

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK  
MINUTES-OCTOBER 2, 2012**

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

**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 and 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) Linda M. Dougherty, Clerk/Administrator (Public and Closed), Mrs. Margaret Peak, Chief Financial Officer (Public), Mr. Rakesh Darji, Township Engineer (Public and Closed).

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:**

Appointment of Don Garrison as Provisional Housing/Property Maintenance Inspector contingent upon successful completion of background and medical checks; rate of pay is \$17.50 per hour, part time at approximately 20 hours per week, effective date of October 3, 2012.

Moved by: Mayor McElwee      Second: Mr. Pullion

Discussion: None

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

Mayor McElwee administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Don Garrison witnessed by all present.

**PRESENTATION/AUTHORIZATION/CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION(S): NONE**

**REPORTS**

*Report from the Engineer.*

**Video Pipes**

Mr. Darji reported Root 24 completed the video and some pipes are old, separating and deteriorating. Mr. Darji further reported the video will be evaluated thoroughly for deterioration and debris. Mr. Darji stated upon initial review some pipes have deteriorated and will need to be grouted or replaced. The grouting should extend the life of the pipes by fifteen to twenty years. Mr. Darji stated he will have a formal report for the next meeting.

**Woodlake Park**

Mr. Darji reported the majority of Woodlake Park is completed except for landscaping to be done in the spring, benches and pet waste receptacles; some minor work will be completed by end of this year.

**Ivy Road-Fern Lane**

Mr. Darji reported the survey/legal description for the storm water improvements was completed this week and provided to Mr. Kearns for easement preparation with Gatehouse Apartments and Mr. Turner's property at 20 Crystal Drive.

***Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator is appended hereto*****Silver Park West Basin**

Mr. Dougherty reported there was a meeting with Silver Park West and the Township to discuss the basin. Silver Park West Homeowner/Condominium Associations are requesting Committee's consideration that project fees be waived for soil removal and further consideration to waive the provision that soil is not permitted to be removed from the Township.

Upon discussion Township Committee agreed to allow Silver Park West to remove soil from the Township and to waive all fees.

Moved by: Mr. Booker                      Second: Mr. Pullion

Discussion: None

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

**Community Development Block Grant Program**

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that the Township is eligible to submit for FY 2013 grant funding; funding ranges from \$65,000 to \$70,000 depending on Federal allocations. Potential consideration is Cardinal/Jamestown Road project (Cardinal Road cul-de-sac), Mt. Holly Road from Bridgeboro Road to the light rail, or paving of the Weimann/Municipal parking lots to also include the entrance driveway. Most census blocks within the Community are eligible with one exception but a project that would support the entire community such as a parks project would be eligible.

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to consider options and discuss further at the next meeting.

***Report from the Chief of Police is appended hereto.*****Purchase of two police vehicles**

Mr. Brian requested Committee's consideration to purchase two new Ford Interceptor Utility Police Packages for a total of \$88,179.00; payment installments shall be for a three year period. Upon discussion Mayor McElwee moved to approve the purchase of the two vehicles for the Police Department.

Second: Mr. Pullion

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

**BILL S108/A640, Amending Meagan Law**

Chief Brian requested Committees consideration to support the above mentioned Bill. The Bill proposes an amendment to Megan's Law that would require county prosecutors to determine the risk of re-offense of sex offenders prior to the release of a sex offender from incarceration. Current legislation allows many sex offenders to be released into the community prior to them being evaluated and placed into a tiered classification.

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to authorize support of the legislation by resolution.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER REPORTS.**

**REPORT ACCEPTANCE**

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard                      Second: Mr. Pullion  
Further discussion: None  
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker -yes, Mr. Kercher-yes, Mr. Pullion-yes, Mayor McElwee -yes

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2012-140 through 2012-143 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. Booker    Second: Mayor McElwee  
Further Discussion: None  
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker -yes, Mr. Kercher-yes, Mr. Pullion-yes, Mayor McElwee -yes

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-140**

*A Resolution of the Township Of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Supporting the Development in Delanco of the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes" and Opposing the Dumping of Dredge Spoils at This Site.*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mike Templeton of the Delanco Township Committee, recently appeared before the Township of Edgewater Park (the "Township") to share plans and materials regarding Delanco's new public park known as the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Delanco Township was notified by the Federal Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) of the intent of the Corps to deposit dredge spoils from the Delaware River onto property within the Township of Delanco; and

**WHEREAS**, the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes" is a passive parkland which is utilized primarily as paths and walking trails but also contains a municipal compost facility in which the Township partakes in the recycling efforts of the compost; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Township shares a border with Delanco Township and the Township officially offers its support of the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shares Delanco's concerns that the Dunes have been listed as a potential site for the dumping of dredge spoils from the Delaware River by the US Army Corps of Engineers and by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Township of Edgewater Park supports the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes" and the Township of Edgewater Park has concerns about the impacts the dumping of dredge spoils could have on the Township, the Township of Edgewater Park officially opposes the dumping of dredge spoils at the Dunes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** , by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Township officially supports the Township of Delanco's efforts to create the "West Avenue Trails at the Dunes" and opposes the dumping of dredge spoils at the Dunes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward this resolution to the Township of Delanco, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-141**

***Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execution a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Roadway Improvements to Cardinal Road and Jamestown Road***

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act provides that each community receive an annual state aid allotment for roads and bridge projects; and

**WHEREAS**, roadway improvements to Cardinal and Jamestown Roads have been identified as a potentially eligible project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk be authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for roadway improvements to Cardinal and Jamestown Roads and such other remedial improvements to said roadways as are necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and/or Township Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Edgewater Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the Township Engineer be authorized to complete the electronic grant application and associated documentation for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-142**

***Authorizing submission of Grant Application for State Transportation Trust Funds Under the Safe Routes to Transit Program for improvements to the Stevenson Avenue/East Franklin Avenue Pathway***

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act provides federal-aid highway funds for a wide variety of projects and activities that support and encourage residents to walk and bicycle to public transit station; and

**WHEREAS**, improvements to the Stevenson Avenue / East Franklin Avenue Path have been identified as a potentially eligible project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Edgewater Park Township Committee, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute and attest the applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to the

Stevenson Avenue / East Franklin Avenue Path and such other remedial improvements as necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and/or Township Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Edgewater Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the Township Engineer be authorized to complete the electronic grant application and associated documentation for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-143**

***Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bikeway Grant Program for Improvements to Woodlake Park, Kite Field, Roosevelt Park and Memorial Field***

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Bikeway Grant Program provides funds to counties and municipalities to promote bicycling as an alternate mode of transportation in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, a primary objective of the Bikeway Grant Program is to support the State's goal of constructing 1,000 new miles of dedicated bike paths (facilities that are physically separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space or barrier either within the highway right of way or within an independent right of way); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bike pathway will be an extension of the Heritage Trail Program which will improve accessibility of two active and two passive recreation parks: Woodlake Park, Kite Field, Roosevelt Park and Memorial Field; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Edgewater Park Township Committee, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be authorized to execute and attest the applications to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the establishment of a bikeway through Roosevelt Park and such other remedial improvements as necessary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Edgewater Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the Township Engineer be authorized to complete the electronic grant application and associated documentation for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

**REPORT OF OFFICIALS**

***Committeewoman Belgard:  
Liaison to Senior Advisory***

Mrs. Belgard reported that the next meeting for the Senior Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Everyone is welcome to attend, meetings are held at the municipal building.

***Liaison to Planning Board:***

Mrs. Belgard reported the next Planning Board will be at the municipal building on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

***Committeeman Kercher:***

***Liaison to Environmental Advisory:***

Mr. Kercher reported the next environmental meeting is on October 9, 2012 at 7:00PM here at the municipal building.

***Liaison to Board of Education:***

Mr. Kercher further reported that the Board of Education will be meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> which commences at 6:30PM at Ridgway School. The meeting conflicts with the next Township Committee meeting but he will try to attend the beginning of the meeting.

Magowan School Rain Garden: Mr. Kercher discussed that last Saturday was the ground breaking ceremony for the rain garden located in the courtyard of Magowan School. The function was a great activity for children. Many organizations including the School, the Township, Women of Today and the Environmental Resolutions, Inc (Township Engineer) all came together to help support the program. The School web site has a link where people can purchase a shrub, plant etc to further support the program.

***Mayor McElwee:***

***Liaison to Neighborhood Watch***

Mayor McElwee reported that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> will include a Wellness presentation by Rite Aid; topics will be wellness and diabetes, meal planning and flu shots.

***Liaison to EPAA***

Mr. McElwee reported that the next EPAA meeting will be held on October 9, 2012 at 8:30 PM at the 45<sup>th</sup> Street Pub.

November 17<sup>th</sup>, rain date of November 18<sup>th</sup>, EPAA in cooperation with the Township will be hosting the end of year soccer event which will consist of many activities including a bon fire, hay rides, music etc. The event will be held at Memorial Field from 6:00PM to 10:00PM.

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward and memorialize the event by resolution.

Mr. McElwee further discussed that the EPAA fundraiser which was held at the Elk's Lodge last Friday was a success.

***William Kearns, Solicitor***

Mr. Kearns discussed that Committeewoman Aimee Belgard was recently honored by receiving the prestigious American Cancer Society Volunteer Award. Mrs. Belgard received the award for her years of volunteer service and contributions. She served on the American Cancer Society on both the division and national levels as a member of the Eastern Division Board of Directors and the ACS CAN Board of Directors.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Approval of Bills from September 14, 2012 through October 1, 2012



**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. Kercher                      Second: Mrs. Belgard                      Time: 8:15PM  
Discussion: Mayor McElwee reported that Committee does not anticipate conducting any other business at the conclusion of closed session.  
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker -yes, Mr. Kercher-yes, Mr. Pullion-yes, Mayor McElwee -yes

**THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

Moved by:    Mrs. Belgard                      Second: Mr. Pullion                      Time: 10:00PM  
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard-yes, Mr. Booker -yes, Mr. Kercher, Mr. Pullion-yes, Mayor McElwee -yes

*John McElwee*

John McElwee, Mayor

*Linda M. Dougherty*

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator