

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2012**

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

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 9, 2012.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 9, 2012.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on January 9, 2012.

Present: Mrs. Aimee Belgard, Mr. Darrell Booker, Mr. Scott Kercher, Mr. Joseph Pullion, Mayor John McElwee (Committee Members)

Also present: Mr. Robert Brian, Chief of Police (Public), Mr. Aubrey Painter, Superintendent of Public Works (Public), Mr. William Kearns, Solicitor (Public and Closed), Mrs. Linda M. Dougherty, Clerk/Administrator (Public and Closed), Mrs. Margaret Peak, CFO (Public), Ms. Tanyika Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk (Public), Mr. Rakesh Darji, ERI Township Engineer (Public) and Mr. Timothy Irons, Risk Manager (Invitee-Closed Session)

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed the fire exit procedures for the building.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor McElwee discussed that the Township requested proposals for emergency medical services. There were 3 organizations that presented proposals and upon review of the documents Committee requested public presentations from the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad and Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County.

Discussion pursued with a brief overview of why Committee is moving forward with a request for proposals. In November 2011; the Beverly – Edgewater Park Squad temporarily ceased operations due to internal issues. Endeavor Emergency Squad took over operations and there was no break emergency medical service. During this time the Township reviewed files and could not find a formal contract with the Squad. Due to liability concerns, Committee took action to rectify the situation and moved forward with quotes to secure and formalize a contract. By requesting written proposals, Committee can consider the best course of action for the community which will provide the best possible solution for coverage and well being of our residents.

The Mayor further discussed that after the presentations there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Emergency Medical Services

Beverly Edgewater Park Emergency Squad

Representatives: Stephen Addezio, Administrator, Cynthia Borden, Deputy Chief, Matt Hempel, Training Officer and John Fine, Treasurer presented a power point presentation on Squad's services, billing information and proposal.

Township Committee: Questions and Answer Period

Township Committee members thanked the Beverly Edgewater Park Emergency Squad for their presentation; the information was well presented and very useful.

Township Committee questioned the training that the members receive through Virtua Hospital. Committee further questioned quality assurance controls and reviews; internal or outside.

The Beverly Edgewater Park EMS discussed that through the paramedic program the squad has been partnered with Virtua since Virtua has been training paramedics. A new training program was started in January which assists with scheduling and specialized classes. A system was in place to track training classes and certifications; this has been incorporated into the new program.

Quality insurance measures are reviewed internally as well as through outside resources.

Committee further questioned paid employee positions versus volunteers; are schedules paired so that paid and volunteer members serve together or how are members scheduled.

The Squad discussed that volunteers have the first option to fill shifts; shifts that are not filled are then covered by paid staff.

Committee questioned the number of response calls of approximate 1,400 per year and if that included both communities and the average response time of 7 minutes?

The Squad discussed that the 1,400 calls are for both communities, Beverly and Edgewater Park; approximately 60% of the call volume is for Edgewater Park. The average response time of 7 minutes is for both communities.

Committee further questioned the structure of the squad and if there is a Chief.

Ms. Borden discussed that currently there is no Chief and she is the Deputy Chief who works under Mr. Addezio, Administrator.

The Squad discussed that the Administrator is in charge of the business aspects such as billing. Any service call and vehicle operations fall under the Deputy Chief which includes scheduling. The position of the Chief will be explored. Deputy Chief Borden was recently placed into an EMS officer class; officers are being provided formal training. Once Township Committee awards a contract positions will be assessed as to what would be best for their organization.

Committee discussed that during the presentation it was mentioned that motor vehicle accidents are one of the biggest problems in the industry; and requested the Squad's history.

Squad members discussed that to their knowledge there was an accident 10-15 years ago. They further discussed that they are next in line to receive a grant for an Opticom System (GPS System) which when vehicles lights are activated the system will work with the traffic lights on Route 130 to change the lights. Funding will be through fire and safety grant which is only available to local entities.

Township Committee further discussed and affirmed with the Squad that other grants are available to all emergency medical service operators; fire and safety grant has limited offerings.

Committee further thanked the squad for their community outreach. Over the Christmas holiday the Squad provided gifts to 19 children; was this for Beverly and Edgewater Park residents?

The Squad discussed that that the distribution was for Beverly residents only; they did reach out to Edgewater Park Schools but did not receive a response. In previous years Edgewater Park residents were included in the program. The Fire Department handed out approximately 300 beanie baby dolls to children in Edgewater Park on Christmas Eve.

Committee further questioned some of the documentation that was submitted and the Squads 501C3 status as well as an affirmative action program.

Mr. Kearns discussed that several years ago the Federal Government sent notification to all 501C3 entities that returns had to be filed regardless of income.

The Squad discussed that their 501C3 status is current.

The Squad further discussed that they contacted the State and affirmative action literature has been obtained and applied; process to obtain the certification will take time.

Lou Garty, Attorney for the Squad advised that all applications and filings have been submitted to the State and the Squad is compliant.

Township Committee further questioned the Squad's third party billing agency.

The Squad discussed that one of the changes they implemented in January was to change to DM Billing Services in Pennsauken. The Squad uses soft billing practices and this practice will continue.

Committee further questioned the Quality Assurance Program and number of supervisors in the program; and the number of volunteers/employees that live in Edgewater Park.

The Squad discussed that there are 4 supervisors in the quality assurance program. There are also approximately 15 members that live in Edgewater Park; maybe a little less.

Committee asked Mr. Fine to explain soft billing procedures.

Mr. Fine discussed that the Squad receives money through drives and fundraisers. They also bill insurance pertaining to transports. If there is a situation of an elderly resident or resident that does not have insurance residents will be billed over the amount which is covered by insurance if they have it; if the resident has difficulty paying they can call the squad to discuss that matter. The resident will not be sent to collections and attempts will be made to reach an agreement.

Committee further questioned the financial stability of the Squad. The Squad submitted a financial audit that stated no matter what way the decision goes regarding the award of the contract the Squad will still be sustained and will be able to serve the residents of Beverly City, if the contract was not awarded to them.

Mr. Fine discussed that with billing they will be able to make sure that residents are taken care of; they are confident that they are self sustained. During the reorganization they reviewed billing procedures, financial status; it is not the quantity of money it is the quality of how money is spent. They have a strict budget and they are confident that with the finances and support of public and billing that they would be absolutely fine.

Committee questioned and reaffirmed that regardless of the outcome the organization is confident that it will be able to continue to be operations and meet its financial obligations; is this an accurate statement?

Response: Unintelligible

Committee further referenced the audits of the past couple of years and questioned if there was a fund drive in year 2011 as in years prior?

Mr. Fine discussed that there was no fund drive in 2011. He further discussed that whatever issues they had they corrected.

Committee questioned if the Squad is able to sustain themselves despite that the Squad has raised over \$20,000 in years past through fund drives?

Mr. Fine discussed that the Squad will be conducting a fund drive in the spring and again in the fall. But again, the Squad reassessed everything and whatever that needed to change was changed.

Committee thanked the Squad for the time and presentation.

Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington

Representatives: Mark Nessel, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Denise McAneney RN, BSN Nursing Director, Department of Emergency Medicine and Robert Sposato, Emergency Medical Services, Chief
(Presentation Appended)

Township Committee members thanked Lourdes Medical Center for their presentation; the information was well presented and very useful.

Township Committee questioned Lourdes regarding their Quality Assurance Program; doctor's see 20% of charts at the Burlington site for all service locations including Gloucester City, etc?

Ms. McAneney discussed access to the reports and files are obtained in Burlington or Deborah or through computer access.

Committee questioned what are the procedures prior to chart review by doctors?

Mr. Sposato discussed that he reviews every chart first; if there is something specific he flags the chart and forwards to Dr. Segal prior to him picking up charts within a week. Otherwise Mr. Sposato discussed that he reviews all charts prior to submission to the State. With his line of supervisory experience he is able to review the charts and identify problems and discuss with the crew.

Township Committee further discussed the specialty training that was presented; what types of training are the EMT's exposed to on a regular basis.

Lourdes discussed that the hospital takes part in the standard EMS situations and aside from the blood glucose monitoring and EKG's, they take part in everything from season programs including winter and summer emergencies. EMT's are free to take any type of course they want outside of the courses that Lourdes offers such as courses at the Burlington First Aid Academy. This year Lourdes partnered with another agency and will be offering "Super Saturday" where EMT's come in for the day for elective courses and other CUE's courses. Training will be

partnered with Lourdes Hospital and other agencies. EMT's are also exposed to additional clinical experience due to taking vital signs a lot more in the emergency room than just in the EMT protocol. EMT's can fine tune assessment skills because they partner with triage nurses and the Burlington Campus has a psychiatric crisis unit.

Committee further questioned what experiences EMT's would have in a typical day in the emergency room.

Lourdes discussed as an example EMT's at Deborah when they are not on a call are responsible for stocking the emergency department so they are familiar with equipment, when patients come in they put patients on the stretcher, commence monitoring and vital signs which has a more collaborative relationship with the nurse. They are there in most cases when the physicians perform the assessment as well as when the nurses are in the room carrying out orders. At Deborah that have one room for psychiatric crisis prior to being transferred to Lourdes Burlington; EMT's are involved with psych training, restraining methods and DRINK staff.

Committee further questioned Lourdes Community outreach program and events opportunities in Gloucester, Pemberton or Springfield Townships.

Lourdes discussed that they are there constantly for township events; recently they were in Gloucester for the Shamrock event. Normal procedures are that they meet with the townships in the beginning of the year to review events that they would need staff for. For example, the McGuire Air Force show they will have two ambulances at the show and two ambulances in Pemberton due to the high traffic area; they will be able to accommodate this easily. They are also present at such events as Pemberton's carnival and Springfield's tractor pull and other types of events. Lourdes is present at those types of events for emergency services and also for community involvement. Lourdes also does lectures at senior community's centers regarding flu, their EMS service, billing, etc. They recently found out that when you dial 911 from a cell phone the call goes to Philadelphia; they are working with administrators to get that changed.

Township Committee further questioned Lourdes regarding response times.

Lourdes discussed that they would relate it to Gloucester City where the average response time is 5 minutes 36 seconds. Pemberton Township which is 65 square miles average response time is 8 minutes 10 seconds. For Edgewater Park Township and a size which is comparable to Gloucester City they anticipate the response times to be approximately 5 minutes, 36 seconds.

Committee further questioned how Lourdes determined Edgewater Park Township's average response time; have any runs be conducted and where will be runs come from?

Lourdes discussed that all of their response times are reported by the County, when the County places the call, arrive on the scene and depart from the scene. They really can't say what the response time would be for Edgewater Park but would estimate close to Gloucester until runs actually occur. The runs will be deployed out of the emergency department; they feel that deploying EMT's from the emergency department has beneficial experiences otherwise the EMT's would just be sitting in a parking lot which does not do the EMT's any good. For the emergency department EMT's will be gaining the experience of other technicians. The emergency department is located on Sunset Road in Willingboro.

Committee discussed that Lourdes mentioned special events and in their packet they right to invoice for special events and how does this work?

Lourdes discussed that from their standpoint they do not invoice for special events they provide this as a community service. Since October 2010 they have never invoiced for any special event.

Committee asked for the record if Lourdes was awarded the contract are they representing that they will not invoice for special events.

Lourdes response was yes, absolutely.

Committee further questioned that Lourdes proposal includes fuel cost of \$12,600.00. Lourdes discussed that this was based on approximately 900 calls per year for Edgewater Park Township.

Committee further discussed that during their presentation they mentioned ongoing communications with other townships; is this something we can anticipate for Edgewater Park. Lourdes response was absolutely. Their to ability to create charts is limitless for items such as time charts on a monthly basis and can cater to what the township wants.

Committee further questioned Lourdes history of motor vehicle accidents.

Lourdes discussed that they have never had an issue with any of the ambulances as far as accidents. They track employees and speed of ambulances by a system called Road Safety which is also used by Mt. Laurel Township. Road System requires EMT's to log into the system and it tracks them as they are driving; this is also used as a training mechanism because as they are driving if you are driving too fast or turning to quickly the system activates a clicking mechanism. If an accident should occur they are able to remove the black box from the Road Safety system and identify if their turn signal was on, sirens lights, etc. In Gloucester City because of the type of system that they use in the County they can track vehicle speed, times etc in real time. Here they would be using the Road system.

Committee further discussed that the other Squad mentioned that they are going to be utilizing an Opticom System in which vehicles can change the traffic lights in cases of emergency. Is this something that Lourdes will be utilizing?

Lourdes discussed that they system is actually a strobe in front of the ambulance that is timed to a sensor on the traffic lights. When vehicles approach the light it starts to change the timing on the lights. So if the Township or the County actually got the system and installed it on all the lights; Lourdes would purchase the system and install it on their vehicles.

Committee questioned that if the addition needs to be made to the traffic lights who would install it.

Lourdes discussed that they do believe that it would be the County and the System has to be in place first. Lourdes would then install the system on their ambulances.

Committee further questioned Lourdes rates for billing purposes? The bill that would be issued for transport is a \$600 flat fee and \$15 per loaded mile; anything beyond that?

Lourdes discussed that this is their standard billing rate; for Medicare or Medicaid they would accept whatever Medicare or Medicaid pays. Soft billing services would be the same procedures as the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad and they use the same billing company.

Township Committee further questioned oxygen would be supplied for the police department.

Lourdes discussed that absolutely this is something they would provide.

Committee questioned an individual's ability to explore EMT services what is the process. Lourdes discussed that most of the people that come to them are already EMT's; Lourdes looks for people that are certified as EMT's, CPR, hazmat, ICS command system. Individuals are certified before that start with Lourdes.

Committee further questioned if Lourdes currently has any Beverly, Edgewater Park residents that work for Lourdes.

Lourdes discussed that there are: Cindy Borden, assistant Chief is full time in the emergency department at Deborah and Bruce Dowdy is a full time Lieutenant in Gloucester City. Josh Becker also works with them. He does not know addresses but knows that they are from this area. There are also a large number of people that work in the hospital that are residents.

Township Committee further questioned training and who bears the cost?

Lourdes discussed that they want to encourage training. What they do is that they do not pay for the CEU class but they pay for the time that they are in the class. It is actually more than what they would pay for the CEU class; some courses maybe 24 hours. They pay them as an incentive to get through the course so that they get the education and training and Lourdes reaps the benefit that extends to the communities. Courses for the RN's, Lourdes do pay for certain courses.

Committee further questioned that use of Opticom system. If this is something that Lourdes would utilize, who would be responsible for the cost; the Township or Lourdes.

Lourdes discussed that they would pay for the Opticom system; they system is used in Howell Township it is very safe and efficient. As soon as the system is ready in the Township or County, Lourdes would install the Opticom for safety purposes.

Other than EMS emergency situation services, are there other services that Lourdes can provide to our residents for follow up care.

Lourdes discussed that if the call for service came in as a 911 call they will respond. Transport is something that Lourdes is exploring for a future expansion; currently they do not have a transport team or vehicle to transport residents to doctor appointments etc.

Lourdes further discussed that during the hurricane in Pemberton Township they assisted with people transport and were able to supply vehicles, separate from the EMS transport, to help people in times of emergency.

Robert Brian, Chief of Police inquired about emergency preparedness and how many towns do they currently serve. He further inquired about the eight ambulances that Lourdes currently has and how they utilize them.

Lourdes discussed that currently they serve in Pemberton Township and Springfield Township and Gloucester City in Camden County. Some vehicles are situated in specific locations, for example in Pemberton Township they have 2 BLS ambulances 2 SCTU transports; in Springfield Township they have an ambulance and in Gloucester they have 2 ambulances. The 2 new ambulances that have coming in will used for back-up services in Springfield Township and will be housed at Deborah. Depending on the outcome of this contract; Lourdes will have one ambulance for Edgewater Park and one SCTU; there will be 2 dedicated to Edgewater Park.

Committee asked Lourdes to explain the acronym STCU.

Lourdes advised that SCTU is a Specialty Care Transport Unit; transport services depend on how ambulances are certified with the State; all Lourdes SCTU transports are certified as BLS (Basic Life Support) ambulance transports. If needed, Lourdes is able to utilize the SCTU ambulance as a BLS transport capacity; this is common practice.

Chief Brian further questioned emergency preparedness. Edgewater Park had two recent events with Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Will Lourdes provide staff for emergency meetings; Edgewater Park, Beverly and Delanco prepare for local emergency storms.

Lourdes discuss that it depends on what a local community needs. Lourdes pays for individuals to come out to assist in emergency situations such as hurricanes. In Pemberton they had staff that they paid for hours. Notices are put out and staff pickups those types of events. In Pemberton Township Lourdes was working with them two weeks prior to the hurricane actually hitting. Pemberton sent out continuous e-mails that were responded to and whatever they needed Lourdes responded. Within 48 hours of the hurricane Lourdes was at the command center preparing for the event. In Gloucester City officials met and prepared approximately three days prior to the event. Crews were staffed for approximately 36 hours. The hospital policy for any anticipated disaster is that all essential personnel (doctors, nurses, EMTs) must report and stay at the hospital.

Chief Brian further questioned location of ambulances and how many people would be dedicated to Edgewater Park.

Lourdes expressed that if awarded the contract in Edgewater Park ambulances are located at the emergency room at Lourdes Hospital, for Pemberton it is the emergency room at Deborah Hospital, Gloucester City it is at the Fire House and Springfield Township is at the fire house. Specific staff is assigned to those municipalities; they are rotated and pick up additional time in the emergency rooms. Lourdes further discussed that the number of people dedicated to a community depends on the need. For example in Gloucester that had 3 people dedicated to an ambulance for a total of about 6-7 people depending on shift rotation. In Pemberton Township there were approximately 10 people per shift. Staff was provided beds and EMT's were able to stay through the event. For Edgewater Park it will depend on need; resources are good to pull in staff.

Chief Brian questioned pro-active events such as stand-offs or fire would Lourdes automatically send a vehicle.

Lourdes responded absolutely. This is a lot of dispatch policy. In Gloucester City it depends on how the fire department set things up. Stand-offs and other emergencies for example, in Gloucester City they will respond and stay on site the entire time.

Committee thanked the Lourdes representatives for the time and presentation

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for a question and answer period regarding emergency medical services. Please listen to the questions and answers so that there is not a lot of a repeat; please keep comments as short as possible so that all residents have the opportunity to be heard.

Joyce Frigen, 257 Hendrickson Avenue, Edgewater Park: questioned Lourdes regarding staffing with approximately 60 full time and part time employees, how many are part time and full time, and how do you determine allocation especially if Lourdes plans to expand services between Gloucester City and Burlington County.

Lourdes discussed that they already have people that expressed an interest in serving for Edgewater Park; if they are awarded the contract staff would be allocated over. Part time and full time employment depends on the contract. For Pemberton Township facility the majority are full time employees. Gloucester City has about 4 people that are part time with the remaining full time. Lourdes prefers to hire full time staff; people seem to be more dedicated to their respective positions. Part time people may have more than one job and pulled between positions especially in emergency situations.

Don Kenyon, 58 Forrestal Drive, Edgewater Park: question for both squads. Beverly-Edgewater Park squad stated that they do not want any fuel or money from the township. Willingboro Lourdes stated that the township would supply approximately \$12,000 in fuel based on 900 calls or \$13.33 per call, \$600 for transport plus \$16.00 per loaded mile. I don't see how the township can afford it?

Mr. Sposato, Lourdes explained that it is not all tax dollars. Their procedures, which are the same as for the other contracts in towns that they serve, Lourdes submits a zero bid for services with the municipalities supplying fuel for ambulance service calls. The approximate \$12,000 is to help assist with transport calls. For individuals that need transport, their insurance companies are billed and pay the hospital; the balance is billed to the resident. They also use soft billing procedures. They work with residents on payment plans and if they are not able to pay the record is considered unresponsive.

Mr. Fine, Beverly Edgewater Park Squad explained that they use the same billing company as Lourdes. The squad is not requesting to use township fuel; they hope it is off-set by Easter and mother day flower sales. Pertaining to transport of residents and base charges billed to residents their base charge is \$650 plus loaded mile but he is not sure what that charge is. Cindy Borden, Deputy Chief advised that they do not charge for loaded mile.

Bob Tebolt, 614 Wheatley Avenue, Beverly City and elected member of Beverly City Council, but he is here as a citizen: Resident since 1963. As a resident of Beverly they look for citizens to take pride in their towns and the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad has excellently served our communities for decades. Aside from the business, legal and contractual side you need to look at the community fabric side and these people are part of the community and need them to stay with us.

Ron Jernigan, 315 Lincoln Avenue, Edgewater Park: questioned mutual aid where local emergency units cover other units. If all units are out for Edgewater Park do they have a mutual aid contract with other providers?

Lourdes discussed that yes they are participating in mutual aid. For example in Pemberton, Springfield and Gloucester they participate in mutual aid when they are tied up and also respond to a neighboring community if they need assistance. Emergency Squads, he does believe all through the State, are part of the mutual aid system.

Jim Williamson, 1207 Mt. Holly Rd, Edgewater Park discussed that his concern is safety and compared the two agencies. Lourdes discussed that they have approximately 60 employees for 8 ambulances for an area serving Gloucester, Pemberton and Springfield Township vs Beverly-Edgewater Park Squads 54 EMT's dedicated to Beverly and Edgewater Park from an assigned central location.

Lourdes hospital discussed their response time; Lourdes is located in the neighboring community of Willingboro and will not have a difficult time responding. Regarding responding across Rt. 130 to Edgewater Park, they have been on Rt 130 for years now with Willingboro and it is a dangerous intersection crossing over Rt 130. The procedures will be the same as Rt 38 in Pemberton Township; this is another difficult situation. They take their time but their response times even in Pemberton Township as large as it is they have no problem with response times and are able to take precautions for safety. Regarding the amount of people, if they are awarded the contract, Lourdes will have dedicated ambulances for Edgewater Park and will have the shifts staffed through the day like normal. If there was a mass casualty they will be able to pull in other resources but for a normal day to day call they will be able to cover this with one ambulance and one back up unit. Gloucester City, Lourdes staffs ambulances seven days, 24 hours a day. Staff shifts rotate on a 6AM to 6PM shift and shifts rotate. If they have a call they respond and if they are out on a call mutual aid steps in.

Beverly City Squad discussed that they agree with the resident. It is important the members live in town and they only have two person staff per ambulance. But if there is a major incident they are responding to the Beverly Station. He further discussed that if a neighbor comes to his house and needs assistance he can start treating his neighbor and accompany them to the hospital. Mutual aid is within our own town but if we are busy with a storm they might be busy with a storm.

Tina Williamson, 1207 Mt. Holly Rd, Edgewater Park, stated that she and Jim chose to move to Edgewater Park from Marlton seven years ago. They have a child with a severe heart problem which is basically a death sentence. She has been a nurse for 25 years and also teaches in the nursing and legal field. She expressed her support for the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad; it is about the children and elderly of Edgewater Park.

Walt Krause, 26 Spring Lane, Edgewater Park and member of the Edgewater Park Senior Advisory Committee questioned Mr. Fine, as far as the budget and finances of the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad. The squad spoke about personnel salaries; does the squad have enough revenue now to run the squad for the whole year and if not what would happen if they do not and where is the protection for senior citizens and all citizens. He further thanked both agencies for coming this evening both presentations were very well done.

The Beverly Edgewater Park Squad discussed that pertaining to budgets that do not anticipate moneys from flower sales what they do anticipate is revenue from billing and money coming in from insurance agencies to cover payroll and other expenses. They project on a monthly basis what they expect to receive from call volume and billing. They don't plan to be rich. If it gets to the point where they cannot pay their bills they will sit down and work with the municipalities. Their goal is if someone calls 911 to have an ambulance respond.

Mr. Krause, 26 Spring Lane further questioned Mr. Fine and asked if the Beverly – Edgewater Park Squad set up better communications with the members of Township Committee. In the past there were things that fell through the cracks and want to make sure the people of this township have the service that they should have.

Mr. Fine discussed that he believes that they have reached out to Township Committee and proper channels. He believes they have done several press releases and meet and greets for public relations and better communications with municipal government and residents.

Stan Pawloski, 14 Spring Lane, Edgewater Park and President of the Silver Park West Homeowners Association discussed that representation from Silver Park alone is huge. There are two very qualified agencies to serve the community. He is concerned personally as to how we got here and who is in charge of oversight. This matter with the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad started in October who was watching the house prior to October that got us to this point. He further discussed that Edgewater Park Township gave the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad \$24,000 last year. If they had so many problems leading up to the closure in October why did we give them the money?

Committee discussed that the \$24,000 was issued in quarterly payments; the annual amount budgeted for a potential donation was \$32,000. The final 4th quarter of \$8,000 was withheld at the time period that the Endeavor Squad was covering service calls. How we got here is a question the Committee is still asking. In October we read the same articles in the newspaper that residents read. We are still searching for answers; answers that the Squad cannot currently provide due to an ongoing investigation. The Squad is not a liberty to disclose or hinder that investigation nor would we want them to. Committee asked them that when the investigation is resolved to advise them. The reason we are here is because of what happened in November. We want to make sure that this does not happen again and when there is a re-organization and new people come in and if they find a new problem we are not going to have Endeavor answering calls again. Committee wants to make sure that there is consistency in who responds to call for service.

Mr. Pawloski further discussed that the Township has a fiduciary responsibility in the best interest of this community. Township Committee as a board is responsible to oversee what the Squad was doing and to make sure what they did with our tax dollars; this failed to happen. A fiduciary duty is an oath of responsibility. People should consider this at election time.

Committee further discussed that we are going through this process because of our fiduciary responsibility. If the Committee is not getting lines of communication they do not know that there is a problem. The Beverly Edgewater Park Squad is an independent organization that is not governed by Edgewater Park or Beverly City. They are their own independent organization that is responsible for themselves. The Township provided them a donation for a lot of years and when this problem arose the donation stopped. Committee is acting in a fiduciary matter to know and be satisfied that this is not going to happen again. There is no contract with the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad and this is why Committee is taking this action. Committee asked Mr. Fine if he would like to respond.

Mr. Fine discussed that the Squad communicated with Edgewater Park Township. The Squad received written approval from Edgewater Park Township and Beverly City to do this. The same tax dollars that Mr. Pawloski is referring to are also his tax dollars. The Squad found problems and they fixed them. They also made sure if someone called 911 they had quality service at their door; they planned appropriately. They went to the municipalities and told them they have a few issues and need to do a restructure of their organization. Prior to the Squad doing anything they received written approval from both townships. When the Burlington County Times called them to find out what happened, they also called Mayor Booker and he told them that he was aware of what was going on. If there was a miscommunication within this Committee do not retaliate against them. They went through the proper channels through the Public Safety Director to make sure that they had written approval from the Township before Endeavor Squad stepped forth in the Squad's building. If I have a piece of paper of written approval and I read in the newspaper that the Mayor knows what is going on; I have the

impression as a squad member that they are aware and the Squad is OK to do what they have to do. If there is a miscommunication he would like to apologize for it; and Committee has made it clear that there was miscommunication. However, I don't believe that it was entirely on them but it is also within this Committee.

Township Committee questioned Chief of Police Bob Brain as to when he received notification from the Squad that they were shutting their doors and cease operations.

Mr. Brian advised that he does not know the exact date as to when he received the letter.

Committee asked was it a Thursday, Friday?

Mr. Brian stated that he would be guessing.

Mr. Fine discussed that November 7th was a Monday morning and that is when Endeavor came it at 7AM.

Committee further requested from Mrs. Dougherty as to when she received a letter from the Squad.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that she did not bring down her file, but when Mr. Fine record indicates a Monday morning letter, she received a letter on her desk that Monday morning advising that the Squad was shutting down operations.

Committee questioned if the letter indicated that operations would be shut down for approximately two months?

Mr. Fine stated that the letter advised that operations would be shut down for six to eight weeks. The letter from Edgewater Park was dated November 5th.

Stan Pawloski, 14 Spring Lane asked if the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad had a letter from the Township to conduct emergency services in our township.

Mr. Kearns discussed that he speaking about two different things. Mr. Pawloski is asking if Mr. Fine ever received a letter from the Township authorizing the squad to provide services; there is no letter.

Committee discussed that the reason why everyone is here tonight is to rectify the situation and to enter into a contract.

The Squad discussed that they respect that; it benefits both parties.

Mr. Fine discussed that they are not trying to be adversarial with the Mayor or Committee. They are saying that what they did was to try to plan properly; they did every channel properly and through the attorney and proper guidance with other agencies that they are working with. The date was November 5th when we the Squad received approval. The letter states that at present they are in a state of reorganization. The reorganization will take approximately 60 to 120 days to complete. During this process, the Township of Edgewater Park would request that the Endeavor Emergency Squad provide temporary full time basic life support services to our

community. The details of the response will be arranged through the officers of the Beverly-Edgewater Park Emergency Squad.

Mr. Fine continued to discuss that Endeavor Emergency Squad housed a unit at the Beverly Station so that service would be provided until they were able to restructure the organization.

Committee asked Mr. Fine that the letter he is referring to is the letter of response from the Chief of Police; this is not the letter that the Squad issued to the Township.

Mr. Fine discussed that he provided a letter early in the week and prior to doing anything they received written approval from both communities.

Township Committee further questioned notification to the Township and who was the letter addressed too?

Mr. Fine discussed that the letters were issued to the Public Safety Directors.

Township Committee advised that Edgewater Park does not have a Public Safety Director and the position is Chief of Police. They further questioned when the letter was sent because November 5th is a Saturday.

Mr. Fine discussed that it was earlier in the week but so if the letter was November 4th or 5th then it was probably that Monday or Tuesday. If the 4th is a Friday and the 5th at Saturday then they delivered it that Monday or Tuesday. With written approval they moved forward.

Ms. Borden discussed that the letters were hand delivered to both municipalities to the Directors; whether here in Edgewater Park you consider it a Chief of Police and in Beverly City it was delivered to Mr. Gerber, Public Safety Director.

Mr. Fine discussed that they tried to do everything in a proper fashion. Their ambulances needed to be fixed and the organization restructured. If someone had to call an ambulance or if his son or mother needed service, he doesn't care if the ambulance is purple as long as it was there in seven minutes; that is what they were worried about. They did this themselves and did not rely on the Township to do it for them. They took the responsibility themselves the best proper way and through our attorney and other agencies other agencies guiding them and received written approval by the Township. Mayor stated he was aware of it and obviously there was miscommunication and they are paying for it.

Committee questioned Mr. Fine and stated that that Monday would have been Halloween, the 4th is a Friday and the 5th a Saturday.

Mr. Fine discussed that the 5th is when they got the letter from Edgewater Park.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that she did not received the letter(s) until that Monday morning (November 7th); the letters were between our Chief of Police and Mr. Fine.

Township Committee further questioned, notwithstanding the timeline of the letters and knowing that Township has been closed on Fridays; are you stating that on October 30th is when you decided to make this decision. What is the time line prior to the letters of the decision to close and restructure; this is the communication they are referring too. This is a concern and they appreciate that Mr. Fine has children, and so does members of Committee and residents.

What was the time line prior to letters being sent; the decision was not made while you were typing it. Concern is also in the future the communication the Squad has with Committee. Squad meetings are not opened to the public and that is something that is a surprise when donations are made to an organization that is closed and then not communicating or letters are sent timely.

Mr. Fine discussed that the Mayor stated that there is an investigation that the Squad cannot disclose it; if there is an investigation that they cannot disclose it means exactly that. They have know been filtering information from the Squad's attorney to the Township's attorney to try to give information that they can communicate. Certain things they are not allowed to talk about. They are protecting the rights of their employees and employees of the past, present and future. Pertaining to communication in the future the Squad's administrator and public relations person has been to Committee meetings. They have done a file of life campaign. They want to continue to provide information to Committee and work with Committee to overcome barriers of communication. There was a communication issue that they need to address. It is not Committees complete responsibility or their responsibility; they need to meet in the middle.

Township Committee discussed that Mr. Fine did not answer the question notwithstanding all of the background. When was the decision made by the Squad to reorganize and how much time between that decision was made and when notification was made to the Township by letters or whatever means of communication?

Mr. Fine discussed that the decision was made just prior to the Squad sending a letter. They planned because they have an agency to help them; they planned to the point that they can do this. The week before they had everything OK to say that they can do it and let's approach the municipalities to see if they can get approval and let's do it. The investigation and everything they are looking into started in September. They moved forward about the week prior to closing, they had the resources available and the help available for the best interest of their organization and residents.

Township Committee questioned when did the Squad know that is was going to be 6-8 weeks and the timeline of when the decision was made.

Mr. Fine discussed that in the planning stages they made a time line. They worked with Endeavor Emergency Squad and guidance from Delran. The planning stages started in September; they found out issues that needed to be addressed and acted immediately.

Committee questioned why that in September the Squad was aware of issues that needed to be addressed and Committee was not advised until November possibly a week in advanced.

Mr. Fine discussed that he is lost. The Squad had to address concerns and once they got to address the severity and everything they had to deal with it came to a point to they had to stop what they are doing, reassess, restructure and move on. They spoke with outside agencies and to their attorney.

Township Committee addressed Mr. Fine and advised that the Squad was speaking to everybody but not Edgewater Park Township. Committee further discussed that if they can help clarify, Mr. Fine was having meetings with our Chief of Police at that time but not with Township Committee.

Mr. Fine discussed that they do not know who to trust here.

Lou Garty, attorney for the Squad, discussed that for reasons that they discussed with Township Committee before they had to do certain fact finding and she is not going to reveal attorney client privilege. The Squad had to see if things that they were concerned about were actually present and they had to do their due diligence. It took a few weeks to do that before they came to certain information; it did not affect them operationally, there was no down time in responses. There was no lapse in services and once they realized that there were items to be addressed they looked at thing internally, consulted counsel, and consulted the appropriate regulatory officials and then they made a determination to how best cure the situation. The Squad did this in a matter of weeks and as soon as they knew what they had to do they came quickly to the Township within a week. They smelled something that was amiss in September but they had to take some time to look at it; it was not something they could figure out in a day. Certain information will probably become public within a matter of weeks. As soon as they figured out what they needed to do they contacted the Township's Public Safety Director. The Squad came to the Township in November to explain what happened and they came again in December. They sat through a seminar on a night that they had hoped that they could talk more about what happened. The Squad will answer questions that they can and she has communicated with counsel about questions that he had. They provided information over and above that they were required to do. They responded and they are the lowest qualified bidder to the RFP. They provided documented response time. They are here again to provide a power point presentation and it is clear that they are the most qualified bidder and the contract should be awarded tonight.

Township Committee further addressed the last question. The question was about the Township's interaction with this autonomous body. It is important for people to know that the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad is an autonomous body. The Committee does not control that body. Committee does not get to go to the Board of Trustees meetings. Committee made a donation because they thought that it was in the best interest of the residents of Edgewater Park so that the Squad can continue through that donation to provide service to the residents of Edgewater Park. When Committee was presented with the problem they realized that they do not have documentation and the Squad proved that tonight; both parties agree on this. This is why we are going through the process now. It is an important process for both parties. This process does not have to be adversarial nor should it. So we should stop finger pointing and get to the real point here of finding the best choice for the residents of Edgewater Park. To keep our neighbors and residents save; this is what tonight is about.

Mr. Kearns discussed that this is not a construction contract. This is being done under competitive contracting. Committee takes the RFP and decides what is in the best interest of Edgewater Park; price is not the only factor. It is a factor but it is not the only factor.

The Mayor discussed that the purpose of this portion of the contract is the presentation of the two groups.

Mr. Fine discussed that his organization has integrity; they are proud and their heads are high.

The Mayor discussed that no one stated that they do not have integrity.

Ken Kramer, 406 North Garden Blvd, Edgewater Park expressed his support for the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad. He has been a member of the squad for over 20 years; volunteers do a

great job. Mr. Kramer further posed a question to Lourdes regarding the staffing of the ambulances/EMTs out of the emergency room. Sometimes the ER is very busy; are you going to let 2 EMT's out to come to Edgewater Park. The local squad sits in the building.

Lourdes discussed that they do this in Pemberton Township every day. The EMT's will drop what they are doing and respond.

Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane, Edgewater Park: Township Committee is involved because they make the final decision. This is a quality of life matter. Township Committee invited residents to live in this town and they expect quality all around; it is part of living in Edgewater Park. He lives in a senior community. We can't wait of all this arguing. The Township has been providing a donation to the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad for years; questions should have been asked. The Squad has been in business since 1947; they have a junior program to train young people. Lourdes discusses Pemberton Township, doesn't know where that is. There were articles in the paper but nothing in the Beverly Bee that the squad had problems; there should be more follow up. At the last meeting Committee had a presentation on transparency; the presentations were great. He hopes Township Committee does the right thing.

Steve Addezio, hired as the Administrator for the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad in late December. He has worked most of his adult life in municipal government; familiar with how department heads function in this form of government. The first week of employment he met with Linda Dougherty, the Township's business administrator and brought with him his resume; there was a detailed discussion to reform and reshape the emergency squad. Mr. Addezio discussed that he is an outsider (lives in Marlton) but brings almost 40 years of public safety experience to the organization; takes this position seriously and responsibly. Aware of the problems the organization had in the past; he vowed to Mrs. Dougherty that he would have open communications with e-mails, phone calls, cell phone exchange etc. He is aware of what it will take to gain the trust of this municipality and have this organization function. It is with 100% validity that this organization has made a 100% turn around; if not he would not be here. Members of this organization have given 110% in the turn around. Mr. Addezio has attended most the Township Committee meetings since he has been hired. He is a part time employee but wanted to get the organization back on track to provide the best EMS service for this community.

Fran Wilkins, 96 North Garden Blvd, Edgewater Park: Addressed Cindy Borden and questioned how she can work for both squads, Beverly Edgewater Park and Lourdes. When she described her position with the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad it seemed like a full time position; how do you accomplish this?

Ms. Borden discussed that she works part time as an employee for the Beverly Edgewater Park EMS and full time for Lourdes. As stated during the presentation most of the Squad's employee's work outside of the organization. Her full time position is with Lourdes in Pemberton where she works 3 shifts in Pemberton; Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other weekend. She able to accomplish work part time with the Squad; works with Steve Addezio and in the squad building almost every day. She lives in Beverly and works 3 shifts at the Squad which is like a full time position. All positions at the Squad, at this time are part time.

Chuck Ryder, 331 North Arthur Drive, Edgewater Park: questioned if the ambulances are going to be housed in a garage or will they be exposed to the elements. Is there a roof over the

vehicles; during snow storms are the vehicles going to have to be cleared. When the temperatures reach 100 degrees; how is the handled.

Lourdes discussed that the ambulances will be outside exposed to the elements, backed into a corner of the emergency department. In Pemberton Township, EMT's are aware of their responsibilities and continuously go out to maintain the vehicles; this procedure is used at the other facilities where they have contracts.

Craig McLaughlin, 75 Clifford Road, Burlington Township; discussed that mother is a resident of Edgewater Park on Woodlane Road. He expressed that he has a couple of comparisons; he was the 1st lieutenant at the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad with Captain Barry Petty. They came to Township Committee meetings to provide information to Committees, calls, money etc. Possibly the other Chief did not communicate well with Committee; he does not know what happened maybe he had his own troubles. His comparison is with training; the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad provided training prior to the Virtua Hospital training. The Squad had certified trainers and members of the Squad that were certified come in and training; training was always ongoing and certifications were kept up to date to ensure quality of care. His question to Lourdes is that in the process of his time with the Beverly Edgewater Park EMS that they were not able to establish a third ambulance through Senator Diane Allen's office. The staff in Beverly can provide the care and now put three ambulances on the street. Lourdes will provide one ambulance and one SCTU unit; what happens if the SCTU unit is in a transport, how are you going to provide a second unit. A situation could arise where they are multiple calls. The second point is potential delay in ER; Tech's if they are moving patients floor to floor. There are three ambulances with the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad and 60 employees who can provide care.

Maureen Emmons, 600 Melbourne Avenue, Beverly City discussed that she was raised in Edgewater Park and now lives in Beverly City. She is very concerned and upset about the decision before Township committee; she has dear family and friends in Edgewater Park. She addressed her concern as a resident of the City of Beverly to the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad, questioning no matter what the decision is, by the Township of Edgewater Park, are you going to remain. She also has a husband with a heart condition; will the response be there.

Ms. Borden discussed that yes they will. They have met with Beverly City and discussed their intentions because they were approached by Edgewater Park as to whether they want to join for bid. When they went there Beverly said they back them 100% and they are not going anywhere. Whether the ambulance says Beverly Emergency Squad or Beverly Edgewater Park Emergency Squad she lives in this town and she is not leaving. The house will remain open regardless of the decision by Edgewater Park.

Bonnie Phillips, 224 Ivy Road, Edgewater Park discussed that she has worked in Beverly City to rehabilitated units and is a former newspaper editor. She is familiar with both communities because she served on committees in Edgewater Park and the job she did for Beverly City. Parties should meet to come to a consensus. She has her own medical problems and has had to use the EMS services; she does not care where the ambulance came from. She only knew what the ambulance person that was dealing with her was like; this is important. This is an important decision and not simple to resolve. Tonight they have heard more from members of the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad and not the residents of Edgewater Park. Township Committee needs to discuss in close session what they are going to do and then present their decision to the public. There are 4 to 5 different organizations representing here tonight; that should also be

meeting to come up with a solution. Otherwise names and pictures appear in the newspapers and not like what is written. She does not want to hear this kind of stuff or see it in the newspapers about this Township. She has served on almost every committee this township has and spent a lot of time working in the community. She does not want to see in the newspapers information about how far things have gone down tonight in public for the residents of this community. When she calls for an ambulance, she gets one.

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive, Edgewater Park: the Silver Park West development has been there for about 10 years. Up until October the Beverly Edgewater Park Squad was there constantly. When they had the floods they transported the residents out to hospitals, nursing homes, etc; they were there. It is not a question whether Lourdes is good; they are good. Question of like selecting a doctor; if you are happy with what you have you stay with it. He is happy going to Lourdes; he sees their doctors. He is happy with the Beverly EMS; they are equally qualified. He just thinks at this point, look at if you are happy with what you have in providing necessary services. He continued that he was not happy with the way the Beverly EMS organization reorganized after October; it is a private organization and we have no contract. But it is important that everything is open; you have to be open with everybody. He further asked if the Squad has a contract with Beverly City. It is a big mistake not to have a contract. The Fire Commissioners of Edgewater Park enter into a contract; contract is binding with all parties. If you are happy with what you have that is where you should go.

Beverly Edgewater Park Squad discussed that they do not have a contract with Beverly; they are currently speaking with Beverly City.

Mr. Fine questioned Mrs. Dougherty and asked if there was a letter submitted by Senator Diane Allen regarding this matter.

Mrs. Dougherty advised that there should be a gentleman here representing Senator Allen.

Sam Pody, Representative from Senator Diane Allen's office: The Senator could not be here tonight and she asked him to read here letter; she is concerned about what happens here. Letter requests that Committee not make any hasty decisions and it is her understanding the Burlington County Prosecutor's is currently reviewing potential charges against one or more former employees of the Beverly-Edgewater Park Squad. She believes that any rushed decision made prior to learning the action of the Prosecutor would be inappropriate, particularly with an organization that has done so much for our county. It is her hope that Committee defers any final vote on what might happen with regard to emergency medical services until the full story comes out. She respectfully requested that Committee not vote on the RFP this evening. (Letter is appended to the end of the minutes.)

The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to speak; hearing none closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

The Mayor continued and thanked both organizations for coming the presentations were excellent; they both outlined things for the public. A decision on this matter will not be made hastily. Everything presented tonight will be taken into consideration. Committee will look long and hard on this topic and Committee will inform everyone of their decision. He further expressed his gratitude for everyone coming out tonight.

The Mayor further called for a brief recess at 10:08PM

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 10:26PM.

**PROCLAMATIONS
COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

DECLARING MARCH AS “COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is a major health concern for families in New Jersey with 4290 individuals diagnosed and 1510 deaths from the disease in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED) provides comprehensive education, outreach, early detection, case management, screening and follow-up in all twenty one counties; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Statewide “Screen for Life” Campaign to End Colorectal Cancer encourages individuals, organizations and health professionals in New Jersey to collaborate and partner on screening and educational awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park does hereby recognize **March, 2012** as **COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the Township of Edgewater Park and the County of Burlington; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Edgewater Park Township Committee urges all Township residents to take advantage of the information available to learn all they can about this terrible disease and support programs and initiatives for early detection, treatment and research.

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Kercher

Discussion: Committee discussed that they would like to recognize Committeewoman Belgard and she was further recognized by the Assembly, during Women’s History Month, for all of her great work with cancer research.

Mrs. Belgard thanked members of Committee. She further discussed that people should start colon rectal screening at age 50 or whenever recommended by their doctor. People can also check out www.cancer.org which is the American Cancer Society webpage for more information about colorectal cancer, habits that people should keep and potential resources.

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

REPORTS

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator (appended to the end of the minutes)

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed aspects of her report.

SEM – ELECTRIC AUCTION

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to continue to participate with the SEM Joint Contract for electric supply services, fixed and street lights.

Moved by: Mayor McElwee Second: Mrs. Belgard

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

Sale of Public Property Block: 1202, Lot 4.01. K-2 Management/NVR-Ryan Homes

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to grant K-2 Management an additional 30-day extension for the due diligence period for additional studies and testing due to traces of Arsenic found on the property.

Moved by: Mr. Kercher Second: Mayor McElwee

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

Any Other Reports

Township Engineer, Rakesh Darji

Woodlake Park Project

Mr. Darji updated Committee on the project; he further discussed that there is approximately \$32,000 of grant money that Committee can use to expand the project. The discussion continued with the new pedestrian entrance area that extends out to Warren Street and that there is a lot of debris, trash etc that can be cleaned up.

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to have Mrs. Dougherty work with and explore options Mr. Darji for expansion of work on the park project.

Memorial Field: EPAA Project

Mayor McElwee discussed the EPAA, at their last meeting, discussed that resident Cedric Jones, of Final Impressions, would like to make a donation of approximately 10 x 15 area of stamped concrete which will be located in front of the concession stand building. Mr. Jones is donating his time and materials which has an estimated value of \$3,000 which will be installed prior to April 14th; start of opening day activities for EPAA. Mayor McElwee continued that he would also like to have Committees consideration to allow Mr. Jones to place a "Final Impression" temporary sign at the entrance to the park.

The discussion continued and Committee requested that Mr. Darji work with Mr. Jones regarding specifications; specifications are to be acceptable by Mr. Darji.

Moved by: Mayor McElwee Second: Mr. Pullion

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

REPORT ACCEPTANCE

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Pullion

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

AUTHORIZATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: NONE

RAFFLE/FUNCTION APPLICATIONS:

All matters listed under items # 8 Raffle/Function Applications are considered to be routine

and will be enacted with a single motion on a consent agenda. If any item on the consent agenda requires consideration by separate roll call vote, it shall be removed from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

Moved by: Mayor McElwee Second: Mr. Pullion

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

Solicitor's Permits:

Solicitor's Permit No.: 2012-7; Ralph Hubbard on behalf of Disabled Veterans of America, Soliciting Donations Collection Dates May 21 – June 9, 2012 at Pathmark and Wawa Request waiver of \$10.00 Township fee, non-profit organization filed; Permission Letters are on file. A letter is on file from the Chief of Police advising that there is nothing in the background check that would preclude Committee from considering the permit application.

Solicitor's Permit No.: 2012-8 Edwin Guadalupe for Mr. Softee for Ice Cream Sales, March 15–October 30, 2012; Required fees have been paid. A letter is on file from the Chief of Police advising that there is nothing in the background check that would preclude Committee from considering the permit application.

Raffle Applications: NONE

Public Functions:

2012-6 Burlington County Special Olympics, Use of Kite Field Bocce Courts, Tues & Thurs, April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Certificate of Insurance on File)

2012-7- Ridgway Middle School Hawks Baseball Field Usage for games and practices for March through May from 3 to 6 pm Monday through Friday; Certificate of Insurance on File.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2012-54 through 2012-58 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. Kercher Second: Mr. Pullion

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-54

Resolution To Create Temporary Emergency Appropriations

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for Emergency Temporary Appropriations during the period January 1, 2012 to the date of adoption of the 2012 Budget,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, is desirous of making such Emergency Temporary Appropriations, and

WHEREAS, said Temporary Appropriations shall be included in the 2012 Budget as finally adopted under the correct appropriation titles in said 2012 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park hereby authorizes the Temporary Appropriations as follows:

OPERATIONS INSIDE CAP

2012

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administrative and Executive:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 13,950.00 |

Township Committee

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 4,200.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,500.00 |

Municipal Clerk

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 16,545.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 6,282.00 |

Financial Administration:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 10,000.00 |
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Other Expenses

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| \$ 2,600.00 |
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Audit Services:

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| \$ 10,000.00 |
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Assessment of Taxes:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 5,013.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 2,490.00 |

Collection of Taxes:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 13,500.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 5,640.00 |

Legal Services and Costs:

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| Other Expenses | \$ 12,000.00 |
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Engineering Services and Costs:

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| Other Expenses | \$ 5,000.00 |
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Public Buildings and Grounds:

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| Other Expenses | \$ 10,500.00 |
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Municipal Land Use Law (NJSA 40:55D-1)

 Planning Board:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 500.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 |

Environmental/Shade Tree Commission:

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| Other Expenses | \$ |
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Insurance:

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| UCC Insurance | \$ 3,400.00 |
| Employee Group Insurance | \$ 175,000.00 |

Police:

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| Salaries and Wages | \$ 356,340.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 35,700.00 |

Municipal Prosecutor:

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| Other Expenses | \$ 3,300.00 |
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STREETS AND ROADS

Road Repairs and Maintenance:

Salaries and Wages \$ 65,000.00
Other Expenses \$ 19,500.00

Field maintenance and Repair:

Other Expenses \$ 2,000.00

Garbage and Trash Removal:

Salaries and Wages \$ 1,350.00
Contractual \$ 115,000.00

Storm Water Sewer:

Other Expenses \$ 2,000.00

Board of Health:

Salaries and Wages \$ 1,000.00
Other Expenses \$ 500.00

Recreation Parks and Playgrounds

Other Expenses \$ 2,500.00

UTILITIES:

Electricity \$ 10,500.00
Street Lighting \$ 21,000.00
Telephone \$ 5,850.00
Water \$ 600.00
Fuel Oil/Natural Gas \$ 5,000.00
Telecommunications \$ 5,550.00
Gasoline/Diesel \$ 15,000.00

Uniform Construction Code-

Appropriations Offset by Dedicated Revenues (NJAC 5:23-4.17)

Inspection of Buildings:

Salaries and Wages \$ 26,000.00
Other Expenses \$ 4,920.00

Plumbing Inspector:

Salaries and Wages \$ 1,750.00

Electrical Inspector:

Salaries and Wages \$ 1,750.00

Fire Protection Official:

Salaries and Wages \$ 1,750.00

Municipal Court:

Salaries and Wages \$ 27,500.00
Other Expenses \$ 2,000.00

Total Operations within CAPS

\$ 1,047,480.00

Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-Municipal Within CAPS

Deferred Charges:

Statutory Expenditures:

Contribution to:

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| Public Employees Retirement System | \$ 93,465.00 |
| Police & Firemen's Retirement System | \$ 212,599.00 |

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| Contribution to Social Security System | \$ 47,100.00 |
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| Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal within CAPS | \$ 353,164.00 |
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| Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within CAPS | \$ 1,400,644.00 |
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OPERATIONS excluded from CAP

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| Condominium Reimbursements: | \$ 52,000.00 |
| Affordable Housing | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 7,500.00 |

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| Total Operations Excluded from CAP | \$ 59,000.00 |
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Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

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| Drainage Improvements: | \$ 0.00 |
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| Total Capital Improvements Excluded from CAPS | \$ 0.00 |
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Municipal Debt Service – Excluded from CAPS

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| Payment Note Principal | 182,000.00 |
| Payment Bond Principal | 143,000.00 |
| Payment Bond Interest | 110,700.00 |
| Payment Note Interest | 62,800.00 |

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| Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from CAPS | \$ 498,500.00 |
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Deferred Charges

Deferred Charges to Future Taxation –
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| Special Emergency Authorizations | 0.00 |
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| Total Deferred Charges – Municipal –Excluded from CAPS | 0.00 |
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| Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from CAPS | \$ 498,500.00 |
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| Total General Appropriations: | \$ <u>1,958,144.00</u> |
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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-55

Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpayment Due to Double Payment of 2012 Taxes

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certifies to the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the tax records reflect an overpayment for the following accounts due to the following reasons:

Block 203.01 Lot 12
Cuffee, David and Catherine
912 Perkins Lane
Make Check Payable to:
Infinity Title Agency, Inc.
2026A Briggs Road
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
\$2,668.66
Double Payment

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of said resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Township Auditor, and the Treasurer for their information and any appropriate action.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-56

A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Edgewater Park to Establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to Enter Into Cooperative Pricing Agreements With Other Contracting Units

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey is desirous of establishing a Cooperative Pricing System and entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with other contracting units;

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park has agreed to serve as the Lead Agency for a Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2012, the governing body of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey duly considered the establishment of a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

The committee hereby authorizes the creation of a Cooperative Pricing System to be known as Historic Riverfront Neighborhood Solid Waste Program with the Township of Edgewater Park serving as the Lead Agency.

COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into separate Cooperative Pricing Agreements with the participating contracting units and said Agreement shall be deemed a single Agreement.

COPY OF RESOLUTION TO DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A single certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services as part of the application for the registration of this Cooperative Pricing System.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-57

Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to over-ride the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policy makers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by using tactics such as reducing CMPTRA, which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, from \$72 million in State Fiscal Year 2005, to \$505 million in State Fiscal Year 2011, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (SFY 2009, 2010 and 2011), funding for municipal revenue replacement was slashed by about \$26 million in 2008 and \$32 million in 2009, followed by losses of about \$271 million in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use for these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that we join with the League of Municipalities in calling for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, respectfully, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, our State Legislators and the League of Municipalities.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-5 (SECOND READING)

An Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park Prohibiting the Possession and/or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Underaged Persons on Public and Private Property and Establishing Exceptions and Penalties

WHEREAS, Township Committee wishes to amend the Revised General Ordinance Ordinances of the Township of Edgewater Park.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 and N.J. S.A. 40:48-1.2 authorize a municipality to prohibit the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons on private property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park finds and determines that:

- a. underage drinking is a serious problem which impacts on society through motor vehicle accidents resulting in death and injury, alcohol poisoning, fighting and violence and vandalism and damage to property;
- b. the incidence of underage drinking in private homes appears to be increasing as the result of inadequate supervision at times when parents, guardians and others in responsible positions are not at home;
- c. underage drinking at parties in private homes often attracts more individuals than those who have been invited to the parties or those parties occur with open invitations resulting in large numbers of underage drinkers at the parties;
- d. it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Edgewater Park to enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons on private property subject to certain exceptions.

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. The Code of the Township of Edgewater Park **Title 9 Public Peace and Welfare** is hereby amended by adding a new section 9.25 Titled, as follows:

9.25 Possession and/or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Underaged Persons Prohibited.

9.25.010 Underage Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property or on Public Property

1. Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property or on Public Property. No person who is under 21 years of age, i.e., the legal age established by law for the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages, shall possess alcoholic beverages on private property; nor shall any such person possess alcoholic beverages while upon any public street, road, sidewalk, parking lot, or other public place or in any private vehicle while the vehicle is in motion, stopped or parked in or on any public street, road or parking lot, except as provided herein.
2. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property or on Public Property. No person who is under 21 years of age, i.e., the legal age established by law for the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages, shall consume alcoholic beverages on private property; nor shall any such person consume alcoholic beverages while upon any public street, road, sidewalk, parking lot, or other public place or in any private vehicle while the vehicle is in motion, stopped or parked in or on any public street, road or parking lot, except as provided herein.
3. Exceptions. As provided by law, this Section shall not apply to underage persons consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony or rite or consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages nor shall this Section prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages by any underage person while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 33 of the Revised Statutes or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county vocational school or post secondary educational institution, however, this provision shall not be construed to preclude the imposition of a penalty under *N.J.S.A. 33:1-81* or any other section of law against a person who is convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

9.25.020 Penalty and Fine

1. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity which aids, supports, promotes, assists, encourages or permits any individual under 21 years of age to violate any provision of this Section shall be in violation of the provisions herein and shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties set forth herein.

2. Penalties. Any person found guilty of underage possession and/or consumption shall be fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a first offense and Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for any subsequent offense. In addition to the above fine, as provided by *N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.2*, the Court may suspend or postpone the person's driving privilege for a period of six (6) months. If the person is under the age of seventeen (17) years, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six (6) months after said person reaches the age of seventeen (17) years of age. If the person convicted under this Section is not a resident of the State of New Jersey, the Court shall suspend or postpone, as appropriate, the non-resident driving privilege of the person based on the age of the person.

Section 2. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof.

Section 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Booker

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to public comment for Ordinance No. 2012-5 only.

Hearing no one wishing to speak the Mayor Closed this portion of the meeting to public comment.

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

REPORT OF OFFICIALS

Committeeman Darrell Booker, Liaison to Recreation Committee

Mr. Booker discussed that this Saturday, March 24th is the annual Breakfast with the Bunny and egg hunt. Activities will be held at Magowan School and will commence at 9:00AM. Children under the age of 10 are invited to attend.

Committeeman Scott Kercher, Liaison to the Board of Education

Mr. Kercher discussed that the Board of Education Meeting is tonight. The Board will be presenting the school budget on March 27th at 6:30PM at Ridgway Middle School.

Committeewoman Aimee Belgard, Liaison to Senior Advisory Committee and Planning Board
Senior Advisory

Mrs. Belgard discussed that the next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 11th at 3:00PM at the municipal building.

Planning Board

Mrs. Belgard discussed that the next Planning Board meeting will be held on April 19th at 7:00PM at the municipal building.

Mayor McElwee, Liaison to Memorial Day Parade Committee, Neighborhood Watch and EPAA

Memorial Day Parade

Mr. McElwee discussed that the Parade Committee met recently at the Elk's Lodge in Edgewater Park; Elk's Lodge members participate on the Committee. Activities are moving forward; anyone wishing to help to please contact him or the office.

Neighborhood Watch

Mr. McElwee discussed that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on March 22nd at the municipal building, 6:30PM. The meeting will include a presentation on Internet and Social Media Safety Awareness.

EPAA

Mr. McElwee discussed that the next EPAA meeting will be held at the 45th Street Pub on April 10th at 8:30PM. The Edgewater Park Elk's Lodge No. 2550, at the last meeting, presented EPAA a donation of \$1,500 for new soccer goals.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills March 2, 2012 through March 15, 2012.

Moved by: Mr. Booker Second: Mayor McElwee

Discussion: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Sessions: November 14, 2011, November 30, 2011 and December 4, 2011

Moved by: Mayor McElwee Second: Mrs. Belgard

Discussion: None

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to public comment:

Stan Pawloski, 14 Spring Lane, Edgewater Park, President of Silver Park West Homeowner's Association questioned the status of Planning Board approvals for their new basin.

Mr. Darji discussed that the planning board approval has been received. There are a few open minor issue revisions that the engineer has to subject. The SPW Board can move forward with soliciting quotes to award the contract.

Noel Rainey, & Spring Lane, Edgewater Park

Mr. Rainey questioned the status of activity on the former Kings Property on Rt. 130; there are numerous trucks on site.

Committee directed Mr. Darji and Mrs. Dougherty to look into the matter.

Mr. Rainey continued that there is a cracked that is starting to form on Spring Lane. He further discussed that the landlord rented out two rental units and requested that Mrs. Dougherty make sure that the proper paper work with filed with the Township.

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive, Edgewater Park

Mr. Robbins discussed that Sarah Canyon Moye, member of the Edgewater Park Environmental Advisory Committee, came back from Afghanistan in February; this is either her second or third tour.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION NO. 2012-59

Where it is necessary to discuss potential developer's agreement Bl: 404, Lt: 2.04. Where it is necessary to discuss items of Public Safety and Municipal Services. Where it is necessary to discuss the Township's affordable housing obligation. Where it is necessary to discuss items falling under litigation and or attorney client privilege. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentially, then the matter will be made public.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to discuss personnel possible litigation involving the Township of Edgewater Park which is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, questions dealing with personnel matters is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, questions dealing with the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, questions dealing with any collective bargaining agreement or the terms or conditions of that agreement is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the disclosure of any material which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the release of any information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States; is a proper subject of exemption under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility is a proper subject of exemption under the Open

Public Meetings Act;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to close this portion of the meeting to consider the aforementioned titled matters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of the meeting dealing with the aforementioned matters shall be closed to the public and the results of the discussions held under the closed sessions shall be made available to the public at such early a time as possible.

Moved by: Mayor McElwee Second: Mrs. Belgard Time: 11:05PM

Discussion: The Mayor discussed that Committee does not plan on taking any action after the closed session meeting.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mr. Kercher Second: Mrs. Belgard Time: 12:15PM

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

John McElwee

Linda M. Dougherty

John McElwee, Mayor

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator