

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION MEETING
March 25, 2013**

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 6.01 p.m. by Council President Diehl, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Karabinchak, Lankey, Lombardi, Mascola and Prasad.

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Kemm, Business Administrator Ruane, Management Specialist Stephens, Finance Director Saponaro, Township Engineer Medina, Health Director Elliot, Fire Chief Latham, Police Deputy Chief Vaticano and Cameraman Cologne.

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 27, 2012, and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

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

Jane Tousman, 14 Butler Road, questioned item 14a regarding a street opening on Frank Street.

Mr. Medina explained that this is a routine refund of a street opening permit.

Ms. Tousman questioned item 9b. She asked what we are selling.

Ms. Ruane said this is only for wood chips.

Ms. Tousman questioned item 12c and asked how much we are paying for this property.

Councilmember Karabinchak explained that the county is paying \$420,000 and we are paying \$30,000.

Ms. Tousman asked if we went out to bid on item 14c and how many bids we received.

Ms. Ruane replied that we did go out to Bid and she will have further information for Wednesday.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed, on a motion made by Councilmember Lankey, seconded by Councilmember Lombardi with all in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. through d. Accepted as submitted

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA;
FROM MAYOR RICIGLIANO**

a. No comment was made.

7. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

8. POINTS OF LIGHT:

Council President Diehl wished residents a Happy Passover. He also complimented the County on their Hazardous Waste pick up program.

9. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. Councilmember Mascola asked for an explanation.

Ms. Ruane said this is a renewal of our service contract.

Councilmember Mascola asked what services we are receiving.

Ms. Ruane said this is for any updates needed and maintainance.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- a. through d. No comments were made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

- a. No comment was made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

- a. through f. Mr. Kemm explained these items.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

- a. through c. Mr. Medina explained these items.

14. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- a. through c. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

16. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

- a. No comment was made.

17. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

- a. No comment was made.

18. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Lombardi said the meeting was held on March 18, 2013 and there were two applications. The application for 3792 Park Avenue was given preliminary approval and the Grove Avenue application was given final approval.

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O.1826-2013 No comment was made.

O.1827-2013 No comment was made.

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

None

21. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Diehl:

- a. He said residents have called him asking when the speed bumps will be put back on Roxy Avenue.
- b. He felt that the intersection at Route 27, Sturgis Road and Idlewild Road is a difficult intersection to travel and he asked that we look into additional signage at this location.

Mr. Medina said he will ask for a traffic study from the DOT.

- c. He reported that the Gurley Road ground breaking ceremony will be held on April 1st.
- d. He said the Dismal Swamp Environmental Center was a wonderful plan but the economy has made this difficult to achieve. He asked Mr. Elliot to give a status report on the trips being made to the Dismal Swamp.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Health Department is co- sponsoring with the Board of Education, trips to the Triple C Ranch in the Dismal Swamp. One thousand second grade students will be visiting the ranch starting on April 2, 2013. An essay contest will also be held.

Councilmember Gomez:

None

Councilmember Karabinchak:

- a. and b. No comments were made.

- c. He asked where we stand with this traffic signal.

Mr. Kemm said we are in the process of acquiring the properties.

- d. No comment was made.
- e. He asked where we stand on the deeds for Camp Kilmer. He understands the process is moving forward.

Mr. Kemm said there are two proposed deeds currently under review. He has not received a response on the Board of Education property.

Councilmember Lombardi said on April 1, 2013 there will be a special Planning Board meeting on Camp Kilmer.

Mr. Kemm said after the special Planning Board meeting we will receive their report.

Councilmember Lankey:

None

Councilmember Lombardi

None

Councilmember Mascola:

None

Councilmember Prasad:

- a. He asked for a progress report on the intersection at Woodbridge Avenue and May Street.

Mr. Medina said it will be another year before this goes out to bid. We are looking at Spring 2014 to start the project.

- b. He wished residents a Happy Passover, Easter and Holi.

- c. He asked the status of our contract with Cablevision

- d. Mr. Kemm said the laws have changed since the last time we negotiated with Cablevision.

Councilmember Gomez said currently we do not have a contract with Cablevision. He asked what the benefit is to having an agreement when we have been operating without one.

Mr. Kemm said there is a benefit involving the franchise agreement.

23. CLOSED SESSION:
None

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Robert Diehl
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk