

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

April 11, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Council President Patil followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Coyle entered at 7:05pm.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Director Elliott, Public Works Director Russomanno, Township Engineer O'Brien, Police Captain Filaninno, 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 9, 2017 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl seconded by Councilmember Gomez duly carried, the Minutes of the Worksession of March 12, 2018, and Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018 were accepted as submitted.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Patil announced on April 19, 2018 Whole Food in Metuchen will be donating funds off their net cost to Edison Green Way. He also announced all the upcoming events throughout the town for the month of April as follows: April 11, 2018, Wednesday, at the JCC on Oak Tree Road, Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony 7:30pm – 8:00pm, April 13, 2018 – Friday, Edison Chamber of Commerce Health & Wellness Expo at Pines Manor from 11am – 2:00pm, April 14, 2018 Saturday, North Edison Baseball and Softball Opening Day Parade starts at 9:00am from John Adams Middle School to Baseball Complex, April 14, 2018- Saturday, Edison Boys Baseball Opening Day starts at 8:00am at Central Avenue near the Jets Field, April 22, 2018 EARTH DAY 9:00 – 3:00 at Papanianni Park also From 12:00 To 4:00pm Grand re-opening of our Animal Shelter, April 22, 2018 Sunday, Midtown Little League Opening Day at 12:00pm at their field on Glenville Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

The following ordinances were introduced by title:

O.2004-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER II, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING FEE STRUCTURE AND INSTITUTE A FEE TO BE COLLECTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE DISCHARGE OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi seconded by Councilmember Gomez this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on April 25, 2018.

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

NAYS – None

O.2005-2018 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 ET SEQ. TO SUPERSEDE AND REPEAL TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 4-8 AND CHAPTER 4-11 WITH RESPECT TO THE AWARD OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO POLITICAL CONTRIBUTORS.

On a motion made by Councilmember Joshi seconded by Councilmember Coyle this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on April 25, 2018.

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

NAYS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Patil opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.191-042018 through R.202-042018.

Resident from Water watch he thanked the council for the Resolution R.202-042018 on renewable energy.

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

The following Resolutions R.191-042018 through R.202-042018 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky and seconded by Councilmember Gomez

RESOLUTION R.191-042018

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 5, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through April 5, 2018.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$4,377,786.25
Sewer Utility	259,160.43
Capital	1,786,878.26
Grant Funds	2,522.00
Dog (Animal Control)	14,510.54
Trust	135,221.26
CDBG	15,010.20
Tree Fund	0.00
Payroll Deduction	520,415.97
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Sanitation Fund	226,414.45
Self Insurance	0.00
Affordable Housing	26,375.57
Cash Performance	137,806.78
Developers Escrow	5,589.28
Tree Planting	0.00
Federal Forfeited	0.00
Tax Sale Redemption	241,370.36
Water Operating Fund	0.00
Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
TOTAL	\$7,749,061.35

/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.192-042018

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 **\$243,747.04**.

RESOLUTION R.193-042018

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 **\$5,038.38**.

RESOLUTION R.194-042018

TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Local budget Law and the Optional Municipal Charter Act of 1950 provide for the adoption of municipal budget by March 20, 2018 unless said budget calendar is extended according to law; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is prior to the adoption of the 2018 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	111,062.08
BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses	8,336.50
PURCHASING Salary	39,228.72
PURCHASING Other Expenses	27,682.75

PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses	5195.33
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary	23,935.12
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses	3,095.28
PERSONNEL/HR Salary	34,282.80
PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses	804.17
MAYOR Salary	7,538.48
MAYOR Other Expenses	200.00
COUNCIL Salary	13,076.96
COUNCIL Other Expenses	615.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary	34,803.24
MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses	10,675.00
ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses	304.17
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary	1,200.00
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	10,437.50
DISBURSEMENTS Salary	48,173.16
DISBURSEMENTS Other Expenses	400.33
PAYROLL Salary	9,101.56
PAYROLL Other Expenses	181.00
AUDIT SERVICES	6,007.33
DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses	0.00
TAX COLLECTION Salary	50,590.89
TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses	2,514.17
TAX ASSESSMENT Salary	51,756.96
TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses	13,916.67
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary	12,461.52
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	61,666.67
ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary	86,995.03
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	0.00
PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses	8,500.00
CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary	45,000.00
CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses	27,775.00
RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary	2,530.04
RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses	116.67
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	2,285,642.62
EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGES(WAIVERS)	52,175.38
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE	16,666.67

INSURANCE & SURETY Expense	0.00
LOSAP-Other Expenses	8,333.33
POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary	3,098,969.62
POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	89,712.50
DISPATCH 911 Salary	210,183.87
DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses	56,000.00
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	2,956,786.40
FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses	45,151.08
FIRE PREVENTION Salary	49,455.68
FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses	10,125.00
FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES	128,953.33
STREETS & ROADS Salary	75,924.35
STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	27,066.67
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary	125,763.24
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses	5,154.17
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary	184,259.62
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses	19,333.33
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary	109,365.51
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses	7,991.67
POLICE VEHICLES Salary	33,525.87
POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses	37,237.50
CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS	13,333.33
HEALTH Salary	249,355.84
HEALTH Other Expenses	10,575.00
SENIOR CITIZEN Salary	58,789.86
SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses	3,312.50
RECREATION Salary	279,897.07
RECREATION Other Expenses	48,527.17
PARKS & TREES Salary	192,172.25
PARKS & TREES Other Expenses	32,691.67
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Salary	392,868.64
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Other Expenses	508,725.15
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
PERS Expense	0.00
O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) Expense	422,223.35
Defined Contribution Retirement Program Expenses	2,833.33
PFRS Expemses	0.00
MUNICIPAL COURT Salary	91,762.40
MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses	4,422.50
PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary	5,833.33
PUBLIC DEFENDER Other Expenses	166.67
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	<u><u>13,027,268.81</u></u>

<u>SEWER UTILITY FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SEWER Salary	215,030.00
SEWER Other Expenses	364,191.68
SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges	875,000.00
SEWER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	0.00
SEWER Social Security (OASI)	17,500.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND	<u><u>1,471,721.68</u></u>

<u>SANITATION FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
SANITATION Salary	321,226.77
SANITATION Other Expenses	222,623.72
SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	298,605.50
SANITATION Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	0.00
SANITATION Social Security (OASI)	16,666.67
SANITATION Disposal Fees	133,333.33
SANITATION-Capital Outlay	83333.33
TOTAL SANITATION FUND	<u><u>1,075,789.32</u></u>

RESOLUTION R.195-042018

RESOLUTION AWARDING 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, 2018 – April 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$18,247.41; 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 \$18,247.41 have been certified to be available in Dispatch 911 Maintenance of other Equipment Account, number 8-01-25-0250-000-026; 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 \$18,247.41 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 **\$18,247.41** are available in Account number **8-01-25-0250-000-026**.

/s/ Nicholas C. Fargo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.196-042018

EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Quitclaim Deed with respect to the private sale of the vacated portion of Peck Place, which adjoins Block 887, Lot 10.B (located at 78 Fairview Avenue), as shown on the Township of Edison tax maps.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance dated February 8, 1978, effective February 28, 1978 (“the **Ordinance**”), the Township of Edison (the “**Township**”) authorized the vacation of Peck Place (“**Vacated Street**”), in its entirety from Fairview Avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:60-28, the Township may convey the Vacated Street through private sale to the owner of the adjoining property, which is located at Block 887, Lot 10.B, and more commonly known as 78 Fairview Avenue in the Township (the “**Adjoining Property**”); and

WHEREAS, the tax records of the Township currently describe the lot size of the Adjoining Property as 150’ by 167’, and the Adjoining Property has been assessed at this size since adoption of the Ordinance in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Anna Lowenfels is the current owner of record (the “**Owner**”) of the Adjoining Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:60-28, the Township is willing to quitclaim to the Owner and her successors and assigns, any and all interests the Township has in the Vacated Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex and 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 authorizes and approves the execution and delivery of a quitclaim deed to the Owner, her successors and assigns, the Township’s interest in the Vacated Street (the “**Quitclaim Deed**”).
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Quitclaim Deed in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be necessary in consultation with the Township Attorney.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to take such further actions and to execute such

additional and ancillary documents or instruments as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the intent hereof.

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

6. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

7. This Resolution shall take effect as provided in law.

RESOLUTION R.197-042018

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 February 27,2018, a Construction Permit fee, check #10876, permit #2018-0888, was posted in the total amount of \$97.00 by the contractor, Manns Heating & A/C, having offices at 522 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ- 08862 ; and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted for a roof at 14 Dana Circle, by the hired contractor; Manns Heating & A/C, who did not make known to the Construction Code Enforcement Division that the homeowner, Janet Thompson, 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 \$95.00, derived from the \$97.00 total construction permit fee less the \$2.00 DCA fee, be refunded to the contractor Manns Heating & A/C ; and

WHEREAS, the Township Construction Official recommends the refund of the municipal permit fee, on Construction Permit #2018-0888, in the amount of \$95.00 for the referenced application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the sum not to exceed \$95.00 on construction permit fees posted by Manns Heating & A/C for 14 Dana Circle be refunded to the contractor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$95.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to the Contractor, Manns Heating & A/C, having offices at 522 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ- 08862.

RESOLUTION R.198-042018

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Cash Performance and Performance Bond to Scannell Development Co. Application # Z33-2017 Fed Ex Warehouse in Account # **68391996 (CP171011SC)** and Performance Surety Bond # **106727195**.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Scannell Development Co.(FedEx Warehouse) Application #Z33-2017, Block:124 Lot: 22.01,23.01 and said inspection indicates all site improvements are complete and in accordance with Site Plan approval and Municipal Standards of the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Cash Performance posted on in the amount of **\$11,908.50**, plus accrued interest, if applicable on deposit in account #**68391996 (CP171011SC)** with the Township of Edison, principal being Scannell Development Co., having offices at Fed Ex Ground Package, 1000 Fed Ex Drive, Moon Township , PA ,15108 and acceptance of the subject improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the posted Performance Surety Bond **NO.106727195** dated September 28, 2017 by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of **\$107,176.50**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of **\$11,908.50** plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account # **68391996 (CP171011SC)** to the applicant, Scannell Development Co, at Fed Ex Ground Package, 1000 Fed Ex Drive, Moon Township , PA,15108 . And also the Performance Surety Bond **NO.106727195** be returned to the Travelers Casualty and Surety Bond Company, One Tower Square, Hartford, CT 06183

RESOLUTION R.199-042018

EXPLANATION: Resolution refunding Cash Performance & Performance Bond to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC,35 Dorothy Avenue , Application #P5173, Account #68391906 (CP170208FO) and Performance Surety Bond # NO.1061534

WHEREAS, Fox & Foxx Development, LLC., 35 Dorothy Avenue , posted a Performance Surety Bond #1061534 posted on January 10, 2017 of The Lenox Insurance Company Corporation in the amount of \$18,990.72 posted by Fox & Foxx Development, LLC., having offices at 940 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project 35 Dorothy Avenue located in Block 793 Lots: 21,22,23.

WHEREAS, a Cash Performance check was posted on January 12, 2017 by Check #1590000440, in the amount of \$ 2,110.08, on deposit in account # 68391906 (CP170208FO).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of \$2,110.08 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #68391906 (CP170208FO) to the applicant and the Surety Bond # 1061534 in the amount of \$18,990.72 of Lenox Insurance Company Corporation to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC. 940 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 and also The Lenox Insurance Company.

RESOLUTION R.200-042018

EXPLANATION: Resolution refunding Cash Performance & Performance Bond to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC,65 Waltuma Avenue , Application #P5172, Account #68391907 (CP170208F2) and Performance Surety Bond # NO.1061535

WHEREAS, Fox & Foxx Development, LLC., 35 Dorothy Avenue , posted a Performance Surety Bond #1061535 posted on January 10, 2017 of The Lenox Insurance Company Corporation in the amount of \$7,311.60 posted by Fox & Foxx Development, LLC., having offices at 940 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project 65 Waltuma Avenue located in Block 694.T Lots: 1.03&1.04.

WHEREAS, a Cash Performance check was posted on January 12, 2017 by Check #1590000441, in the amount of \$ 812.40, on deposit in account # 68391907(CP170208F2)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of \$812.40 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #68391907 (CP170208F2) to the applicant and the Surety Bond # 1061535 in the amount of \$7,311.60 of Lenox Insurance Company Corporation to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC. 940 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837 and also The Lenox Insurance Company.

RESOLUTION R.201-042018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO CARLA VALENTE FOR THE ABC PROGRAM

WHEREAS Carla Valente made payment in the amount of \$300.00.00 for her child Alexander Valente’s participation in the ABC Program at Lindeneau Elementary School for the month of April 2018; and

WHEREAS the child was removed in March 2018 from the school and ABC program before he attended.

NOW; THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison shall refund the amount of \$300.00 to Carla Valente, 38 Pacific St., Edison, NJ 08817, which represents the amount for the ABC Program.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$300.00 are available in Account #8-01-55-0291-000-000.

RESOLUTION R.202-042018

EXPLANATION: A Resolution in support of a 100% renewable energy standard.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex (the “Township”) is a public body

corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus that Earth's climate is warming and this warming is being caused by human activities that cause the release of greenhouse gases due to use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, climate change has far reaching impacts, including increasing likelihood of extreme weather events, sea level rise, flooding, drought, and mass extinctions;

WHEREAS, scientist are warning that we are quickly approaching climate tipping points, unpredictable and irreversible changes in our planet's climate; and

WHEREAS, climate change can have a disproportionate and adverse impact on vulnerable populations especially people living in environmental justice communities, people with low-incomes, children, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the impact of climate change can cause damage to public parks, roads, municipal properties and equipment; and

WHEREAS, co-pollutants from burning fossil fuels create significant respiratory ailments and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the provision of basic public services such as water treatment and snow removal can increase with climate change; and

WHEREAS, resources for first responders can be strained when climate change related extreme weather events arise; and

WHEREAS, many of the costs associated with the impacts of climate change and/or mitigating those impacts will be borne by state and local governments, putting further strain on public budgets; and

WHEREAS, it is less expensive to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change, rather than respond to emergencies when they happen; and

WHEREAS, studies show the feasibility of creating a 100% carbon free energy system, while creating jobs and improving public health.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council urges the State of New Jersey to establish a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) with a goal of 100% renewable energy and transportation by 2035 and a halt to all new fossil fuel energy projects in the state.
3. The RPS must only contain safe, clean energy such as wind, solar, geothermal and tidal energy sources, not greenhouse gas emitting sources such as burning animal waste, biomass, garbage or false solutions that continue reliance on fossil fuels like pollution trading, carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), gas power plants or pollution trading.
4. Policies must be enacted to support the development of distributed renewable energy, including those that support energy efficiency, retail net metering of electricity, community choice aggregation and community solar.
5. There must be meaningful participation of community members most affected by policy and infrastructure, in the development and implementation of a clean energy plan. Special efforts must be made to engage communities that are underrepresented in the decision-making process such as Indigenous groups, low-income communities, people of color, immigrants, and those disproportionately burdened by pollution.
6. As we transition to a 100% clean energy system, we must transition workers from jobs in the fossil fuel industry to living wage union jobs that support energy efficiency and the development of a renewable energy system. A just transition will include job training programs and relocation assistance that prioritize workers in displaced industries and those living in environmental justice communities.
7. The federal and state governments must provide grants and resources to support municipal, county, state and regional efforts to meet the goal of 100% renewable energy.
8. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
9. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

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

NAYS - None

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Patil opened the meeting for public comment.

Richard Brescher, 868 Grove Avenue, on behalf of Board of Education regarding Pilot Programs they work good when we work together. He would like to set up a meeting with the council to go through all issues.

Councilmember Gomez, that's a good idea to go over in detail to be on the same page.

Council President Patil asked for Councilmember Diehl to set up a meeting since he is the Chairperson for the Education Committee.

Councilmember Gomez, pointed out that we had to deal with tax appeals over 30 million dollars which 22 million would have been owed by Board of Education.

Mr. Brescher recommended for the Finance Committee to meet together with Board of Education.

Councilmember Sendelsky explained Woodbridge Township needed to do things for the town before they did for Board of Education. It's a balancing act. We need to do what is right for the tax payers. The Board of Education gets 58% of our tax dollars.

Councilmember Diehl feels we should have a relationship with Board of Education and share services. We should start with a sub- committee which should consist of the Superintendent, Business Administrator of the Board of Education, our Business Administrative and three Councilmembers. We should focus on getting money to the BOE. Our Finance Committee does an excellent job we share the same goals and how to get there.

Councilmember Coyle, the state aid you lost is the big problem.

Councilmember Lombardi, in late 2016 we passed a resolution to support a new formula and sent it to the state. Let's see if changes need to be made to request.

Mr. Brescher, the formula works it not allocated. We appreciate the support.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, he has lived here over 20 years with no children and have always supported the Board of Education, however overcrowding didn't just start in 2018. The Board of Education didn't participate in the tax appeals. He would like to see a break to our seniors. The School Board should better manage their own house. Regarding the Deer, hope that we are working on gathering the information on how many we have and accidents in order to get proper quotes, we shouldn't wait.

Councilmember Diehl, first we are getting the traffic records.

Richard Sweeney, Suttons Lane, he sees out of state license plates dropping children off at John Marshall School. The Board of Education should look into them. He asked who introduced this Ordinance O.2005-2018. He is not in agreement with this ordinance.

Councilmember Joshi, introduced this ordinance he agrees with the state. He introduced for discussion.

Mr. Sweeney, asked what is going on with the old furniture store at Plainfield Avenue and Route 27 there are broken windows, a dumpster.

Councilmember Sendelsky, the planning board last year passed a redevelopment project to a private redeveloper. We were hoping the project would be underway by now.

Council President Patil asked for Mr. Elliot to visit that site.

Gloria Dittman, Edison Art Society, please go visit on the 3rd floor art exhibit by the Middle School Students. As you know Fernando DeSilva is working on the Sculpture Garden for Lake Papanianni Park which he hand crafts himself 1000 tiles. We need money, if anyone could send anything to Edison Art Society. You can reach me at 732-548-9134, it my pleasure to work on this, I love this town.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, Ordinance O.2005 adopting N.J.S.A. to revert back to state is confusing. In 2006 she along with other residents worked hard on a petition to change the pay to play laws. She feels this change is less strict. What is the dollar amount the state looks like it is less? What are the penalties when the law is violated?

Council President Patil, when he looked at the ordinance when Mayor Chou was in office he found conflicting language. There are three sections in the current ordinance that are not clear.

Ms. London, Township Attorney explained what the state amounts are and ours presently.

Ms. Wolke, regarding the Board of Education, I agree. They increased their budget by 13 million they should look for ways to save money.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmelo Drive, she supports everything Ms. Wolke has said. She strongly objects to this ordinance. She feels we should have a meeting with the residents like we have had on the community center. She would ask that the council table this ordinance, until we are better advised to understand clear and simple language.

Council President Patil, his intension is not to change just remove conflicting language.

Dr. Prasad, 15 Marion Street, he is happy to see Oak Tree and Woodland Avenue light is progressing. Is there any progress with the May Street and Woodbridge Avenue?

Ms. Ruane will check into that location.

Dr. Prasad, regarding the Pay to Play he remembers when it was introduced, it was a very important move for the Council and Administration. The language should be clarified but you would be doing a disservice if money amount are changed.

Mr. Wolke, there was a number of meeting we had a committee that worked hard along with efforts of citizens on the Pay to Play.

Council President Patil, his idea was to remove language to interpret the right way. He would like to see research that was done.

Councilmember Lombardi, this ordinance reads all to be repealed and replaced with everything the state status has.

Council President Patil asked to remove language, this conflicts with what he asked for.

Ms. London, than this ordinance would need to be written differently.

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

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Coyle seconded by Councilmember Gomez, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Ajay Patil
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk