

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MAY 3, 2016 MINUTES**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

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

Public 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 5, 2016.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 5, 2016.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on January 5, 2016.

Present: Mr. William Belgard, Ms. Lauren Kremper, Mr. John McElwee, Mrs. Barbara Perkins, Mayor Michael Trainor (Committee Members)

Also Present: Mr. Gene DiFilippo, Chief of Police; Mr. James Bernard, Superintendent of Public Works; Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator; Mr. Skip Reale, Township Solicitor; Mr. Rakesh Darji, Township Engineer; Mrs. Colleen Treusch, Deputy Clerk; Mr. Dan DiGangi, Financial Consultant; Mr. Mark Remsa, Director of Burlington County Economic Development

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

Presentation appended to the minutes

Route 130 Corridor – Update Presentation

Mark Remsa, Burlington County Director of Economic Development

Mr. Remsa gave a presentation on the updates to the original Rt. 130 Corridor including renaming it to the River Route. He spoke to Township Committee about the benefits of supporting the River Route Corridor's Regional Strategic Revitalization Plan.

Township Committee asked what type of a mix they were looking for with regard to the municipal representatives for the Steering Committee.

Mr. Remsa advised that they were looking for members from Economic Development, Planning Board, Elected Officials, and one other of our choice.

Township Committee asked if there were costs involved and how many municipalities are getting on board.

Mr. Remsa advised that there are no costs only volunteer time and we would be the 8th community.

Township Committee asked if there would be state funding available.

Mr. Remsa advised that this would position us for get funding when available.

Open to the Public to speak on this topic only:

Michele Clifford, 302 Monroe

Ms. Clifford asked if Mr. Remsa was the same person who gave a great presentation at the Kennedy Center in Willingboro years ago.

Mr. Remsa advised that he did give a presentation.

Jeff Stevenson, 120 E. Church

Mr. Stevenson said that the neighborhoods along the River Line were nice until the light rail brought constant crime to these areas.

Mr. Remsa advised that the River Route is not the River Line that is run by NJ Transit.

Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane

Mr. Rainey asked if the River Route would track the activities of, River Line, Conrail and NJ Transit as part of their review.

Mr. Remsa advised that these are all separate issues from the work of the River Route.

Consensus of Township Committee was to move forward with participation in the River Route by Resolution at the next meeting.

Consensus of Committee was to move forward with the Master Plan reexamination and will ask Planning Board to review by resolution at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Report from the Township Engineer – appended to the minutes

Weimann field and Municipal Building Improvements

Mr. Darji advised that the sole bid received for this project was substantially higher than the estimate. He suggests reject the bid and rebid after slight changes to the bid package.

Mt. Holly Road Project

Mr. Darji advised that the DEP is now reviewing the project and then it can go out to bid.

Public Works Building

Mr. Darji spoke on the two bid options on the project being wood versus steel construction. Consensus was to proceed with the wood construction at the lower price.

Roosevelt Pond

Mr. Darji informed Committee of the erosion that is happening at Roosevelt Pond and that they are working on solutions. He advised \$25 to \$30 thousand to rebuild the bank with matting or \$100 thousand for gabion baskets which would be less maintenance. The issue is caused by a leaky fitting on the water line/ pump line to the other side of the tracks. The on-call contractor estimate to repair is \$3 to \$5 thousand to repair the leaking pipe.

Consensus to move to resolution at the next meeting to approve the on-call contractor repair the pipe.

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator – appended to the minutes

Ms. Dougherty spoke about a letter that the township was copied on regarding Beverly's Fire District requesting possible fire commission consolidation with Edgewater Park.

Mr. Reale will review the matter further and suggested that more information is needed.

Tax Collector: List of Uncollectible Taxes – appended to the minutes

Any Other Reports

Report Acceptance

Moved by: Mr. McElwee

Second: Ms. Kremper

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes,
Mayor Trainor - yes

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4: (Public Hearing and Second Reading)

CALENDAR YEAR 2016

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$181,430.83 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Edgewater Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$181,430.83, and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Township of Edgewater Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Moved by: Mayor Trainor

Second: Mrs. Perkins

Open the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance No. 2016-4 only:

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive

Mr. Robbins tried to speak on another matter and was advised that the comments were for Ordinance 2016-4 only.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

2016 Budget Presentation and Public Hearing

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61

Resolution Providing that the Budget May be Read by Title Only

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by L.2015, c. 95, § 14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and has been made available to each person upon request; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2016 budget shall be read by title only.

Moved by: Mrs. Perkins

Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

Public Hearing: 2016 Budget

Overview: Daniel M. DiGangi, Bowman & Company, LLP

A power point presentation outlining the budget was presented by Mr. DiGangi. Mr. DiGangi discussed further review that some information is still estimated because we do not have all the information from the schools or the county.

Township Committee and staff reviewed various items regarding state aid revenue, miscellaneous income and explanation of “other expenses”.

Open to the Public for comment regarding the 2016 Municipal Budget:

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to the public for comment on the 2016 Budget only:

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Dr.

Mr. Robbins said he wanted to see a budget increase for the Police Department because we are one of the lowest paid.

Gwendolyn Bonner, 837 Woodlane Road

Ms. Bonner asked about the deferred charges that are being paid down and wanted to see the money go to capital improvements in town.

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

Resolution No. 2016-62: Adoption of the 2016 Budget (appended)

Moved by: Mr. McElwee

Second: Mayor Trainor

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

RESOLUTION(S)

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2016-63 through 2016-68 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: Mrs. Perkins

Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: Clarification was requested on 2016-64 and 2016-65. Clarification given.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-63

Resolution of the Township of Edgewater Park, New Jersey, Expressing Support for the Creation and Establishment of the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail: A Water Trail in Southern New Jersey that Runs from the Pine Barren Headwaters to the Delaware River Tidewaters that Inspires Exploration, Enhances Understanding of Americas Heritage and Elevates the Stewardship of the Natural Treasure that is the Rancocas Creek

WHEREAS, westward flowing from headwaters of the Pinelands National Preserve to the Delaware River, the Rancocas Creek has been a vital and historic part of Burlington County, the State of New Jersey, the Greater Delaware Valley and our Nation since the 1600's, and whereas the Rancocas Creek (tidal and non-tidal) and (or) its tributaries and headwaters fall within and connect the boundaries of the Rancocas Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism, citizen awareness, grass-root activities and the Clean Water Act of 1972 has made the water quality of the Rancocas Creek the cleanest since colonial times, and Whereas local residents, parks, governments, businesses and visitors enjoy discovering multi-use recreation on the Rancocas Creek and its tributaries and whereas such uses are significantly increasing, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service is considering designating the Rancocas Creek as a National Water Trail and whereas the New Jersey State Parks and Forest endorse the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail; and

WHEREAS, Rancocas Pathways, Inc., a non-profit organization was formed to develop and manage the application process of the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail and also that of an interactive website, social media platform and connected heritage portal that will be used as a template by water trails around the country; and

WHEREAS, Both formal and informal partnerships, collaborations and associations among a diverse coalition of local, community and statewide organizations are encouraged; whereas it is known that many drops form a single water drop; and

WHEREAS, the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail steering committee promotes Conservation, Stewardship; Diversity of Recreational Opportunities; Safety; Active Kids and Families in Healthy Communities; Respect, Science, Cultural Heritage; and whereas the resolution supports the Rancocas Creek as an instrument of economic vitality and inexpensive fun.

THEREFORE, let it be known that the RCNWT SC promotes volunteer and community-centric Water Trail Maintenance, and Water Trail Management Best Management Practices that enhance water quality as one of the many drops that forms the Vision of the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail, a Garden State Natural Treasure, Hidden in Plain View.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that we support the designation of the Rancocas Creek as a multi-use National Water Trail.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64

Refund of Trust Account-Street Opening Permit - 104 Stevenson

WHEREAS, there are certain moneys in the Trust Account of the Township of Edgewater Park; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request by the contractor and/or homeowner for a refund of the escrow account balance; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has researched the request and has found that the refund is justified; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has inspected the street opening and has found it to be repaired in a workman like manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the following moneys in the Trust Account be refunded to the following applicant:

Root 24
130 Ferry Ave.
Camden, NJ 08104
Amount: \$500.00
Escrow No. 585
Property Address: 104 Stevenson Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to draw a check in the above stated amount for said refund.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-65

Refund of Trust Account-Street Opening Permit – 422 Jefferson

WHEREAS, there are certain moneys in the Trust Account of the Township of Edgewater Park; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request by the contractor and/or homeowner for a refund of the escrow account balance; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has researched the request and has found that the refund is justified; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has inspected the street opening and has found it to be repaired in a workman like manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the following moneys in the Trust Account be refunded to the following applicant:

Root 24
130 Ferry Ave.
Camden, NJ 08104
Amount: \$300.00
Escrow No. 587
Property Address: 422 Jefferson Ave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to draw a check in the above stated amount for said refund.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66

***Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park
Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Construction of a Public Works Utility
Building located at 400 Delanco Road, Block 502, Lot 8.01***

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park requested that bids be solicited for the construction of a building located at 400 Delanco Road; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Resolutions Inc., Township Engineer solicited bids and the following bid was opened on April 21, 2016 at the Edgewater Park Municipal Building; and

RNM Construction LLC, 45 Hockamick Rd., Cookstown, NJ:
(Wood Frame) \$149,900.00
(Steel Frame) \$182,650.00

WHEREAS, by letter dated April 26, 2016, Environmental Resolutions, Inc. recommended the award of contract to RNM Construction LLC for construction of a Wood Post Frame Building in the total bid amount of \$149,900.00 which was been determined to be the lowest, responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the Mayor and/or Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a contract with RNM Construction LLC, located at 45 Hockamick Rd., Cookstown, NJ, in the amount of One-Hundred-Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine-Hundred, Dollars (\$149,900.00) for the construction of a Public Works Utility Building (Wood Frame) located at 400 Delanco Road, Block 502, Lot 8.01.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-67

Resolution Rejecting All Bids for the Weimann Sports Complex and Municipal Building Improvements

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park solicited bids for the Weimann Sports Complex and Municipal Building Improvements; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 28, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Municipal Building after being duly advertised; and

WHEREAS, one bid was submitted and upon review by the Township Administrator and Township Engineer and it has been recommended to reject the bid and to re-advertise for the Weimann Sports Complex and Municipal Building Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that all bids shall be rejected and a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the bidder.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68

A Resolution Authorizing A Release and Indemnification Agreement Between the Township of Edgewater Park, the Beverly-Edgewater Park Memorial Day Parade Committee and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the May 30, 2016 Memorial Day Parade

WHEREAS, the Beverly-Edgewater Park Memorial Day Parade Committee and the Township of Edgewater Park wish to honor our fallen heroes and to honor the men and women serving in today's armed forces by continuing the tradition of the 97th Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the parade route encompasses Municipal and County Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park wishes to close Green Street to vehicle traffic on May 30, 2016 from approximately 12:00PM to 3:00 PM; the actual time of the closing shall be determined by the Chief of Police and/or his assignee; and

WHEREAS, the Parade route also traverses on County Roads which requires that the Township of Edgewater Park and the Beverly-Edgewater Park Memorial Day Parade Committee execute a "Release and Indemnification Agreement" with the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly-Edgewater Park Memorial Day Parade Committee submitted certificates of liability insurance naming the Township of Edgewater Park and the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders as additionally insured.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the Mayor and/or Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the "Release and Indemnification Agreement" with the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that Green Street shall be closed to vehicle traffic, except those participating in the Memorial Day Parade activities, from approximately Noon to 3:00PM or as determined by the Chief of Police.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

Mr. Belgard – Liaison to Planning Board & Redevelopment Advisory Committee

Planning Board

Mr. Belgard, Class III, reported there was nothing new to report from the last meeting.

Redevelopment Advisory Committee:

Mr. Belgard reported that there is renewed interest in properties along Rt. 130.

Ms. Kremper – Liaison to Recreation, Board of Education

Events Committee

Ms. Kremper informed Township Committee that there will not be a Community Day this year and that the next Community Day will be May 6, 2017.

Board of Education

Ms. Kremper discussed that the Board of Education met on April 26th. They would like to form a subcommittee with staff and Township Committee members to review the school referendum and tax increase. The subcommittee will consist of Nancy Lane and Dr. Roy Rakszawski for the School and Mrs. Dougherty, Mayor Trainor, Ms. Kremper and Mr. DiGangi for the Township.

Ms. Kremper reported that the last day for school will now be June 20th.

Mrs. Perkins – Liaison to Recreation, Environmental Advisory

Environmental Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Mrs. Perkins reported that the free tree seedling give away was a success. She also reported that the next meeting would be on May 10th.

Mrs. Perkins proposed that 2 members of the Environmental Committee attend a Grant writing workshop on June 16th at a cost of \$650 per person. Discussion followed to possibly bring in someone for free to instruct on site instead of attending the course due to cost vs. budget. Consensus of Township Committee was to send one member of the Environmental Committee if we are unable to obtain a free consultant.

Recreation Committee

Mrs. Perkins discussed that the Recreation Committee is planning a Family Softball fundraiser for July 23rd at Memorial Field. They are looking into the insurance and possible food vendors.

Mr. McElwee – Liaison to Senior Advisory and Sewerage Authority

Senior Advisory

Mr. McElwee reported that the next meeting will be held on May 11th at the municipal building at 3PM.

Sewerage Authority

The next meeting of the Authority will be held on May 11th at the Authority's office on Cooper Street; meeting starts at 7PM.

Mayor Trainor, Liaison to EPAA

Redevelopment Committee

Mayor Trainor reiterated what Mr. Belgard reported regarding the positive interest along the Rt. 130 corridor.

EPPA

Mayor Trainor said that all of the spring and summer sports are underway and it's great to see the facilities being utilized.

Environmental Committee

Mayor Trainor proposed that we tweak the language of the Ordinance to include residents and property owners. Ordinance amendment will be needed; Mr. Kearns to review statutory requirements.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gwendolyn Bonner, 837 Woodlane Rd.

Mrs. Bonner spoke about the wonderful Developer Event that the Redevelopment Committee attended and is looking forward to attending future events to promote the township.

Jeff Stevenson, 120 Church

Mr. Stevenson spoke to Committee about the Rt. 130 Corridor incentives and asked that they not give the town away. Township Committee was in agreement.

Michele Clifford, 320 Monroe Ave.

Ms. Clifford said she attended a great event last night that was also attended by Ms. Perkins and Chief DiFilippo and would like to see more of them.

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive

Mr. Robbins wanted to know why there were so many infrastructure problems with Comcast. He claimed that he was told by Comcast that the township needs to authorize the improvements.

Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane

Mr. Rainey addressed Township Committee with regard to the River Route being a gateway to opportunity and the River line being a major safety issue. He said that the Rail line could be better utilized and it is taxing the police department with constant patrol.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills from April 14th to April 27, 2016

Receipt of Appropriation and Revenue Summary Reports to 03/30/2016

Moved by: Mr. Belgard

Second: Mayor Trainor

Discussion: Clarification was requested for what GTBM was on page 5.

Clarification was provided.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mr. McElwee

Second: Mrs. Perkins

Time: 9:08 PM

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes,
Mayor Trainor - yes

Michael Trainor, Mayor

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator