to create supportive environments and opportunities for assistance.
4. That the Township of Edison plan an observance each May, during Military Appreciation Month, to honor and recognize the city’s military and veteran caregivers in partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation’s national Hidden Heroes campaign.
5. That the Township of Edison encourages all who care for and support veterans and service members to extend that support to their caregivers.
6. That the Township of Edison designates a point of contact for our city, from the public or private sector, for citizens and organizations wanting to offer support, and caregivers who need that support.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Shah to adopt this Resolution.

AYES - Councilmembers Coyle, Diehl, Gomez, Patil, Sendelsky, Shah and Council President Lombardi

NAYS - None

**ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Lombardi opened the meeting for public comment.

Frank Heelan, 55 Harmon Road, he is also a Board of Education member. Happy Chinese New Year, it is year of the Rooster. He reported on the statistics of our ranking of education in the state. Dr. O'Malley has done great things with our criteria. Our enrollment is up 550 students. We are the 4<sup>th</sup> highest school in the state. We just opened our new James Monroe School, which cost came in under 20 million and continue expanding other schools. We really are in need of two more High Schools. Our state aid is very low. On February 2<sup>nd</sup> there is a hearing scheduled with eight senators at Middlesex County College at 11:00am, I encourage everyone to speak on behalf of Edison. We have to change the system with the state.

Council President Lombardi, we did pass a Resolution in Support.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, under new business O.1958-2017, the amount being borrowed.

Mr. Northgrave explained the publication notice didn't have the 20 day Estoppel period, so we have to redo, the total cost is \$300,000.

Mr. Wolke, asked who is charge of sewer utility.

Ms. Ruane, it falls under Department of Public Works.

Walt Shneer, 108 Park Way, asked if anybody came to township for signing up for a new gas company.

Council President Lombardi, we spoke at the last council meeting, this is an alternative energy company soliciting homes.

Bill Brunner, 215 Loring Avenue, when will we receive the 2017 Calendar.

Mr. Russomanno, it went to printer today, it is available on our website.

John Poyner, 40 Roosevelt Blvd., said he is looking forward to being a active member on the Environmental Commission. Clara Barton is planning their 2<sup>nd</sup> Yard Sale for April 22,2017 the week before clean ups. He asked if when they start re-paving side roads will there be changes to walkways on Amboy Avenue.

Mr. Kataryniak, the county will be resurfacing Amboy Avenue, side streets will be paid for by Middlesex Water Company and Elizabethtown Gas. There will be no changes will be made on Amboy Avenue.

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

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Gomez seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Michael R. Lombardi  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno,RMC  
Municipal Clerk