

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
December 4, 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 6:05 p.m. by Council President Lombardi , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Gomez was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Health Director Elliott, Township Engineer O'Brien, Fire Chief Latham, Police Chief Bryan 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 Ave., she thanked all volunteers who participated in the painting the Snowmen Decoration for the Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 7th at 6:45pm. She said there have been a lot of break ins in cars in here area.

Walt Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, he asked for an update on the racist flyer. He asked if we got permission to use the Grinch in the police video. Is there an update on the Oak Tree improvements? He asked if our OEM Plan is updated to include a nuclear bomb attack.

Ms. Ruane, our OEM Plan is updated.

Council President Lombardi will get the information on Oak Tree for Wednesday.

Bruce Diamond, 74 Calvert Avenue, West regarding item 12C , he thought we had JFK doing our ambulance calls.

Council President Lombardi, every year we give the volunteer squad.

Mr. Diamond asked is there any update on Mr. Khan, why is it so complicated.

Mr. Northgrave gave a report to the council back in October, than we were given a report from a private investigator at a meeting however it didn't change my opinion.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, she also thanked all the people who volunteered to do the painting. P.S.E. & G did installed all the lights along Amboy Avenue however about a half dozen are on during the day. The street looks spectacular.

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

5. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Coyle, the Environmental Commission is planning a project for the Bonhamtown area. He attended a seminar to learn about filtration of water.

Councilmember Diehl, reported the Education Committee Meeting was cancelled he will let everyone know when it's rescheduled.

6. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Lombardi thanked all that were involved with the Lighting of Tree at the Edison Tower last Wednesday. Upcoming events, Tree Lighting at the Heritage Clara Barton, Thursday, December 7th at 6:45pm, streets 2nd through 4th will be closed at 5:00pm, December 14th at 7:00pm the Lighting of the Menorah at the JCC on Oak Tree Road, on Sunday, December 17th Wreaths Across America at 12:00noon at the Church on Woodbridge Avenue and our Council Re-organization Meeting and Swearing in of Office will be on January 1, 2018 at 12:00noon.

Councilmember Sendelsky, the Lighting of the Tree at the Tower was a great event the Grinch and Santa Clause were there too. You can donate toys see our website. He thanked the JP Stevens Choir, Department of Public Works, Recreation Department, Police and Fire for all their work in making this a successful event.

Councilmember Shah added we should do a Resolution of Recognition for person who was dressed as the Grinch.

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

a. and b. No comments were made.

c. Councilmember Shah, why isn't this contract include with the bid with our DPW trucks.

Ms. Ruane, this is a different manufacturer.

d. Councilmember Shah, asked why can't Tim Morley do these inspections.

Ms. Ruane, possible conflict

Fire Chief Latham said they not only inspect the building they also work on alarms systems.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. through e. No comments were made

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. through d. No comments were made

e. Councilmember Coyle asked if any bills are for CME.

Mr. Northgrave, no.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. and b. No comments were made.

11.. **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

- a. Councilmember Coyle asked could he get an inventory on how many tons of salt.

Ms. Ruane will get answer for Wednesday. She added that we are paying about \$7.50 per ton less through this Cooperative.

Councilmember Coyle asked if we are considering the brine method.

Ms. Ruane replied maybe in 2019.

- b. No comments were made.
c. Councilmember Sendelsky asked if these trucks will be ready for this year.

Councilmember Shah, asked if they are from the Fire.

Ms. Ruane, these are replacing older trucks.

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

- a. through d. No comments were made.

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

- a. through d. No comments were made.

14. **FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

- a. and b. No comments were made

18. **FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:**

Councilmember Sendelsky, next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18th.

19. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Council President Lombardi:

- a. He emailed Freeholder Tomaro on the Oak Tree improvements, he said the entire job will take three months it should finish in January.
b. He asked for a report on the meeting that took place with Amazon.

Mr. Northgrave reported the meeting was on Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00am to witness on site regarding the three issues, crushing cardboard in back of building noise, moving trucks and lights reflecting back into neighborhood. He sent out an email today.

- c. He thanked Councilmember Diehl for his concerns on the raciest flyer, however we all are committed to find resolve this matter.

Councilmember Coyle:

- a. He met with Zoning and Health regarding the graffiti problems however, can we have tenants responsible.

Mr. Northgrave said we can only hold the property owners responsible.

Ms. Ruane said we go out every time clean it up and then it's back.

Councilmember Diehl

- a. Resolution of Recognition for Frank Greco, we will be honoring on Wednesday night.
- b. He asked Mr. Elliot for an update on the Deer situation.

Mr. Elliot followed up with Staten Island, they are willing to do a presentation on one of our meetings.

He thanked Ms. Ruane for following up with residents on the casus way lights.

He asked when will the Mr. Fix It program start up again?

Ms. Ruane replied the Mayor is fully behind this we are looking at it sometime in 2018.

He asked Chief Bryan for an update on the Racist Flyer.

Chief Bryan said he cannot discuss the case however we are committed to get to the bottom of this.

He will be asking the clerk to obtain some information regarding the elections from June and November.

We are Saddened Mr. Burton Gimblestob passed away, sorry we won't see him anymore. Our heart goes out to his family he will be missed.

Councilmember Gomez:

- a. Absent

Councilmember Patil:

- a. He asked for Top Golf update.

Mr. Northgrave reported the light changeover has been completed, the shields are on the parking lot lights, the landscaping has been finished to better shield lights. Top Golf is working with the Planning Board now to schedule a hearing to permit the construction of the wall.

Councilmember Sendelsky:

- a. He asked Maureen to follow up on Road Ordinance
- b. Update on Nissan

Councilmember Shah:

- a. Councilmember Diehl, thank you for your follow up on the racist flyer. You are representing a large amount of people. When something terrible happens it affects everybody.
- b. Follow up on road being private Liddle Avenue, is it a private road.

Mr. O'Brien will double check.

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Ms. Ruane added you just cannot take someone's property.

c. Mr. Fix it can woman apply?

Ms. Ruane, the job will be posted.

On a motion made by Councilmember Sendelsky, seconded by Councilmember Patil, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Michael R. Lombardi
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk