

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
November 24, 2014**

A Combined 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 6:04 p.m. by Council President Karabinchak, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Acting Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk Kenny, Township Attorney Northgrave, Business Administrator Ruane, Public Works Director Roderman, Health Director Elliot, Recreation Director Halliwell, Police Chief Bryan, Deputy Police Chief Anderko, 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 14, 2013, and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- a. Accepted as submitted.

5. REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

No comments were made.

6. POINTS OF LIGHT

Council President Karabinchak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and announced that the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage in Clara Barton.

Deputy Chief Anderko reported that last week an endangered person became lost for an entire day causing the closure of one of our schools. During the day, a third grader at Menlo Park School saw this person and called the Police who took him to the hospital. The Police spoke with the student's parents and principal and would like to recognize her for her help in rendering this individual safe.

Council President Karabinchak said the Council and Mayor would also like to recognize her for her efforts.

7. FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. No comments were made.
- b. This item was pulled from the agenda by the Administration for further review.

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

- a. through c. No comments were made.
- d. Councilmember Mascola asked if we have a time frame for these corrections.

Ms. Ruane said that the fixed assets should be completed by the end of the year. The health insurance will be on the next meeting and the sewer study is currently being done.

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. No comment was made.

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW:

a. No comment was made.

11. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. through f. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:

a. No comment was made.

b. Councilmember Mascola asked where the salt shed will be located.

Mr. Roderman said it will be located on New Durham Avenue.

Council President Karabinchak asked if we are comfortable with the bid.

Mr. Roderman said we are comfortable with this vendor.

13. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

a. and b. No comments were made.

14. FROM THE CHIEF OF FIRE:

a. through c. No comments were made.

15. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. No comment was made.

16. FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:

Councilmember Mascola said there were two cases heard on November 17th. The first was a subdivision on Wayne Street that was granted preliminary approval. The second one on Oak Tree Road had parking issues and was also granted preliminary approval.

Councilmember Lombardi asked if there was any discussion on the fracking ordinance.

Councilmember Mascola said it was discussed and the Planning Board is in favor of it. They will be sending it back with a small change in the wordage.

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

O.1891-2014 No comment was made.

18. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council President Karabinchak:

- a. He commented that he has been in touch with the Playhouse and hopefully next week they will meet to discuss the issues that are still open.
- b. through f. No comments were made.

Councilmember Diehl:

- a. He asked how ready we are in the event of a possible snow accumulation of 1-3 inches on Wednesday and if a public service message will be put out.

Mr. Roderman said we are ready to plow and we have plenty of salt and will work through the night to prepare the roads if necessary. He also said we will use robo calls to inform the public if necessary.

Councilmember Gomez:

None

Councilmember Lombardi

- a. He said he is looking into the effects that a pipeline, carrying crude oil will have on Edison. He attended a Sierra Club meeting regarding this issue and he feels at this time the best course of action would be to form a Council Sub-Committee. He said along with himself, Councilmember Diehl has expressed an interest and there is room for one more member of the Council.

Councilmember Mascola:

None

Councilmember Prasad:

- a. He asked where we stand with the hiring of new Police Officers.

Ms. Ruane said they should be on board by the end of the year.

Councilmember Prasad asked about the combining of the home invasion meetings that were held by the Township and also by Asia TV. He asked if we have ever edited any other meetings that were held.

Ms. Ruane said Council meetings cannot be edited but other meetings have been. She said it should be ready to air by the end of next week.

Councilmember Shah:

- a. She announced that she has handed over to the Mayor's office the quality of life report that she has been working on. She has asked to modify the housing ordinance and also to create a parking authority. She hopes this can be put into place early next year. She thanked Mayor McCormack of Woodbridge for his assistance and also Edison Superintendent of Schools, Dr. O'Malley. She thanked Steve Lombardi and Bob Herbert from our Zoning Department and also Jay Elliot, Jen Lancry and Kathy Biondi from the Health Department whom she actually went out on calls with. She asked Ms. Ruane about the neighborhood watch committees being formed.

Ms. Ruane said the ball is rolling and the Neighborhood watch committees are being formed.

19. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, and duly carried, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 6, 2014 were accepted as submitted.

20. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS-

Council President Karabinchak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and please be diligent if it should snow.

21. APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS:

Applications for membership were received by:

Raritan Engine Company #1
Ryan R. O'Connor

Oak Tree Volunteer Company
Michael Chevaliev, Jr.

A motion was made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Gomez, and duly carried, the above applications were approved.

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

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on November 12, 2014 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

O.1891-2014 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWING TO OTHERS FOR TAXES LEVIED IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$12,175,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,175,000 BONDS OR NOTES

(The above Ordinance O.1891-2014 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book # 27.)

Council President Karabinchak declared the Public Hearing opened for O.1891-2014

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, asked the total amount of outstanding bonds the Township has.

Ms. Ruane said she will have to get that information.

Mr. Wolke asked how much more we will have to bond for.

Ms. Ruane said she was not sure.

Mr. Wolke asked if the Township can go back and reassess.

Ms. Ruane said we can do that every three years.

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

On a motion made by Councilmember Mascola, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, the Ordinance was adopted.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah, and Council President Karabinchak

NAYS - None

**23. NEW BUSINESS
PROPOSED ORDINANCES (PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2014)**

The following Ordinance was introduced by title:

O.1892-2014 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XI OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REDUCE THE LICENSING FEES THAT MAY BE CHARGED LIMOUSINE SERVICES AS REGULATED BY STATE LAW.

On a motion made by Councilmember Lombardi, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, 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 December 10, 2014.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah, and Council President Karabinchak

NAYS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Karabinchak opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.719-112014 – 749-112014.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, asked for an explanation of Resolution R.723-112014.

Ms. Ruane said this allows us to take advantage of lower pricing on items used by the Township.

Ms. Nemitz also asked for an explanation of Resolution R.748-112014.

Chief Latham said this is for equipment used by the Fire Department from various vendors.

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

The following Resolutions R. 719-112014 through R. 749-112014 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Gomez.

AYES - Councilmembers Diehl, Gomez, Lombardi, Mascola, Prasad, Shah, and Council President Karabinchak

NAYS - None

RESOLUTION R.719-112014

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through November 20, 2014

| FUND | AMOUNT |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Current | \$27,073,552.02 |
| Affordable Housing | 0.00 |
| Capital | 59,378.44 |
| Cash Performance | 0.00 |
| CDBG | 0.00 |
| Developers Escrow | 22,664.30 |
| Dog (Animal Control) | 5,965.04 |
| Federal Forfeited | 2,053.28 |
| Grant Funds | 3,138.87 |
| Law Enforcement | 0.00 |
| Open Space | 0.00 |
| Payroll Deduction | 431,495.45 |
| Sanitation Fund | 195,025.31 |
| Sewer Utility | 106,482.57 |
| Tax Sale Redemption | 156,532.91 |
| Street Opening | 0.00 |
| Tree Planting | 0.00 |
| Trust | 95,682.49 |
| TOTAL | \$28,151,970.68 |

/s/ Agnes Yang
Acting 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.720-112014

WHEREAS, 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 said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and 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 Director of Finance is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling **\$108,193.56**.

RESOLUTION R.721-112014**Authorizing Overpayment Refund caused by
Successful Tax Court Appeal with Freeze Act provision**

WHEREAS, This office has received successful tax appeals judgment from the Tax Court of New Jersey for the case below as specified on Council's resolution **R.410-082014**:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TAXPAYER | BRAHMBHATT, JAGDISH ETAL |
| PROPERTY LOCATION | 88 SCOTLAND AVE |
| BLOCK / LOT / QUALIFIER | 357/36.A |
| DOCKET NUMBER: | 015300-2013 |
| TAX YEAR | 2013 |

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Tax Court of New Jersey, the assessed value of the property have been reduced for the applied tax year, but also the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall be applicable to the assessment on the property referred to herein for the Freeze Act Year (s): 2014.

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessed value, for the Freeze Act Year(s) listed, has caused a real estate tax overpayment in the amount of **\$852.20** and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2, "in the event a taxpayer is successful in an appeal from an assessment on real property, the respective taxing district shall refund any excess paid within 60 days of final judgment."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison, shall and is hereby authorized to draw checks to the property owner or legal representative in the amounts of **\$852.20**.

RESOLUTION R.722-112014**RESOLUTION RECEIVING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP
OF EDISON AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2013**

WHEREAS, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, 98-07, and Local Finance Notice CFO 97-16, all government units must prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan as part of the annual audit process; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan shall cover all findings and recommendations, including state, federal, and general or financial statement findings in the audit report; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare said Corrective Action Plan with the assistance from other officials affected by the audit recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Corrective Action Plan must be approved by the governing body of the local unit and is to be submitted to the Division of Local Government Services no later than sixty days from the receipt of the audit report; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Edison Township that it has received the Corrective Action Plan for the report of Audit for the year ended December 31, 2013 within 60 days of the receipt of the Audit.

RESOLUTION R.723-112014

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM WITH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, has duly considered and desires to participate in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows:

1. **Authority** - Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and sign the attached Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
2. **Contracting Unit** – The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
3. **Effective Date** - This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Edison and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

CERTIFICATION

I Hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of Township of Edison at a meeting of said governing body as dated below.

/s/ Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Township Clerk

RESOLUTION R.724-112014

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR VETERINARY CARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison advertised for bids on the Township of Edison website, October 22, 2014 for RFP-14-03-VETERINARY CARE SERVICES with a bid opening date of November 6, 2014 and three bids were received with one being rejected; and

WHEREAS, Section 40A:11-13.2d of the Local Public Contracts Law allows for the rejection of bids when the contracting agent wants to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services; 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, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The bids for RFP-14-03-VETERINARY CARE SERVICES are hereby rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-13.2d.

2. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to rebid said project.

RESOLUTION R.725-112014

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Cash Performance Bond & Performance Bond to Markim Developers, LLC. Application #P5149

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of 783-787 Old Raritan Road, under Application #P5149, Block 403, Lots 3, 4, and 5, 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 Check posted on August 2, 2013 in the amount of \$4,392.96, plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7762495245 with the Township of Edison, principal being Markim Developers, LLC having offices at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837., and acceptance of the subject improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends release of performance bond No. 31946 posted on July 29, 2013 of the Service Insurance Company, Inc. in the amount of \$39,536.65;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to release the aforesaid Performance Bond No. 31946 of Insurance Company, Inc. in the amount of \$39,536.65; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of \$4,392.96 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7762495245 to the applicant.

RESOLUTION R.726-112014

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Cash Performance & Performance Bond to GMRI, Inc Seasons 52 Application #P8-2011

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Seasons 52 on Parsonage Road and Lafayette Avenue, under Application #P8-2011, Block 690, Lots 3, 5 & 35.01, 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 release of performance bond No. 015037787 posted on September 27, 2012 of the Liberty Mutual Insurance company in the amount of \$353,054.70; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Cash Performance Check posted on October 17, 2012 in the amount of \$39,228.30, plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7762495104 with the Township of Edison, principal being GMRI, Inc, having offices at 1000 Darden Center Drive, Orlando, FL. 32837 and acceptance of the subject improvements;

BE RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON that the Township Engineer Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to release the aforesaid Performance Bond No. 015037787 of The Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in the amount of \$353,054.70; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of \$39,228.30 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7762495104 to the applicant.

RESOLUTION R.727-112014

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Cash Performance Bond & Performance Bond to Middlesex Logistics Owner, LLC Application #P29-05/06.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Middlesex Logistics Ctr. Mill Road Application #P29-05/06 Block 398, Lot 18, 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 release of performance bond No. 105778014 posted on June 14, 2012 of the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$4,733,125.92; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Cash Performance Check posted on August 6, 2012 in the amount of \$525,902.88, plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7761417380 with the Township of Edison, principal being Middlesex Logistics Owner, LLC having offices at 171 State Route 173, Suite 201, Asbury Park New Jersey, 08802, and acceptance of the subject improvements;

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 release the aforesaid Performance Bond No. 105778014 of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$4,733,125.92; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Cash Performance in the amount of \$525,902.88 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7761417380 to the applicant.

RESOLUTION R.728-112014

EXPLANATION: Release of Maintenance Bond posted For Katherine Piacentino Application #P5098, Inman Avenue & Wakefield Drive.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Inman & Wakefield Drive, located in Block 490-J and Lot 6 & 9, under Application #P5098, and said inspection indicates all improvements are complete and in accordance with the Municipal Standards of the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, Katherine Piacentino posted a Maintenance Bond Check #376 in the amount of \$5,129.25 on deposit in account #7761417356 with the Township of Edison, to guarantee the integrity of the site improvements with the Township of Edison. The maintenance period has elapsed with no defects developing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Maintenance Bond check #376 in the amount of \$5,129.25, plus accrued interest, if applicable, principal being Katherine Piacentino having offices at 9-A Wakefield Drive, Edison, NJ 08820 and acceptance of the subject improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON that the aforementioned improvements are hereby complete and satisfactory and the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$5,129.25, plus accrued interest, if applicable, to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$5,129.25, plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #7761417356 to the applicant.

RESOLUTION R.729-112014

EXPLANATION: Bond reduction and refunding a percentage of cash performance to Mocci Ferraro Plaza, LLC.

WHEREAS, a Performance Bond #B10012025 of Aegis Security Insurance company was posted on October 30th, 2009 by Mocci Ferraro Plaza, LLC, in the amount of \$462,125.52, to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project known as Mocci Ferraro Plaza, LLC located at Jane Place & Inman Avenue Block: 429 and Lots: 5-8, 15-29, 40 & 41 and designated Application #P28-05/06; and

WHEREAS, a Cash Performance Bond check #9287 was posted on October 30, 2009 by Mocci Ferraro Plaza, LLC in the amount of \$51,347.28, on deposit in account #7760013395; and

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that, based upon the improvements completed to date, a 30.32% bond reduction is in order; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the Performance Bond be reduced by 30.32% from \$462,125.52 to \$322,007.40, or 30% of the original amount; therefore **refunding the amount of \$140,118.12**; and

WHEREAS, it is further the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the Cash Performance Bond be reduced by 30.32% from \$51,347.28 to \$35,778.60, or 30% of the original amount, therefore **refunding the amount of \$15,568.68, plus accrued interest, if applicable; and**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Performance Bond hereinabove mentioned be reduced to \$322,007.40, by virtue of a substitute bond or endorsement to the Performance Bond presently in place, until such time as Final Acceptance is granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to **refund the sum of \$15,568.68, plus accrued interest, if applicable on deposit in Account #7760013395** to Mocci Ferraro Plaza, LLC c/o Allen Weiss 2105 West County Line Road, Jackson, NJ 08527 with the sum of \$35,778.60 remaining on deposit until such time as Final Acceptance is granted.

RESOLUITION R.730-112014

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Sam Hsin Cheng of 28 Glenville Road, Edison NJ 08817

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2007 Sam Cheng, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$360.00 on deposit with the Township of Edison in account #7760275045 to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit #07-150 for property located at 35 Williams Road.

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the trees planted have remained alive for the required two year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$360.00, be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$360.00 Herein above mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Acting Chief Financial Officer Agnes Yang be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$360.00, on deposit in Account #7760275045 to Sam Cheng, having an address of 28 Glenville Road Edison NJ 08817.

RESOLUTION R.731-112014

WHEREAS, The Township Planning Board Secretary advises that the Developer Escrow Fees posted by Frank Mellblom for a project located at Woodbridge Avenue , Edison, N.J. 08817 in Block 375FF, Lot 13S,13T,13W, under Application # Z24-2012 ; and

WHEREAS, the applicant was required to post Developers Escrow Fees, pursuant to Township Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on May 24,2012 Frank Mellblom posted fees on deposit with the Township of Edison in the account # 7760296190 for Developers Escrow Fees; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested the return of the unused portion of Developers Escrow Fees, as provided by law; and

WHEREAS; it is now in order that the sum \$ 1,301.25 plus accrued interest, if applicable, which represents the amount due and owing the applicant, be returned to Frank Mellblom;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON that the sum of \$ 1,301.25 plus accrued interest, if applicable be refunded to Frank Mellblom, 2580 Horizon Drive, Edison, N.J. 08817; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$ 1,301.25 plus accrued interest, if applicable, in account #7760296190 to the applicant.

RESOLUTION R.732-112014

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO
EN-TECH CORPORATION FOR OAK LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 21, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-28-01 OAK LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, EN-TECH CORPORATION, 91 Ruckman Rd., Closter, NJ 07624 submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$69,020.00; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$69,020.00 have been certified to be available in the Sanitary Sewer LMI Area Account, Number T-14-13-0520-000-005; 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 EN-TECH CORPORATION, 91 Ruckman Rd, for Oak Lane Drainage Improvements for the Township of Edison, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive 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 \$69,020.00, and any other necessary documents, with EN-TECH CORPORATION as described herein.
3. The Township of Edison Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to return any and all deposits and/or bonds of the unsuccessful bidders.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$69,020.00** are available for the above contract in **Account No. T-14-13-0520-000-005**.

/s/ Agnes Yang
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.733-112014

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW

WHEREAS, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

WHEREAS, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000125, to the following:

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| Permit Number: | 0070 |
| Opening Location: | 9 Westwood Circle |
| Block/Lot: | 590.T/3 |
| Applicant’s Name & Address: | LoChiatto Paving 9 Orchid Court Edison, NJ 08820 |
| Initial Deposit Date: | 07/02/14 |
| Deposit Amount: | \$120.00 |
| Paid by & refunded to: | LoChiatto Paving Masonry Co 9 Orchid Court |

Edison, NJ 08820

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

RESOLUTION R.734-112014

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO
PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A SALT STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on November 6, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-10-22 CONSTRUCTION OF SALT STORAGE BUILDING for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 10269 Old Route 31 West, Clyde, NY 14433 submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$296,300.00; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$296,300.00 have been certified to be available in the Various Building Improvements Account Number C-04-14-1872-310-001; 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 PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 10269 Old Route 31 West, Clyde, NY 14433 for the Construction of a Salt Storage Building for the Township of Edison, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive 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 \$296,300.00, and any other necessary documents, with PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION as described herein.
3. The Township of Edison Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to return any and all deposits and/or bonds of the unsuccessful bidders.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$296,300.00** are available for the above contract in **Account No. C-04-14-1872-310-001**.

/s/ Agnes Yang
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.735-112014

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDED CONTRACT TO
INTEGRITY ROOFING INC. FOR ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT AT THE PARKS GARAGE IN
THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on November 14, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-10-23 ROOF REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PARKS GARAGE for the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, INTEGRITY ROOFING INC., 1385 Witherspoon Street, Rahway, NJ 07065 submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$167,340.00 (\$147,340.00 for the roof installation and an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to replace any damaged/rotted roof substrate wood); and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$167,340.00 have been certified to be available in the Various Roof Repairs – Municipal Bldg Account, Number C-04-10-1721-310-002; 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 INTEGRITY ROOFING INC., 1385 Witherspoon Street, Rahway, NJ 07065 for Roof Repair and Replacement at the Parks Garage for the Township of Edison, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive 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 \$167,340.00, and any other necessary documents, with INTEGRITY ROOFING INC. as described herein.
3. The Township of Edison Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to return any and all deposits and/or bonds of the unsuccessful bidders.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$167,340.00** are available for the above contract in Account No. C-04-10-1721-310-002.

/s/Agnes Yang
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.736-112014

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER TO WEISSCO POWER FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A TRANSFORMER AND UPS UNIT AT THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX RADIO TOWER

WHEREAS, an emergency occurred at the Municipal Complex Radio Tower System, both the transformer and UPS unit were struck by lightning resulting in an inoperable unit, causing an emergency effecting the welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation it was determined that the transformer and UPS unit need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq, a contract may be awarded and immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services may be provided when an emergency affects the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, WEISSCO POWER, 516 Route 513, P.O. Box 223, Califon, NJ 07830 submitted a quote in the amount of \$27,430.00; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$27,430.00 have been certified to be available in the Various Improvements-Public Works Buildings Account, Number C-04-12-1817-370-002; 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 of \$27,430.00, and any other necessary documents, with **WEISSCO POWER**, for the replacement of the transformer and UPS unit.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$27,430.00** are available for the above contract in Account **No. C-04-12-1817-370-002**.

/s/ Agnes Yang
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.737-112014

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO
VINAY KAMULKAR FOR THE ABC PROGRAM**

WHEREAS Vinay Kamulkar made payment in the amount of \$110.00 for his child Arnav Kamulkar's participation in the ABC Morning Program at James Madison Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS Arnav Kamulkar was removed from the program before he started the month of December, 2014.

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 \$110.00 to Vinay Kamulkar, 6 Stacey St., Edison, NJ 08820, which amount represents the overpayment for the ABC program.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$110.00 are available in Account #4-01-55-0291-000-000.

/s/ Agnes Yang
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.738-112014

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT TO
AKILANDESWARI GURUBASKARAN FOR THE ABC PROGRAM**

WHEREAS Akilandeswari Gurubaskaran made payment in the amount of \$170.00 for his child, Abhishek Gurubaskaran's participation in the ABC program at James Madison Intermediate School; and

WHEREAS payment for December 2014 has already been paid; and

WHEREAS due to the parent's unemployment, the child was removed from the program prior to December 2014.

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 \$170.00 to Akilandeswari Gurubaskaran, 10 Sheryl Dr., Edison NJ 08820, which amount represents the monthly fee for the ABC Program.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of \$170.00 are available in Account #4-01-55-0291-000-000.

/s/ Agnes Yang,
Acting Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.739-112014

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO METUCHEN CENTER, INC.
FOR RECREATION GAMES AND EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 10, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-04-24-Recreation Games and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, METUCHEN CENTER, INC., 10-12 Embroidery St., Sayreville, NJ 08872, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$13,000.00, 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 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 by METUCHEN CENTER, INC., 10-12 Embroidery St., Sayreville, NJ 08872 for Recreation Games and Equipment is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items 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 \$13,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with METUCHEN CENTER, INC.

RESOLUTION R.740-112014

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ARC SPORTS FOR
RECREATION GAMES AND EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 10, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-04-24-Recreation Games and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, ARC SPORTS, 850 Peach Lake Rd., North Salem, NY 10560, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$500.00, 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 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 by ARC SPORTS, 850 Peach Lake Rd., North Salem, NY 10560 for Recreation Games and Equipment is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items 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 \$500.00 and any other necessary documents, with ARC SPORTS.

RESOLUTION R.741-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO FLAGHOUSE, INC. FOR RECREATION GAMES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 10, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-04-24-Recreation Games and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, FLAGHOUSE, INC., 601 Flaghouse Dr., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$3,000.00, 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 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 by FLAGHOUSE, INC., 601 Flaghouse Dr., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 for Recreation Games and Equipment is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items 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 \$3,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with FLAGHOUSE, INC.

RESOLUTION R.742-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO S&S WORLDWIDE FOR RECREATION GAMES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 10, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-04-24-Recreation Games and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, S&S WORLDWIDE, 75 Mill St., Colchester, CT 06415, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$11,000.00, 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 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 by S&S WORLDWIDE, 75 Mill St., Colchester, CT 06415 for Recreation Games and Equipment is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items 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 \$11,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with S&S WORLDWIDE.

RESOLUTION R.743-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC. FOR RECREATION GAMES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 10, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-04-24-Recreation Games and Equipment; and

WHEREAS, SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC. 140 Marble Dr., Lancaster, PA 17602, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$9,000.00, 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 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 by SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC. 140 Marble Dr., Lancaster, PA 17602 for Recreation Games and Equipment is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items 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 \$9,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC.

RESOLUTION R.744-112014

EXPLANATION: This resolution approves the internal development and submission of the Township of Edison Division of Fire's web-based, on-line application to the 2014 USDHS FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) program, for grant funding of up to \$300,000, to obtain funds to facilitate the acquisition of up-to-date Extrication Equipment, Apparatus, Technology, Supplies and related items, for the protection, improved safety and effective performance of active Edison Division of Fire Firefighters, as well as of the public-at-large.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided an opportunity to U.S. Municipalities, Territories and Protectorates to apply for grant funding under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 USDHS FEMA AFG program provides grant funds to assist local Fire Fighter Companies to acquire Extrication Equipment, Apparatus, Technology, Supplies and related items to protect and assist Fire Fighters in local emergency, extrication, rescue and related hazardous activities, as well as the public-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison Division of Fire wishes to apply for grant funding for an approximate amount of \$300,000, available from the 2014 USDHS FEMA AFG program; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 USDHS FEMA AFG program provides 90% in federal grant funds, with a requisite 10% local cost share to awardees, based upon the approved, total project budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve and authorize the development and submission of said grant application, according to current 2014 USDHS FEMA AFG regulations, at a regularly-scheduled, combined Work Session/Public Meeting, on Wednesday, November 24, 2014.

USDHS FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and

emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. The Federal Emergency Management Agency administers the grants in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

RESOLUTION R.745-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS-SUPPLY AND REPAIR

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 23, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-05-18, Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair, for the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC, 34 Wilson Dr., Sparta, NJ 07871, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$350,000.00, 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 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 FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC, 34 Wilson Dr., Sparta, NJ 07871 for Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair for the Division of Fire, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with FIREFIGHTER ONE, LLC as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.746-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS-SUPPLY AND REPAIR

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 23, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-05-18, Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair, for the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC, 4 Youngs Rd., Trenton, NJ 08619, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$65,000.00, 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 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 EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC, 4 Youngs Rd., Trenton, NJ 08619 for Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair for the Division of Fire, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, and any other necessary documents, with by EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.747-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO GEN-EL SAFETY & INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, LLC FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS-SUPPLY AND REPAIR

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 23, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-05-18, Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair, for the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, GEN-EL SAFETY & INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, LLC, 961 Route 10 East, Suite 2M, Randolph, NJ 07869, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$15,000.00, 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 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 GEN-EL SAFETY & INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, LLC, 961 Route 10 East, Suite 2M, Randolph, NJ 07869, for Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair for the Division of Fire, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with GEN-EL SAFETY & INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, LLC as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.748-112014

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS-SUPPLY AND REPAIR

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on October 23, 2014 for Public Bid No. 14-05-18, Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair, for the Division of Fire; and

WHEREAS, ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT, P.O. Box 1245, Wall, NJ 07719, submitted the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract, not to exceed \$180,000.00, 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 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 ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT, P.O. Box 1245, Wall, NJ 07719 for Fire Department Equipment and Tools-Supply and Repair for the Division of Fire, is determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bid for various items of the bid as listed on the summary spreadsheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$180,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with ALL HANDS FIRE EQUIPMENT as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.749-112014

***DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2014 Year End Statewide Crackdown
Grant Application***

WHEREAS, the Division of Police will apply for grant funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 to provide additional manpower hours to enforce DWI Laws; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Nationwide traffic fatalities increased due to alcohol; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat violations related to DWI Laws to reduce the number of fatalities related to impaired drivers; 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 December 5, 2014 through January 2, 2015; and

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Edison Township Council on behalf of the Division of Police wishes to apply for the grant, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Year End Statewide Crackdown between December 5, 2014 – January 2, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of DWI Laws.

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

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Karabinchak opened the meeting for public comment.

Walter Stochel, 2118 Oak Tree Road, said he attended the meeting on the Pilgrim Pipeline that was held by the Sierra Club and it was very informative. He said this is not a simple thing and no approvals have been given yet and he felt the Council Sub-Committee is a good idea. He presented some articles from the New York Times regarding major pipeline leaks across the country. He also read from an article regarding heroin overdose deaths in New Jersey and he asked our statistics on this.

Chief Bryan said he does not believe there were any in Edison this year.

Mr. Stochel asked how the Affordable Care Act has affected Edison now that we are a year into it.

Ms. Ruane said it has not helped us it has become an added cost.

Mr. Stochel said the Edison Playhouse was declared a historic site by the Edison Council but was never given a plaque and he asked that we look into getting them one.

Peter Kothari, 171 Bodman Avenue, Avenel said he was present two weeks ago to speak on the home invasion meeting that was held. He was promised that within two days he would have an answer as to the airing of that meeting. Now he has been told that there will be a combining of that meeting and the one that was held by Asia TV. He said he would like an answer as to the reason for this.

Ms. Ruane said they are working on this now. The meeting will contain Mayor Lankey and Chief Bryan's presentations and question and answer portions from the Asia TV meeting.

Mr. Kothari asked why we are combining a private meeting with one that was organized by the Township.

Council President Karabinchak said his understanding is that both meetings have important information. It will allow us to hear from other municipalities as this problem is not isolated to Edison.

Mr. Northgrave said this is still an ongoing investigation and there is a lot to be learned from both sessions. He said it is the Township's prerogative to do this.

Mr. Kothari felt this is the first time we are combining a private and public meeting. He said meetings usually air within one or two days without any censorship. He asked what there is to hide

Mr. Northgrave said he may disagree with the Township but Edison has the right to exercise their own opinion. They will air what they feel is relevant for public consumption.

Mr. Kothari asked what residents said at the meeting that was objectionable. He felt we are hiding information from residents that pay taxes.

Council President Karabinchak said there is no conspiracy and at the end of the day what is shown will be for the benefit of the Edison residents. He said there is no collusion.

Councilmember Prasad agreed that there is no collusion and nothing to hide.

Mahesh Swali, Resident, said on November 15th at 12:30 p.m. at the location of Oak Tree Road and Cinder Street, he observed two Police cars sitting idle. Another two cars arrived and now there were four Police cars sitting idle. He does not feel the Police are working hard he said they are working smart. He asked if the Chief has any accountability. He said he was told that Police response time is two to three minutes but he said from personal experience he found the response time to be twenty minutes. He read from an article about an Asian that is not being considered for a job as a Police officer in Edison. He asked what kind of management the Police Chief has and who will pay for all these mistakes. He felt this is a serious matter.

Council President Karabinchak said Chief Bryan will look into why four Police cars were idle. He said they may have been Auxillary Police. He said there is a misunderstanding about response time. Once it is clocked in it cannot be changed. He said there is a rigorous process to be hired as a Police officer and he disagrees that the Police are not doing the right thing.

Chief Bryan said he does have accountability for response time and he will look into why four cars were idle.

Matthew Smith, Good Water Watch, handed in sixty-two letters from Edison residents who oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Councilmember Lombardi again stated that he felt the best course of action is to form a Council Sub-Committee to gather information. He said Councilmembers Diehl and Mascola along with himself will comprise the committee and he will keep in contact with Mr. Smith through e-mail.

Mr. Smith said this does affect property values in a community. He said Pilgrim's plans are very public. The deadline for their approvals from the State DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers is the end of December. He said they do not need approvals from Edison. He said he is not here to preach and he feels Councilmember Lombardi is doing a great job but Pilgrim needs to get back to the Township before they get their approvals.

Councilmember Lombardi stated that action by the Council is not contingent on Pilgrim making a presentation to the Council.

Mr. Smith asked what the timeline looks like.

Councilmember Lombardi said he will send a letter out to Pilgrim requesting a meeting.

Lois Wolke, 10 Peake Road, thanked the Council for all the time and effort they put in. She said that as a resident, she would like to see a combined meeting. If a matter cannot be discussed, that is the law and we must abide by it. Things take a while, not everything is instantaneous. She feels it is the duty of every citizen to watch out for our neighbors. She said the Police cannot do it all. We need to make ourselves not be victims.

Maryann Hennessey, 20 Carmello Drive, asked what the status is on hiring a new CFO. She commented that we lost our Director of Engineering and she asked who will be handling those duties. She said there is still no blinking light by the John Marshall School. She asked if the Council receives a report on crime statistics. She asked for the ethnic breakdown of the new Police hires and how many are from other Police departments and also how many are graduates of the academy.

Ms. Ruane said we are putting out the ad again for the CFO and hoping for a better turn out. We have a certified engineer in the department who will assume the position temporarily.

Chief Bryan said the Township and the Board of Education are looking into the blinking light. He said reports are compiled monthly on crime trends and some information is confidential. They are looking at doing something on the internet for the public. He said he cannot discuss the hires at this time but they look to be very diverse.

Fred Wolke, 10 Peake Road, said he read an article about the Pilgrim Pipeline about four or five months ago and brought it to the attention of Mr. Medina who knew nothing about it. He felt we do not want this coming through our Township.

Esther Nemitz, 162B Fay Street, said there is a different pipeline that is coming through Clara Barton that was approved a long time ago. She felt we have very little time to act on the Pilgrim Pipeline. She hoped by the next meeting we will have more information as to whether Edison has anything to say about this. She said she has been complaining about the sound system for a very long time. She said it is a horror and a disservice to the residents.

Peter Kothari, 171 Bodman Avenue, Avenel, said a large number of people showed up at that meeting and that is why he wants it aired. He said people are concerned.

Councilmember Dr. Prasad asked how the pipeline would acquire access to private property if needed.

Mr. Northgrave said if they have to go through someone's back yard they would need to acquire an easement.

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

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Diehl, seconded by Councilmember Mascola, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Robert Karabinchak
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno
Acting Municipal Clerk

