

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
August 21, 2017**

The Worksession Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Patil entered at 6:15pm.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney London, Business Administrator Ruane, Assistant Public Works Director Russomanno, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Fire Chief Latham, Police Captain Shannon and Cameraman Cologna.

The Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by an Annual Notice sent to The Home News and Tribune, The Star Ledger and the Sentinel on December 30, 2016 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

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

Maria Orchid, 83 Jefferson Avenue, regarding the paving of Amboy Avenue there was no notification to the business owners.

Ms. Ruane, the contractor is responsible to send out notices.

Ms. Orchid asked how many hours on site is the Engineer Company.

Mr. O'Brien, said he is here on site four to five hours a day.

Ms. Orchid asked about the Grant Writer Company, what is the rate of return?

Ms. Ruane, the cost is more than equal.

John Poyner, Roosevelt Blvd., the Clara Barton Block Party at the St. Stephens Church has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 26th from 3:00 – 7:00pm rain or shine. He reported that the Environmental Commission has scheduled a clean up on October 14th at Edison Boat Basin, and October 28th Piscataway Town . He asked about the cross walks on Amboy Avenue is there plans to reconstruct.

Ms. Ruane, replied not at this time when we reconstruct we will this was just an overlay.

Mr. Poyner asked about the paving under the bridge on Amboy Avenue.

Ms. Ruane, the Nixel went out to start tomorrow by NJDOT.

Council President Lombardi suggested you should encourage business owners to sign up to Nixel great apt. to have.

Thomas Gockel, 77 Safran Avenue, commented what a pleasure it is to ride on Amboy Avenue. Since Middlesex Water and Elizabethtown Gas Company are also complete with their work and getting ready to pave, who from the Township will be monitor their work.

Ms. Ruane, Township Engineer and his staff will be monitoring all the work.

Mr. Gockel, asked about the status of May Street entrance on Woodbridge Avenue. It was about two years ago there were discussions to reconfigure.

Council President Lombardi asked the Engineer to look into the matter of May Street with the County and State.

Mr. Gockel asked about putting a slight dip in the road before they repave.

Walt Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, on the agenda there is a contract for Environmental Consulting Services which includes pump station and Stelton Center, why are we doing this?

Mr. O'Brien met with the consultants that have been doing work this is to continue the work of closing out seven locations, underground storage tanks. This is the actual clean- up process.

Mr. Stochel, since Grove Avenue has been paved, will the cross walks be painted.

Mr. O'Brien replied yes.

Mr. Stochel, asked when will the work at Oak Tree and Woodland Avenue start.

Council President Lombardi did speak with Freeholder Tomaro, they have started doing the surveying.

Mr. O'Brien also said there is a lot of prep work that has to be done before the actual ground breaking. There will also be preconstruction meeting.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. and b. Accepted as submitted.

6. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, for Recreation he would like a list of work duties on site from here to the Jets Field.

Councilmember Diehl, on August 10th Education Committee met there were discussions on school enrollments and traffic impact areas at certain times. He spoke with the Chief of Police on getting a priority list of locations together. He was contacted by Esther Barcan regarding a new group SENSE which stands for Student Environmental Network for Sustainable Earth about recycling. They will be speaking at the next Environmental Commission scheduled for Thursday, November 16th.

Councilmember Gomez, Public Safety met to review the final draft on the Fire Department Promotions, Ordinance, making some minor changes and expect to have ready for first reading at the second week of September meeting.

7. POINTS OF LIGHT-

Council President Lombardi, reiterated the Clara Barton Block Party is rescheduled for this Saturday, rain or shine event from 3:00 to 7:00pm. On Monday, September 11th, 6:30pm at Lake Papapanni the Township will be holding their September 11th Remembrance Event.

Councilmember Sendelsky, this past Saturday, Wine & Beer Event, great food vendors there were a lot of residents in attendance. The Mayor has done a Proclamation for his neighbor Kay Wintz who will be turning 100 years old. Edison's night out was a great success, our Recreation Department, Public Works and Lt. Dudash did a great job a lot of our youth were in attendance also.

Councilmember Coyle, on behalf of the Edison Chamber of Commerce, he thanked the administration for their cooperation scheduling Public Works, Recreation and Lt. Dudash well appreciated.

8. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. and b.. No comments were made.
- c. Councilmember Coyle asked for some clarification.

Carl O'Brien, this is for the seven clean ups of under storage tanks.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- a. through f. No comments were made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

- a. through c. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

- a. through d. No comments were made.
- e. Councilmember Coyle, is this the current firm they do great job.
- f. Councilmember Coyle, he would like a detailed report of grants received.
- g. Councilmember Patil, asked if this is for road improvements.

Council President Lombardi, explained this is a Capital Ordinance which does include paving the details are in the Ordinance.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

- a. Council President Lombardi asked how much is the Maintenance Bond which we will be holding.

Mr. O'Brien, he will check however usually it is 15% of final dollar amount of contract.

- b. No comment was made.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. No comments was made.

- b. Councilmember Coyle, items b. & d. they are both a sewer rental is that an as need basis please explain.

Mr. Russomanno explained they are used for pump station by passes only if we need to.

- c. No comment was made

- d. Ms. Ruane, explained this resolution is for additional funds for last year contract we ran short of funds.

- e. No comment was made.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

- a. No comment was made.

- b. Councilmember Coyle, asked Eagle Wrestling ,what did they get last year they are one of the lowest.

Ms. Ruane, will check but all the amounts are same as last year.

Councilmember Coyle, where is Cricket do they have a league?

Councilmember Patil, that's in progress.

- c. No comment was made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

17. FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

- a. Councilmember Coyle, when we sell a license does that change the appraisal value.

Council President Lombardi explained we set a minimum to the bid, this is for a store.

18. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Sendelsky report as follows:

Minutes of Edison Township Regular Planning Board Meeting of August 14, 2017

#P-10-2016 Edison Rte 27 Resolution for parking Lot (Unanimously Approved)

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Next case for review was Application #P-18-09/10 for Community Hospital Group/ JFK Hospital which includes the second phase of work, the building addition to floors #3 & 4. They were seeking a two-year extension (the project approval was already extended under the permit extension act). A resolution was made and seconded and the extension was unanimously approved.

A two-year extension of time was requested for Community Hospital Group T/A JFK Hospital for Application #P-28-04/05 and #P88-04/05 for construction of a long-term care facility (JFK Hartwick). A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved.

The following resolutions were approved:

#P5162 Shea (Final Resolution Major Subdivision)

#P6-2-2017 Car Max Superstore, 1015 Route 1- Site Plan

#P5185 48 River Drive LLC, 5 & 11 Sycamore Avenue (Minor subdivision)

#P5186 Fox & Foxx Development 940 Beatrice Parkway (Minor Subdivision)

#P-20-09/10 Dr Acello 1037 Amboy Avenue, with amended parking plan 2 spaces will be paid for @ \$5,000/ space (amended preliminary approval)

#P-5187 Toranco Oak Tree Associates Park Avenue- (Minor subdivision)

#P7-2017 Equistar Chemicals-revised resolution

The first new business was case #P5179 Realty Construction Management 39 Madison Avenue Block 738A Lot#13-16 (Minor Subdivision). It was a proposal to demolish a portion of an existing single family home and build an addition on and build a new one on the newly created lot. Mr. Joseph Schafer was sworn in and testified as both a planner and engineer. There was a side yard setback for the two new lots, the minimum lot area for the zone required was 7,500 sf and 5,000 sf was proposed. The minimum lot width was 75 feet and 50 feet was proposed. He stated that they would comply with Mr. Bignell and Mr. Carley's reports. The board made a motion to hold the application until the September 18, 2017 meeting. The applicant did not have information regarding nonconforming lots in the area that will be provided at the next meeting. There will be no re-notice.

The second case #P5188 AT&T Ferraro Developers. This was a proposal to subdivide one lot into two conforming lots. The lot size required for the zone was 7,500 sf and two lots of 9,211sf were proposed. Mr. Fletcher was sworn in and testified as an engineer. I suggested that the applicant agree to move the corner lot driveway onto Elizabeth Avenue to help alleviate congestion on the Compton Avenue dead-end street and they complied. A motion was made and seconded with the above condition and compliance with our professionals reports and was unanimously approved.

Last case #P11-2017 Scannell Development Co Lincoln Highway - Revlon, Block 124 Lots 22.01 and 23.01. On Lot 23.01 the applicant is proposing for tractor and car parking within an area leased by Fed Ex operations on an adjacent Lot 22.01. On lot# 22.01 there will be restriping of trailer parking spaces adjacent to the leased area on lot 23.01. The lot currently has 969 parking spaces and 195 of those will be eliminated in the area to be utilized by FedEx leaving a total of 774 spaces for the existing building on Rte. 27 where 760 spaces are required. The applicant will comply with Mr. Carr and Mr. Carley's reports. A motion was made and seconded and was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday **August 29, 2017**.

Respectfully Submitted: Councilman Leonard D. Sendelsky

19. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND FINAL
ADOPTION:**

O.1982-2017

Councilmember Coyle asked what changes have been made.

08/21/2017

Council President Lombardi, to have some uniformity, ie where are the donations going, a permit for each year.

O.1983-2017 No comments were made.

20. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Lombardi:

a. None

Councilmember Coyle

a. He expressed concerns about contractors and or utility companies doing work and not restoring the area back to original condition. They should also notice property.

Councilmember Diehl

a. None

Councilmember Gomez:

a. He asked what is the process that is filed.

Ms. Ruane explained they have to come in for Road opening permit which is for 45 days. We are looking at other towns ordinances.

Mr. O'Brien is working on reviewing the ordinance and should have some recommendations by the second meeting in September.

Councilmember Patil:

a. Is there any update on Top Golf.

Councilmember Gomez, said police chief is doing enforcement.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

a. Utility Companies disregard for cleaning up area when their work is completed. He spoke to County Engineer for suggestions on changing our ordinance .

b. He asked the engineer for an update on Suttons Lane.

Mr. O'Brien is working with NJ Transit, they are surveying height restrictions on both side of the bridge. He will get together with Department of Public Works for signage.

Councilmember Shah:

Left meeting at 6:45pm.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk