

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MINUTES-MARCH 18, 2014**

Mayor Pullion called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231,
P.L. 1975 THE CLERK READ THE STATEMENT:

Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Township Committee in the following manner:

- A. By posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building 400 Delanco Road Edgewater Park, New Jersey on January 7, 2014.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 7, 2014.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on January 7, 2014.

Present: Mr. William Belgard, Mr. Darrell Booker, Mr. John McElwee, and Mr. Michael Trainor, Mayor Joseph T. Pullion (Committee Members)

Also present: Mr. Gene Difilippo, Chief of Police (Public), Mr. Aubrey Painter, Superintendent of Public Works (Public), Mrs. Linda Dougherty, RMC/Administrator (Public and Closed), Mr. William Kearns, Solicitor (Public and Closed), Ms. Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk (Public)

DISCUSSION(S)/PRESENTATION(S)/AUTHORIZATION(S)/CONSIDERATION:

Comcast –Public Hearing

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Comcast –Public Hearing

Mrs. Kathy Farinaccio, Manager of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs gave a presentation appended hereto.

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to Public Comment for Comcast Franchise questions only:

Mr. Kearns announced that if resident have are any service issues now is the time to state them.

Mr. Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane, Comcast has been in his development for the past twelve years; does Comcast have any plans to replace substandard cables in the Silver Park West Development.

Ms. Farinaccio reviewed that Comcast preforms upgrades on an ongoing basis.

Township Committee questioned whether the Township could have Xfinity Wifi and additional hot spots at municipal facilities and schools.

Ms. Farinaccio discussed that should would have to look into Comcast's hotspot policy.

Township Committee further discussed that service is spotted and or interrupted in some areas especially during bad weather events. What is Comcast policy to review interruption of service?

Ms. Farinaccio discussed that the lines are being upgraded. The system is set up for automatic checks to the system signals.

Upon discussion Township Committee thanked Ms. Farinaccio for her time and consideration. Ms. Farinaccio thanked Committee and further discussed that she will get back to the Committee regarding their questions and requests.

FUNCTION APPLICATIONS:

Public Functions: None

Raffles: None

Solicitors: None

REPORTS:

Report from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator; appended to the end of the minutes.

Weimann Sports Complex and Public Works Facility

Public Works Recycling Area

The public works recycling area is located at the Weimann Sports Complex. Mr. Painter, Mr. Darji and Mrs. Dougherty met on site to review site conditions and potential improvements. Mr. Painter confirmed with Burlington County Recycling Director that recycling funds can be used to expand, improve recycling areas. They recommend that the recycling area at Weimann Sports complex be addressed to include new fencing with defined recycling/trash areas, expand existing asphalt area and or install concrete pad for the containers and install new cameras for recycling area observation. Environmental Resolutions submitted and proposal for design services for a free standing metal building in the public works area that will house the public works equipment and to address the recycling area in the amount of \$4,450.00. The proposal includes a sufficiency evaluation of the existing electrical system and water lines to expand to the new building.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Pullion moved to approve the engineer's professional services and to have Mr. Belgard and Mrs. Dougherty involved with the project. Second by Mr. Trainor
Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes

Weimann Club House and other Park Facilities

The discussion pursued regarding the Weimann Club House building. The life expectancy of the roof is 30 years; there is approximately 5-6 years left before the roof has to be replaced.

There are also various roof repairs at the public works facility and Memorial Field; quotes are being obtained.

Door Replacement

Mr. Painter obtained a quote from Jammer Doors, State Contract Vendor # 85294 to replace four 12' x 16' doors. Cost would be applied against Bond Ordinance No. 2013-8.

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward with the project.

Diesel Lawnmower

The public works department is in need of a new lawnmower. Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward with the purchase of a diesel 60" Turbo Force Deck 25 HP, Kubota diesel Robey's Lawnmower Repair in the amount \$12,719.00.

EPAA Sheds

The discussion pursued regarding shed replacement; there are currently two sheds at the Weimann Sport Complex that house equipment for EPAA which are in poor condition. Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward with the replacement.

There were no other reports.

Report Acceptance

Moved by: Mr. Booker

Second by: Mr. Belgard

Further discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Dougherty recommended that Resolution No. 2014-47 be removed from the agenda for further review.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2014-48 through 2014-50 by consent agenda; if any items on the consent agenda require consideration by separate roll call vote, it shall be removed from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

Moved by: Mr. McElwee

Second: Mr. Trainor

Discussion: none

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-48

Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

WHEREAS, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a key element of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy will expire on April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

WHEREAS, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expense, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expires on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

WHEREAS, without those limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, without the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration Awards but with the 2% cap on property tax levy local budget makers could be forced to reduce other essential municipal services to fund an arbitration award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Edgewater Park strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards prior to the April 1, 2014 sunset; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, the legislators of the Township of Edgewater Park State Legislative representatives, Governor Chris Christie, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Resolution No. 2014-49

Appointment of a Petty Cash Fund Administrator

WHEREAS, it is necessary to facilitate the administration of the Petty Cash Fund for the Township of Edgewater Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park is desirous of designating a facilitator of all documentation pertaining to the Petty Cash Fund, particularly withdraws, claims, account reimbursement and reconciliation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, does hereby designate Tanyika Johns as the Petty Cash Fund Administrator for the Township of Edgewater Park, 400 Delanco Rd, Edgewater Park, NJ 08010, (609) 877-2050; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services immediately following its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-50

Resolution Establishing Depositories

WHEREAS, Revised Statute NJSA 40:3-25 provides that moneys held in any separate fund, i.e., General Account, Capital Fund, Trust Account and all Escrow Accounts, shall be treated as moneys held in trust and shall not be diverted to any other purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Beneficial Bank, Delanco Federal Savings Bank, TD Bank, Corner Stone Bank, Roebing Bank, Roma Bank, Citi Fund Services and Sovereign Bank, and that the custodian shall be Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer. All disbursements for these accounts shall be made by checks signed by:

Joseph T. Pullion, Mayor or
Michael Trainor, Deputy Mayor, or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, or
Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Secretary to the CFO, or
Tanyika L. Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk

In the event that the Municipal Clerk signs said checks in the capacity of Secretary to the Chief Financial Officer, then the Deputy Clerk shall be required to sign on behalf of the Clerk.

BE IT RESOLVED that all disbursements from the payroll account shall be made by checks signed by:

Linda Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or
Tanyika L. Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Construction Code Official account shall be made by checks signed by:

Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or
Deborah Cunningham, Clerk Typist or
James Scott, Construction Code Official or
Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Rental and Resale Inspection account shall be made by checks signed by:

Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or
Deborah Cunningham, Clerk Typist or
James Scott, Construction Code Official or
Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Tax Collector or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, or

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Edgewater Park Court Account and Bail Account shall be made by checks signed by:

Ann DiMarco, Court Administrator or
Terri Harper, Deputy Court Administrator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Recreation Account shall be made by checks signed by:

Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk or
Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Municipal Clerk's Account shall be made by checks signed by:

Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or

Tanyika L. Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer or

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all disbursements from the Tax Collector's Account and the Tax Collector's Lien Redemption Account shall be made by checks signed by:

Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy or
Deborah Cunningham, Clerk Typist or
Linda M. Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator or
Linda Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2

Second Reading and Public Hearing

An Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park Vacating the Public Interest in a Certain Portion of Kove Road located in the Township of Edgewater Park, Burlington County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq. authorizes a municipality to vacate the public interest in any public street, highway, lane or alley or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 states that where there has been a dedication of lands as a public place and the same has not been accepted or opened by the municipality, the governing body may, by Ordinance, release and extinguish the public right arising from the dedication

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park finds and determines that a certain portion of Kove Road as further and particularly described in Section 2 of this Ordinance is not needed for any public purpose and that the public interest therein should be vacated and extinguished

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Statutory Authority: This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authorization provided in N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq.

Section 2. Findings and Vacation: The certain 60' wide Kove Road located off Cooper Street in the Township of Edgewater Park, Burlington County, New Jersey, described as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described in accordance with the description attached hereto and prepared by Robert E. Lee, PLS, of Lippincott Jacobs Consulting Engineers, dated August 20, 2012, and entitled "Right of Way Transfer over a portion of Kove Road, Township of Edgewater Park, Burlington County, New Jersey", is no longer needed for any public purpose and that the public interest therein should be vacated and extinguished and all rights and title thereto shall be conveyed to the abutting property identified as Block 1202, Lot 4.01 which is currently owned by the Township of Edgewater Park and is under Agreement for conveyance to K-2 Management, LLC. It is the intention that the area being vacated shall be part of the conveyance.

Section 3. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance, the Township Clerk shall file a certified true copy of this ordinance and a copy of the proof or publication with the office of the Burlington County Clerk.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Edgewater Park heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second by: Mr. Trainor

Discussion: None

Mayor Pullion opened this portion of the meeting to public comment on Ordinance No. 2014-2 only.

Hearing no one from the public wishing to speak the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Committeeman Belgard:

Liaison to the Recreation Committee:

Mr. Belgard reported Saturday April 5, 2014 is the Breakfast with the Bunny Event. A new bunny suit has been donated to the Township. McDonalds Restaurant and 7-11 have donated items for the event. Any donations and volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Belgard discussed Committee will be starting meetings again for Community Day; volunteers are needed to plan and be present at the event.

Mr. McElwee reported Mr. Patel from Seven Eleven would like to be a part of Community Day.

Committeeman Booker:

Liaison to the School Board:

Mr. Booker reported the School Board meeting is tonight. He further discussed the Budget is on the School Boards new Website.

PTO will have a meeting next Monday, March 24th on the second part of a five part series on parenting at 6:30 PM.

Liaison to the Environmental Committee:

Mr. Booker discussed that he, Mr. Minter and Mr. Malecki (members) attended the fundamentals of environmental committee and improvement class; the class was very informative and learned new information.

Committeeman McElwee:

Liaison to Senior Advisory:

Mr. McElwee reported Senior Advisory and Neighborhood Watch shredding, car wash and bake sale event will be held on May 3rd from 9:00AM to noon at the Weimann Facility; no electronics can be recycled at this event.
The Medicine drop off is April 26, 2014 from 10:00 am to 12:00 PM at the municipal building.

Liaison to Sewer Authority:

Mr. McElwee further reported Sewer Authority will meet April 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Sewer Authority Office.

Mr. Trainor:

Liaison to EPAA.

EPAA met last Tuesday baseball and softball registration is closed.
Opening day, flag football and cheerleading is still open with open day on April 19, 2014
Basketball is over for the season; end of season basketball skating party is scheduled for April 7, 2014
EPAA is looking into starting a summer basketball league this year.
A travel Softball league is also new to this year's season.
Flag Football is in its six year; on June 14th teams will be able to participate in games at the Wells Fargo Center.
Residents can follow sporting activities and events on EPAA's Facebook page.

Mayor Pullion:

Liaison to Redevelopment Committee

Mayor Pullion discussed that he continues to work on obtaining developers for Route 130 development.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills: March 4, 2014 to March 13, 2014

Moved by: Mr. Belgard Second: Mr. Trainor

Discussion: none

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 23, 2013 and August 6, 2013 (Public Session)

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second: Mr. Booker

Discussion: none

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-abstain, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes abstain 8/16/13, Mayor Pullion-yes abstain 8/6/13.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to public comment.

Judy Hall, 6 Johnson Place, discussed that the memorial project at Roosevelt Park needs to be resurrected. She discussed that in the past this was a function of the Environmental Committee; Mr. Robbins, member of the Committee indicated that he would take care of the project.

Kevin Johnson, 307 Cardinal Road, discussed that the Branches of Love project is a nice way for people to have loved ones remembered.

Teresa Branham, 105 Alexander Road discussed that she is new to Edgewater Park. She chose to live in Edgewater Park because it is a nice clean community but she noticed that there is litter at a couple of businesses on Cooper Street.

Mrs. Branham further questioned single stream recycling.

Mr. Painter advised that the County is anticipating the start this fall; residents who have the yellow buckets can keep them or the County is looking into a company that may recycle them.

Lynn Flagg, 94 N Garden Blvd discussed requirements for inoperable vehicles; some homes in her area have cars in the driveway that have not moved. There are also homes in the area that are in need of repair.

Mrs. Dougherty advised that she will have the property maintenance inspector review the area.

Mrs. Hall, 6 Johnson Place further discussed that a rental property in her area needs to be addressed.

She further discussed that the inspector should be made full time or consideration hiring two part time inspectors.

Fran Wilkins, 96 N Garden Blvd questioned whether the bank robber was caught.

Chief DiFilippo discussed the police are actively pursuing a suspect.

Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane, discussed criminal activity and questioned whether to put something in the paper on how to protect yourself from crime.

He further thanked and acknowledged the efforts of the Public Works Department for the snow removal. Mr. Rainey questioned if the Buckno house is going to be demolished.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that overall plans for the property have not been developed.

Mrs. Hall, 6 Johnson Place, further discussed the seniors are very computer literate and use Facebook; she also likes the Township's use of Robo calls to let the public know what is going on.

Mr. Johnson, 307 Cardinal Road, reported Neighborhood Watch is in a rebuilding stage; in the past there were many presentations regarding public awareness.

CLOSE: Hearing no one wishing to speak the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to public comment.

THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mayor Pullion Second: Mr. Booker Time: 9:15PM

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker-yes, Mr. McElwee-yes, Mr. Trainor-yes, Mayor Pullion-yes.

Joseph T. Pullion, Mayor

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator