

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 2010**

Mayor Johnson 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 6, 2010.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2010.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on January 6, 2010.

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

Also present: Mr. Aubrey Painter, Superintendent of Public Works (Public), Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Clerk/Administrator (Closed and Public), Mr. William Kearns, Solicitor (Closed and Public) Mrs. Margaret Peak, Chief Financial Officer (Public), and Ms. Tanyika Johns, Deputy Clerk (Public)

DISCUSSION(S)/PRESENTATION(S): NONE

REPORTS

The Report of the Municipal Clerk/Administrator is appended hereto.

Historic Riverfront Neighborhood Solid Waste Collection Program

Upon discussion, Township Committee authorized Mrs. Dougherty to move forward with a resolution on November 9 for the one year extension.

Mayor Johnson, Increasing Crime in Edgewater Park

Mayor Johnson discussed that Mr. Brian, Mrs. Dougherty and he met with Senator Diane Allen last Friday in effort to assist our police department through funding opportunities or assistance from the County, State or NJ Transit.

There Were No Other Reports

REPORT ACCEPTANCE

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard

Second: Mr. Booker

Hearing no further discussion:

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

AUTHORIZATIONS: NONE

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: NONE

FUNCTION APPLICATIONS:

Public Functions: NONE

Solicitor's Permit: NONE

RESOLUTIONS

Motion to table Resolution No. 2010-131 until the November 9, 2010 meeting: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Edgewater Park and Delanco Township for Equipment and Other Goods and Services back to the table for consideration; Resolution was tabled at the October 5, 2010 meeting.

Moved by: Mr. Pullion Second: Mr. Johnson

Discussion: Mr. Kearns advised that he and Mr. Heinold, Delanco Township solicitor, are still discussing the agreement.

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2010-9: (First Reading)

An Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park Amending Chapter 8.52 of the Township Code, Entitled "Recycling Program" for the Recycling of Designated Recyclable Material and Modifying For Violation Thereof

The foregoing ordinance will be consider for adoption of final reading and public hearing to be held on December 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, and place to which such meeting may be adjourned, in the Municipal Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park, New Jersey. At which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second: Mr. Booker

Discussion: Mrs. Dougherty and Mr. Painter discussed the parameters of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance No. 2010-10: (First Reading)

An Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park, County Of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending the Land Development Ordinances Pertaining to the Design of Containment Areas for Designated Recyclable Materials on Residential Sites

The foregoing ordinance will be consider for adoption of final reading and public hearing to be held on December 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM, or shortly thereafter, and place to which such meeting may be adjourned, in the Municipal Building, 400 Delanco Road, Edgewater Park, New Jersey. At which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Moved by: Mr. Johnson Second: Mr. McElwee

Discussion: Mrs. Dougherty and Mr. Painter discussed the parameters of the ordinance.

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

REPORT OF OFFICIALS

Committeeman McElwee:

Liaison to Environmental Advisory Committee: Mr. McElwee discussed that the Committee is in need of volunteers; anyone interested can contact him or the municipal offices.

Liaison to EPAA: Mr. McElwee reported that the Beef and Beer held at the Edgewater Park Elk's Lodge was very successful.

Mr. Steve Bruneau, 12 Quail Drive submitted the EPAA's monthly report; appended to the end of the minutes.

Committeeman Pullion:

Liaison to the Economic Development: Mr. Pullion requested Mrs. Dougherty to give a presentation on the Cardinale Development. Mrs. Dougherty reported the project is for a mixed use medical arts/retail facility. The project received Route 130 funding from the Freeholders on October 6 but has to be approved by the state. There is also Federal Stimulus money that is pending approval by the Freeholders.

Committeewoman Belgard:

Liaison to Senior Advisory: Mrs. Belgard reported that the Committee met last week and they will be holding a seminar on November 10, 2010 regarding Medicare Fraud at 3PM at the municipal building; all are welcome to attend.

Monday October 25th Burlington County Office of the Aging is hosting a seminar on pain management.

Computer classes for seniors, which are held at the school, are anticipated to begin near the winter break.

Liaison to Planning Board: Mrs. Belgard reported the next meeting is this Thursday.

Committeeman Booker:

Mr. Booker reported he is working with EPAA on an end of soccer season community event and bonfire to be held at Memorial Field.

Mayor Johnson:

Liaison to Neighborhood Watch: Mayor Johnson discussed the next meeting is on October 28th; topic of discussion will be Environmental Health and Safety awareness.

The Neighborhood Watch website is up and running; the site will include community affairs postings.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills from October 5, 2010 through October 14, 2010

Moved by: Mr. Booker Second: Mr. McElwee

Discussion: Upon discussion from Committee, Mrs. Peak stated that payment to United Computer is for maintenance of township computer systems.

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

Authorization to pay bills from October 15, 2010 through November 5, 2010

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second: Mr. Pullion

Hearing no discussion:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes July 8, 2010 (public)

Moved by: Mr. Johnson Second: Mrs. Belgard

Hearing no discussion:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to public comment. Mr. John Loftus, 420 Jefferson Ave. invited Mayor Johnson to the Veterans Ceremony on November 11, 2010. Mayor Johnson stated he would be attending the ceremony.

Lori Richardson, 1301 Mt. Holly Road, questioned whether the Township taxes increased 12 percent.

Committee discussed that there was a substantial increase this year mainly due to loss in State Aid; the township budget increased by approximately 12 cents.

Mrs. Richardson further questioned whether the township is saving money by laying off the two police officers.

Committee discussed that options are continuously evaluated and reviewed.

Michelle Clifford, 103 Hendrickson Ave., thanked Mr. Bruneau for the hard work on soccer opening day event; it was very enjoyable.

Mrs. Clifford also stated she did not know about the layoffs. She further reported that Mr. Francesco, Inspector, is doing a good job.

Mr. Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive, questioned the disparity in the payments into the pension system between township and schools. Mrs. Dougherty stated the disparity is because the police’s portion is at a higher rate.

Mr. Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane, questioned whether the vacant lots for the township property can be used for garden plots.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Session Resolution No. 2010-138

Where it is necessary to ascertain legal advice concerning Sale of Public Property. Where it is necessary to ascertain legal advice concerning COAH. 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 confidentiality, 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: Mr. Johnson Second: Mr. Booker Time: 8:12PM.

Hearing no discussion:

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Booker Time: 8:50PM

Hearing no discussion:

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