

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

**APRIL 10, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Council President Gomez followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Patil entered meeting at 7:08pm.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Township Engineer O’Krepky, Acting Recreation Director Fircha, Health Director Elliott, Public Works Director Russomanno, Police , 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, and the Sentinel on December 1, 2018 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Council President Gomez, remind everyone Edison Baseball Opening day at the Jets field at 12noon on Saturday. The next continued Public Hearing for the Water and Sewer will be on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in Council Chambers for everyone to continue to ask questions and get more information.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA  
MAYOR THOMAS LANKEY**

April 1, 2019

Cheryl Russomanno, Clerk  
Edison Township  
100 Municipal Boulevard  
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Re: Appointments to Fair Rental Housing Board

Dear Ms. Russomanno,

Please inform the Council that I have made the following re-appointments to the Fair Rental Housing Board. For 3 year terms:

Esther Nemitz with a term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

Stacey Palmer with a term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

Please put on the next council agenda. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Thomas Lankey  
Mayor

cc: Esther Nemitz  
Stacey Palmer

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

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

The following Ordinance, which was introduced by Title on March 27, 2019 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, was read by the Township Clerk:

**O. 2041-2019**                      **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEDICATION OF A CERTAIN, TEN (10) FOOT FORMER EASEMENT AREA ALONG EAST SIDE AVENUE, SPECIFICALLY, ALONG PORTIONS OF THOSE PARCELS COMMONLY KNOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 182.A, LOTS 4.A, 5 AND 6 (AKA 19-23 EAST SIDE AVENUE), FROM J.I.M. ENTERPRISES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, IN FURTHERANCE OF A PROJECT SUBJECT TO THE 720 ROUTE 1 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

(The above Ordinance O.2041 -2019 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #27)

Council President Gomez declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2041 -2019

None

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

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

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

NAYS - None

The following Ordinance, which was introduced by Title on March 27, 2019 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, was read by the Township Clerk:

**O.2042-2019**                      **ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RG-EDISON URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, CONCERNING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 124, LOTS 2.E6 AND 20.02 (IN THE VICINITY OF THE ROUTE 27 AND AT THE INTERSECTION OF VINEYARD ROAD).**

(The above Ordinance O.2042 -2019 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #27)

Council President Gomez declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2042 -2019.

None

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

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil, the Ordinance was adopted.

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

NAYS - None

**NEW BUSINESS:  
PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24,  
2019.**

**O.2043-2019                      ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS  
AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE LEASE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND EDISON  
WETLANDS ASSOCIATION, INC. ALLOWING FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION’S USE OF THE LEASED PROPERTY.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi 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 April 24, 2019.

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

NAYS – None

Council Vice President Patil made a motion on Monday to add a “ Resolution authorizing the Placement of a non-binding referendum on the November 5, 2019 General Election Ballot to ascertain whether the Township of Edison Voters desire to enter into an agreement with Edison Environmental Partners for Sewer and Water Services” to the Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Coyle.

Council President Gomez asked for Council Comments on the Resolution.

Councilmember Diehl wants to be very clear he is not opposed to putting this on the ballot. I am not necessary against ballot questions. He is undecided on the Suez Water Contract. We have gotten a lot of information and continue to learn more every day. He is not opposed what he is opposed to is what happened Monday Night. What happened seemed as much about the sewer contract as it did politics. Politics shouldn’t enter into this at all. Since this was brought to our attention we as a council all agreed to have public hearing if not satisfied this council agreed to continue Public Hearings that’s the direction we saw. The process Monday night was wrong. He will not be rushed or bullied into a vote that in twenty years this has never happened. Politics shouldn’t enter into this matter. This may be one of the biggest things this council ever had before us. He will be voting no.

Councilmember Lombardi said he whole heartily agrees with Councilmember Diehl in my seven and half years I am on this council we have never been presented with a resolution to vote on without us seeing it first. Again, just like Councilmember Diehl he is undecided on the Suez matter. He took exception to Councilmember Coyle’s statement that he knows how we are going to vote on this and we are not doing our due diligence he owes me, Councilmember Sendelsky and Council President Gomez an apology. There is a reason things go through a process here. This resolution should have been presented to our legal counsel to review the reason why if you look at the resolution that was presented to us the second paragraph says discussions with the Borough of Flemington it appears this wasn’t even reviewed by the two Councilmembers. He will not be voting to add this resolution to tonight agenda.

Councilmember Sendelsky said he concur with my council colleagues. Councilmember Diehl, no one could say more eloquently. This resolution is flawed both Councilmembers Coyle and Patil are willing to vote on. Whoever did this resolution did a poor job cutting and pasting. No one speaks for me I resent councilmember Coyle’s statement the other night that we did not read the information. I have spent many hours asking questions to all the professionals. Councilmembers Coyle and Patil are making this political this is a decision that effect people lives. He is not afraid to make a tough decision. He said he is looking forward to the continued meetings and doing his due diligence studying all the facts. He will be voting against this resolution tonight.

Councilmember Joshi, I appreciate the vast public input thus far. Keep in mind we haven’t voted to introduce this contract to the council. Each of us along with Administration we want multiple meeting that is exactly what we have done. I have paid close attention to the questions from concerned residents. One of the most common questions, challenge and questions is forty years. I also recognize the complexity and magnitude, understand I will be seventy years old when this contact is finished. I am taking this very seriously and will not be rushed into any vote. He encourages council colleagues to meet and ask questions privately than to ask in a public forum that to him is grand standing. We were elected to be leaders to make tough decisions and service Edison through public policy not to grand stand in a public forum.

Council Vice President Patil, yes it is politics he asked back in January for a committee to be formed, this is an eight hundred plus million dollar deal. This administration had two years holding onto this he feels this is a lack of transparency. He made a statement he felt the taping of the meeting at the college was edited. He explained why he introduced a non- binding resolution because our counselor had said this body

doesn't have the authority to do a binding referendum. He would prefer to have hundred thousand plus residents vote rather than seven members. This is not about the politics it's about our residents. He feels the administration wasn't open and honest. This is about safety and health of residents. They should have done more open dialogue to get the message out to residents to come to public hearings. This is a perfect opportunity for the residents' to take it into their hands. He feels if this council really cares they should have a binding referendum, if attorney agrees.

Councilmember Coyle, first he wants to respect everything that comes from Councilmember Diehl opinion and do appreciate everything he has to say. His position is the tone where this has been going, how fast everything was taken place. Although council colleagues believe I owe them an apology it has been the history three councilmember have sided with the mayor in most cases it my opinion. I still feel they are going to vote for this. I have come out from the beginning this is a forty year deal. He is about feeding the families of Edison that's what is important to him. I know what it is like to struggle it's been my entire life. He feels he has done his homework. We are on the hook for everything in this contract. He doesn't think Edison should be in the leasing business for forty years. He believes there is an opportunity to look at alternative measures.

Council President Gomez asked Ms. Ruane for clarification on the comment Councilmember Patel made regarding the video tape of the Public Meeting at the college.

Ms. Ruane checked with Mike D'Amato regarding the March 28<sup>th</sup> video the only editing was the eight to nine minute break.

Council President Gomez explained we have not been limited to any information. This is a process we agreed to allow the public sessions to take place with the questions to provide answers as many as needed. He explained by law we need to have Public Hearing before its introduced to the Council, that is why the meeting is not be closed, it's Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Vice President Patil asked why aren't we publishing the information ahead of time for people to plan their schedule.

Councilmember Sendelsky asked Ms. Ruane if the next week will have some of the financial questions he asked about.

Ms. Ruane replied yes.

Mr. Northgrave explained this is a vote solely to add this resolution to the agenda. The Roll Call being taken is to whether to add.

AYES – Councilmembers Coyle and Patil

NAYS – Councilmembers Diehl, Joshi, Lombardi, Sendelsky and Council President Gomez.

MOTION FAILED

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Gomez opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.179-042019 through R.195-042019.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, regarding R.183-042019 she thanked you for this resolution on the agenda tonight we are trying to reorganize. We have a project on Amboy Avenue we want to apply for a grant. Very happy moving forward to apply for this grant it's a no cost grant.

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

The following Resolutions R.179-042019 through R.195-042019 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Patil.

**RESOLUTION R.179-042019**

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING April 4, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through April 4, 2019..

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Current	\$13,175,661.29
Affordable Housing	0.00
Capital	72,871.21
Cash Performance	14,599.05
CDBG	0.00
Developers Escrow	24,480.00
Dog (Animal Control)	23,535.04
Federal Forfeited	0.00
Grant Funds	2,526.56
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	521,919.64
Sanitation Fund	110,986.01
Self Insurance	0.00
Sewer Utility	169,292.23
Tax Sale Redemption	139,871.93
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	1,365.00
Trust	171,542.10
Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,428,650.06</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.180-042019**

**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 **\$138,543.78**.

**RESOLUTION R.181-042019**

**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 **\$9,367.94.**

**RESOLUTION R.182-042019**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Local budget Law and the Optional Municipal Charter Act of 1950 provide for the adoption of municipal budget by April 30, 2019 unless said budget calendar is extended according to law; and

**WHEREAS,** the date of this Resolution is prior to the adoption of the 2019 Calendar Year Budget,

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

<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Salary	78,644.55
BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses	7,178.75
PURCHASING Salary	26,000.00
PURCHASING Other Expenses	7,682.75
PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses	5,195.33
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary	24,826.25
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses	4,616.67
PERSONNEL/HR Salary	30,581.93
PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses	7,054.17
MAYOR Salary	6,638.48
MAYOR Other Expenses	200.00
COUNCIL Salary	10,807.72
COUNCIL Other Expenses	615.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary	29,388.28
MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses	10,675.00
ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses	833.33
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary	1,000.00
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	10,437.50
DISBURSEMENTS Salary	43,500.00
DISBURSEMENTS Other Expenses	400.33
PAYROLL Salary	7,496.78
PAYROLL Other Expenses	181.00

AUDIT SERVICES	6,007.33
DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses	
TAX COLLECTION Salary	31,608.16
TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses	2,514.17
TAX ASSESSMENT Salary	48,765.68
TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses	13,916.67
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary	1,000.00
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	61,666.67
ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary	39,283.85
ENGINEERING SERVICES Other Expenses	23,890.08
PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses	1,933.33
ENVIRONMENTAL COMM Other Expenses	108.33
ZONING BOARD Other Expenses	2,183.33
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT Salary	5,662.69
PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses	8,500.00
CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary	82,638.47
CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses	27,775.00
RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary	3,042.50
RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses	116.67
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	1,934,281.08
EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGES(WAIVERS)	54,803.50
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE	16,666.67
INSURANCE & SURETY Expense	286,952.45
LOSAP-Other Expenses	8,333.33
POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary	2,637,503.90
POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	76,954.17
DISPATCH 911 Salary	220,918.53
DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses	83,458.33
OFFICE OF EMRGNCY MGMT Other Expenses	1,250.00
AID TO VOL FIRE	9,166.67
AID TO VOL FIRST AID	8,750.00
FIRE FIGHTING Salary	2,678,629.15
FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses	76,737.50
FIRE PREVENTION Salary	37,851.74
FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses	8,458.33
FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES	128,953.33
STREETS & ROADS Salary	36,000.00
STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	27,066.67

SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary	4,500.00
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses	5,125.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary	94,163.54
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses	19,333.33
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary	107,910.41
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses	7,991.67
POLICE VEHICLES Salary	26,017.21
POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses	29,237.50
CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS	13,333.33
HEALTH Salary	160,572.81
HEALTH Other Expenses	11,825.00
SENIOR CITIZEN Salary	64,031.74
SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses	3,312.50
RECREATION Salary	206,443.42
RECREATION Other Expenses	47,879.50
PARKS & TREES Salary	113,148.41
PARKS & TREES Other Expenses	16,483.33
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Salary	213,869.92
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Other Expenses	327,093.75
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENSES	5,083.33
PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEAT,LIGHT,POWER	78,822.42
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	91,666.67
PUBLIC BUILDINGS TELEPHONE	20,833.33
FUEL & LUBRICANTS Other Expenses	67,987.08
CONTINGENT Expense	4,166.67
O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) Expense	220,527.71
Defined Contribution Retirement Program Expenses	6,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT Salary	98,295.93
MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses	4,422.50
PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary	2,916.67
PUBLIC DEFENDER Other Expenses	166.67
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	<u><u>11,080,463.45</u></u>

**SEWER UTILITY FUND****AMOUNT**

SEWER Salary	103,978.92
SEWER Other Expenses	391,508.33
SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges	833,333.33
SEWER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	

SEWER Social Security (OASI)	26,000.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND	1,354,820.58

<b>SANITATION FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
SANITATION Salary	212,500.00
SANITATION Other Expenses	223,062.36
SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	398,140.67
SANITATION Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	
SANITATION Social Security (OASI)	56,666.67
SANITATION Disposal Fees	
TOTAL SANITATION FUND	890,369.70

**RESOLUTION R.183-042019**

**Explanation: A Municipal Resolution Supporting the Official Continuation of the Township of Edison Sustainable Jersey Green Team**

**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 as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township hereby acknowledges that the residents of Edison desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wished to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

**WHEREAS**, by endorsing a sustainable path the Township is pledged to educate itself and community members as to green/sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

**WHEREAS**, to focus attention and effort within Edison on matters of sustainability, the Township wished to pursue local initiatives and actions that will led to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification, as well as to the subsequent and continuing investigation, development and implementation of green and sustainable initiatives, activities, projects and achievements, for the environmental and economic benefit of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edison Sustainable Jersey Green Team has played a dynamic role in such green/sustainable activities as the continuing development, marketing and presentation of the Annual ESJGT/ECC/ETEC Edison Earth Day Celebration, as well as many other green/sustainable efforts, initiatives and partnerships (e.g.: ESJGT PSET JPSHS SJSJP Life Learning Greenhouse); and

**WHEREAS**, in an attempt to develop and maintain a dynamic focus upon local Green and Sustainable issues, the Township of Edison established a Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee, as required for by Sustainable Jersey regulations for the Township of Edison to apply for and achieve Sustainable Jersey Certification; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, having previously established the Township of Edison Sustainable Jersey Green Team Advisory Committee of twelve (12) members, consisting of residents and employees of the Township of Edison, the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison had previously re-appointed them, with a term that ended December 31, 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, per established practice, that we do hereby authorize the official continuation of the Township of Edison

Sustainable Jersey Green Team, at a regularly-scheduled Public Meeting, composed of the thirteen (13) below-cited members, whose appointed terms will end April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, subject to re-appointment:

- Chris Mazauskas** ESJGT Co-Founder/Coordinator, Original ESJGT Member, ESJGT/SENSE Member, ETEC Technical Support, **Jay Elliot** ESJGT Co-Founder, Original ESJGT Member, Edison Clean Communities Coordinator
- Walter Stochel** Original ESJGT Member, Edison Open Space Advisory Committee Chairperson, NJ Jefferson Awardee (Environment), Edison Greenways Group, Edison Community Volunteer/Advocate
- Robert Takash** Original ESJGT Member, Edison Greenways Group, Edison Open Space Advisory Committee Member
- Inder Soni** Original ESJGT Member, Edison Community Volunteer
- Cathy Biondi** REHS EDHHS, Annual Edison Earth Day Volunteer Coordinator, MC Health and Wellness Council Member
- Esther Barcun** Founder/Coordinator ESJGT SENSE, Retired Social Worker/LCSW
- Abha Devarajan**, Edison Community Volunteer, Professional Bio-Chemist
- Esther Nemitz** Clara Barton NPP Chairperson , Edison Open Space Advisory Committee Member, Edison Fair Housing Board
- Maria Orchid** Clara Barton NPP Committee Member, James Monroe MS Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Member, Edison Community Volunteer
- Anthony Russomanno** Director, Department of Public Works
- Brian Piccirillo** Design Engineer, Department of Planning and Engineering
- Lester Jones** Township of Edison Health Official

**RESOLUTION R.184-042019**

**EXPLANATION: A Resolution Authorizing Support of the Submission of an Affordable Housing Program Application for Funding for Pennrose Properties, LLC involving Camp Kilmer B, from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.**

**WHEREAS**, Pennrose Properties LLC, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “**Pennrose**”) seeks to apply for funding from the Federal Home Loan Bank’s (“**FHLB**”) Affordable Housing Program (the “**Funding Program**”), for the construction of Camp Kilmer B, which consists of an eighty-six (86) unit affordable housing project (hereinafter referred to as the “**Project**”) on a site described as Block 3.E Lot 3.013 on the Official Assessment map of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the Project is an important component of the Township’s Third Round approved Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the funding application process for the Funding Program, the FHLB requires the submission by the Township, of a Sponsor’s Certification and other related documents (the “**Funding Documents**”), all of which have been reviewed by Township counsel, and approval of such submission by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the Township’s support, Pennrose has committed that if the Project is funded, it will be responsible for meeting all Funding Program requirements set out by the FHLB, it will fulfill all obligations related thereto, and be solely responsible for any remedies set forth in the Funding Documents.

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

1. The Township Council hereby authorizes submission of the Funding Documents to the FHLB as requested by Pennrose, in support of the funding sought for the Project by Pennrose, for the construction of Camp Kilmer B.
2. The Project remains subject to all State and Township approved processes.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.185-042019**

**EXPLANATION: A Resolution designating the property commonly known on the Township tax maps as Block 198, Lots 23.E1, 27 and 28 (aka 900, 910 and 920 Route 1); Block 199, Lot Lots 16.R, 16.S, 16.T, 16.U, 16.V.2, 16.D, 16.C.1, 16.E.1, 16.G.1, 16.F.1, 17.D.1, 17.D.2, and 34 (aka 121 Main Street) as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, to make such a determination under the Redevelopment Law, the municipal council (the “**Municipal Council**”) of the Township of Edison (the “**Township**”), by way of Resolution R. 642-112018 adopted November 8, 208, and later by Resolution R. 700-112018 adopted December 12, 2018 authorized and directed the planning board of the Township (the “**Planning Board**”) to conduct a preliminary investigation of the property identified as Block 198, Lots 23.E1, 27 and 28 (aka 900, 910 and 920 Route 1); Block 199, Lot Lots 16.R, 16.S, 16.T, 16.U, 16.V.2, 16.D, 16.C.1, 16.E.1, 16.G.1, 16.F.1, 17.D.1, 17.D.2, 27.A and 34 (aka 121 Main Street) on the Township’s tax maps (the “**Study Area**”), and to determine that the Study Area meets the criteria for a Non-Condensation 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, with the exception of Block 199, Lot 27.A, 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**, the Municipal Council has determined that, based upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Study Area, with the exception of Block 199, Lot 27.A, should be designated an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law, with such designation authorizing the Township and Municipal Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, other than the power of eminent domain.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The recommendations and conclusions of the Planning Board are hereby accepted by the Municipal Council.

Section 3. Based upon the findings and recommendations of the Planning Board, the Study Area, with the exception of Block 199, Lot 27.A, is hereby designated an area in need of redevelopment without the power of eminent domain (the “**Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area**”), pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 4. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review pursuant to Section 6b(5)(c) of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 5. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to serve, within ten (10) days hereof, a copy of this Resolution upon (i) all record owners of property located within the Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, as reflected on the tax assessor’s records, and (ii) each person who filed a written objection prior to the hearing held by the Planning Board, service to be in the manner provided by Section 6 of the Redevelopment Law.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION R.186-042019**

**EXPLANATION: This resolution provides for duplicated payment of the Certificate of Occupancy.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2018 , a Certificate of Occupancy fee was posted in the total amount of \$150.00 by the homeowner of 1 Cypress Ct. with check # 7512 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted by the homeowner, Vatsal Parikh, was a duplicate payment ; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate documents have been submitted to the Township indicating that the homeowner paid twice therefore appropriate that the municipal Certificate of Occupancy fee in the amount of \$150.00, be refunded to the homeowner; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the sum not to exceed \$150.00 on Certificate of Occupancy fees posted by the homeowner for 1 Cypress Ct. be refunded ;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$150.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to the homeowner, Vatsal Parikh.

**RESOLUTION R.187-042019**

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

**WHEREAS**, on July 19,2018 , a Construction Permit fee, check #1503, permit #2018-2818, was posted in the total amount of \$1,788.00 by the Contractor, Pappas Contracting LLC., having offices at P.O. Box 220, Kendall Park, NJ 08824 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted for a construction of a firewall at 141 Route 27, however the work was never performed; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate documents have been submitted to the Township indicating that the job was canceled and it is therefore appropriate that the municipal permit fee in the amount of \$1376.00, derived from the \$1788.00 total construction permit fee less the \$68.00 DCA fee and less the \$344.00 Plan review fee, be refunded to the contractor, Pappas Contracting LLC.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Construction Official recommends the refund of the municipal permit fee, on Construction Permit #2018-2818, in the amount of \$1376.00 for the referenced application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the sum not to exceed \$1,376.00 on construction permit fees posted for 141 Route 27 be refunded.;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$1,376.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to the contractor, Pappas Contracting LLC with the mailing address of P.O. Box 220, Kendall Park, NJ 08824.

**RESOLUTION R.188-042019**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Engineering Inspection Fees to Edison Plaza OP,LLC Account 7763090724**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer advises that a final inspection was made on the above subject located in Block: 266.A Lot: 43.21.

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has requested the return of the unused portion of Engineering Inspection fees, as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in now in order that the sum of \$11,508.26, which represents the amount due and owing the applicant, be returned to Edison Plaza OP, LLC c/o Millbrook Properties, 42 Bayview Avenue , Manhasset , NY, 11030 Account #7763090568

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON** that the sum of \$11,508.26 plus accrued interest, if applicable, be refunded to the applicant, Account # 7763090724

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund said sum of **\$11,508.26** in account **#7763090724** to the applicant, having an address of 42 Bayview Avenue , Manhasset , NY 11030

**RESOLUTION R.189-042019**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution releasing Cash Performance Bond CP1709006CO and Engineering Inspection Fees EI170906CO to Conti Enterprises for the project located at 2045 Lincoln Highway , Edison, NJ 08817 ; Application #P3-2017; Block 123 Lot 11.H**

**WHEREAS**, on August 31,2016 Conti Enterprises, having offices at , 20145 Lincoln Highway, Edison, NJ 08817, posted a cash performance check 6766602381 of \$3,760.80, to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project at 2045 Lincoln highway , Block 123 Lot 11.H ; **in account CP170906CO and has now decided not to go forward on the project.**

**WHEREAS**, an Engineering check was posted on August 31, 2016 by Check #00083090, in the amount of \$1567.00, on deposit in account # EI170906CO; and Engineering Inspection fees were charged 1,065.00 and the balance in the account is \$502.00

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of **\$3760.80** plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #**CP170906CO** to the applicant, and Engineering Inspection Fees in # **EI170906CO** in the amount of **\$502.00** plus accrued interest be refunded to Conti Enterprises , 2045 Lincoln Highway , Edison, NJ ,08817.

**RESOLUTION R.190-042019**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO DETACHABLE CONTAINER & COMPACTOR CORP. D/B/A DETCON FOR REFUSE COLLECTION EQUIPMENT PARTS/ACCESSORIES (LABRIE, HEIL, MCNEILUS, LOADMASTER, LEACH & NEW WAY)**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the Township of Edison on January 30, 2019 for Public Bid No. 18-08-21R- Refuse Collection Equipment Parts/Accessories (McNeilus, New Way & Perkins) for the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, DETACHABLE CONTAINER & COMPACTOR CORP., D/B/A DETCON, 5039 Industrial Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727 submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for Item No. 3 of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial contract shall be for one (1) year from execution of the contract with options to renew for two (2) one (1) year renewals 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 each renewal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year shall not exceed \$64,000.00, 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 submitted by DETACHABLE CONTAINER & COMPACTOR CORP., D/B/A DETCON, 5039 Industrial Rd., Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for Refuse Collection Equipment Parts/Accessories (McNeilus, New Way & Perkins) for the Department of Public Works, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for Item No. 3 of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$64,000.00 for the first year and any succeeding renewal year and any other necessary documents with DETACHABLE CONTAINER & COMPACTOR CORP., D/B/A DETCON as described herein.
3. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to rebid those items in the bid where no bids were received.

**RESOLUTION R.191-042019**

**Explanation:** The Division of Police has been awarded \$5,500.00 in grant funding to support officers in overtime hours at a rate of \$55.00 per hour to crack down on distracted drivers. This will be accomplished between the dates of April 1, 2019- April 21, 2019. This is a reimbursement grant from the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

**Resolution**  
**2019 Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown**  
**Grant Approval**

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Police has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$5500.00 to provide additional manpower hours to crack down on distracted drivers; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of people killed nationwide in distraction-affected crashes were 37,133 in 2017. More of which occurred in urban areas than rural; and

**WHEREAS**, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat violations related to distracted driving; and

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

**WHEREAS**; the project will involve increased enforcement from April 1-21, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**; an increase in enforcement will save lives on our roadways;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares our support for the grant approval and participation in the 2019 Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant between April 1-21, 2019 and pledges to increase awareness of laws pertaining to distracted drivers.

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

**RESOLUTION R.192-042019**

**RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO CDW GOVERNMENT LLC  
FOR THE RENEWAL OF HARDWARE & SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR THE TOWNSHIP  
SERVERS**

**WHEREAS**, there is the need for the renewal of the Hardware & Software Support for the Township Servers for the Township of Edison for the period of May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$16,068.00; and

**WHEREAS**, **CDW-GOVERNMENT LLC**, 230 North Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL 60061, has been awarded State Contract Number 40116 under M-0483/NASPO VALUEPOINT COMPUTER; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of \$16,068.00 have been certified to be available in Dispatch 911 Maintenance of other Equipment Account, number 9-01-25-0250-000-026 subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds in the 2019 temporary and/or permanent budget; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract; and

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

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

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$16,068.00 and any other necessary documents, with CDW-GOVERNMENT LLC, 230 North Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL 60061, as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, and State Contract, No. 40116, under M-0483.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$16,068.00 are available in Account number 9-01-25-0250-000-026 subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds in the 2019 temporary and/or permanent budget.

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo  
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION R.193-042019**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO EAGLE POINT/T.J. MORRIS & SONS FOR THE PURCHASING OF AMMUNITION FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to purchase ammunition for the Division of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, EAGLE POINT/T.J. MORRIS & SONS, 1707 Third Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086, has been awarded State Contract Number 81296 under T-0106/Police and Homeland Security Equipment and Supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison intends to purchase ammunition under this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract.

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of this contract/Purchase Order(s) in the amount not to exceed \$99,800.00 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(s) in the amount not to exceed \$99,800.00 and any other necessary documents, with EAGLE POINT/T.J. MORRIS & SONS, 1707 Third Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086 as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law and State Contract No. 81296 under T-0106.

**RESOLUTION R.194-042019**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NJ, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK FOR THE FURNISHING OF MAINTENANCE FOR EMERGENCY RADIO/TELEPHONE SYSTEMS (9-1-1, DISPATCH, ETC.) FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to procure the annual maintenance for the software and hardware for the Emergency Telephone Systems (9-1-1 Center, Communications, etc.) for the Division of Police for the period April 26, 2019 through April 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NJ, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK, PO Box 4000, Carlisle, PA 17013 has been awarded State Contract Number 83925 under T-0109/Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories which covers this maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in the amount of \$27,238.99 have been certified to be available in the Dispatch 911 Maintenance of Other Equipment Account, number 9-01-25-0250-000-026 subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds in the 2019 temporary and/or permanent budget; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract; 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 in the amount not to exceed \$27,238.99 and any other necessary documents, with UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NJ, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK, PO Box 4000, Carlisle, PA 17013 as described herein.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law and State Contract No. 83925 under T-0109.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$27,238.99** are available for the above contract in Account No. **9-01-25-0250-000-026** subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient funds in the 2019 temporary and/or permanent budget.

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo  
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION R.195-042019**

**CANCELING OLD RECEIVABLE BALANCES FOR HEALTH/MAINTENANCE CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, on property located within the Township of Edison, known and described as follow, outstanding old receivable balance that cannot be verified, substantiated or enforced are in existence with details below; and

BLOCK / LOT / QUALIFIER / LOCATION	593 / 65.02	3 SCHANCK DRIVE
TYPE OF CHARGE	Health Maintenance Charges	
BEING OWNED BY	KO, MUI SIN	
ORIGINAL DATE & AMOUNT	06/30/2007	\$1,100.00
TOTAL VALUE UP TO 04/10/2019	\$2,136.44	

**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the Tax Collector’s attention that the above outstanding balances has been carried on Finance books as receivable for all this year as collection has not been enforced due to the manner that this records were set up in the system that keep them hidden for tax sales and/or delinquent notices; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owners made applications to the Township for cancellation of the uncollected charges as the property had changed hands twice since the initial charges were created; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has investigated the matter and concurs that above old charges are uncollectable and recommends they to be canceled from delinquent records in the continuing effort to maintain the highest level of fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal auditors were consulted, and they are in agreement with the Tax Collector recommendation to cancel the charges.

**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** that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without any further action on the part of the governing body, cancellation of old outstanding receivable charges with total principal amount of **\$1,100.00** as detailed above.

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

NAYS -None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Received via email from Ralph Bucci regarding Eight Hundred Fifty Million Dollar Agreement.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Sendelsky and duly carried, the above Communications were received.

**ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Gomez opened the meeting for public comment.

Barry Miller, 297 Central Avenue, as a 49 year employee of Sanitary Sewer Department he is the license holder for Edison, and has been the consultant for the past eight years. No one has asked me about the Sewer System. He would like the opportunity to education the council on what the problems are and then allow him to explain to the public.

Councilmember Lombardi asked for Mr. Miller contact information.

Mr. Miller said the administration has my information.

Councilmember Coyle asked Mr. Miller to explain the license he holds.

Mr. Miller explained it's is a C4 Collection License which is required by the DEP.

Councilmember Coyle asked if he is being paid by the Township now, is he an employee or consultant.

Mr. Miller replied he is an employee.

Councilmember Coyle asked Mr. Miller if he was asked to be in any meeting.

Mr. Miller replied no.

Councilmember Sendelsky asked Mr. Miller for his information. He would like to gleam his knowledge because nobody has more information than he has. He would like to know all the pit falls before we make the decision sorry he wasn't contacted. He would like to spend some time with him to gather the information.

Councilmember Lombardi added he has met with some of the supervisors of the Sewer Division.

Councilmember Joshi had also spoken to several people in the Sewer Department.

Councilmember Patil asked Mr. Miller if he had anyone mentioned this to you in the last few months. Did you approach the Administration to provide your expertize? Would you be open if as a private citizen asked you to provide us with information?

Mr. Miller said he has mentioned it fourteen to fifteen years ago to various Mayors. He did meet with the Mayor. He expressed his concern and points that needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Coyle asked Mr. Miller to give us a summary of his experience and thanked him for his 49 years of service to the Township and look forward to you being involved.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, while he didn't attend the meeting at the college he has watched the meeting it was grueling. I hope there are more meetings to help me understand what best for the Township. Subversive of you to take this off your plate and not make a decision. He resents the fact this has become political, cricket fields have become political you guys are elected to put in hours upon hours to educate yourselves to make these tough decisions. People are not capable of making a decision unfortunately, Boo all you want. There were comments that we don't understand why we couldn't we do ourselves. You are punting the ball down the road, tired of seeing \$500,000 when fixing instead of being proactive. You were elected study up on this and figure it out. This shouldn't be political.

Sajay Kumar, 5307 Hana Road, he thanked all for helping educate the citizens. He strongly believes the Edison residents should decide. Increase is 4.9% he urge his council to allow the Edison citizens. He thanked Councilmember Patil and Coyle.

Mr. Northgrave explained not a Faulkner act referendum it is not allowed in this scenario.

Lauren Scarola, 4 Longview Road, we are very concerned as residents. Over three million dollars the first year however glad you are continuing research. Hiring contractors to do work it doesn't include the roads, something of this magnitude should be a ballot questions, let the people decide. She is also concerned it's an international company.

Joe Huang, 3959 Park Avenue, the mail he received is unclear for this forty year deal. This is a big financial commitment also a safety issue. He agrees with Councilmembers Coyle and Patil to be voted on by the Edison Residents.

Ralph Scarola, 4 Longview Road, he feels this has been handled wrong from the beginning.

Esther Barcan, 114 Durham Avenue, we should tell the people the financial comparison. We all don't need technical information.

Councilmember Joshi asked for comparison analysis, once we receive it we can make an informed decision. We cannot bond one hundred million at a time.

Councilmember Lombardi, added that will be the main presentation both pros and cons at May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Frank Greco, 12 Maida Road, he feels our attorney will due his due diligence.

Walter Schoepf, 106 Temple, this proposal is over two years, how much time and money have we spent. He is in favor of a referendum.

Ms. Ruane doesn't have that information with her.

Joyce Ship- Freeman, 41 South Main Street, this is so political. She cannot believe in the last two years no one reached out to Barry Miller. What about the Senior Rates frozen?

Mr. Northgrave said in the contract they are required to have seniors frozen.

Resident, asked how long was the last contract.

Councilmember Sendelsky, the last contract with American Water was twenty years.

Mr. Northgrave explained the time line since we started this process in 2017 approving contracts to evaluate the system. We have not run our water in twenty years.

Resident, 112 Lexington Avenue, asked how many other towns got out of their Suez deal. She said there are over twenty cities or towns.

Mr. Northgrave explained each town entering into a deal have different priorities. They will be investing one hundred million in the first seven years.

Anthony DeAmorin, 15 Rodak Circle, he feels the Mayor should have been more transparent over the past two years to lay out the plan.

Maryann Hennessy, 20 Carmello Drive, she has lived here for fifty years and previous administrations have neglected the system for years.

Mr. Northgrave said we want to maintain control that's why it is a lease not a sale.

Diane Wood, 45 Bernard Avenue, asked why not twenty instead of forty years? Why hasn't a schedule been put out for meeting?

Councilmember Diehl we will encourage the administration to communicate and make information more accessible.

Richard Sweeney, 313 Suttons Lane, he has been to all the meeting and is looking forward to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> to see the financial comparison. This system has been neglected for twenty years.

Lois Tarr, 52 Reider Road, she is involved in negotiating contracts over forty years, iron out the problems go back to the negotiating table.

Mr. Northgrave, the whole purpose of the Public Hearings is to identify what that is.

Councilmember Joshi, the most question raised by the public is the forty years and they are under the assumption the deal is done.

Councilmember Lombardi, cost benefit, we need to see the pros and cons financially.

Councilmember Patil there has been a lack of communication.

Councilmember Diehl stated several residents mentioned the forty years. He is looking forward to the cost analysis. This is not a done deal!

Councilmember Coyle stated the revenue today to Suez would be thirty two million and in year forty it would be one hundred seventy million.

Mr. Northgrave we will have to extend our contract with American Water short term.

Charlie Kravik, New Brunswick Today, he asked about the two dozen employees not being paid minimum wage, since the law took effect on Monday.

Mr. Northgrave replied it is being reviewed.

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

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Lombardi the meeting was adjourned at 10:23p.m.

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Alvaro Gomez  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk