

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
APRIL 21, 2015 MINUTES**

Mayor Trainor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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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 8, 2015.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 8, 2015.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on January 8, 2015.

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

Also Present: Mr. Gene DiFilippo, Chief of Police (public session); Mr. Aubrey Painter, Superintendent of Public Works (public session); Mr. James Bernard, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works (public session), Mrs. Linda Dougherty Municipal Clerk/Administrator (public and closed sessions); Mr. William Kearns, Township Solicitor (public & closed sessions); Mr. Rakesh Darji, Township Engineer (public and closed session); Mr. Dan DiGangi, Financial Consultant with Bowman and Associates, (public session); Mrs. Colleen Treusch, Deputy Clerk (public session).

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

Recognition of Mr. John Vathis, Assistance in an Emergency Response

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park is proud to recognize and honor Mr. John Vathis, for his quick thinking in an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vathis approached Incident Commander Chief David Eckelburg of the Endeavor Emergency Squad on March 18, 2015 during a medical emergency to offer a solution to a problem; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vathis' recommendation to use a front end loader belonging to the Edgewater Manor Apartments for the removal of a resident in respiratory distress from a second floor apartment was ultimately accepted by Command; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vathis recommendation led to an expedited solution to a logistical problem and played an instrumental part in the transport time of the resident to receive potentially life-saving treatment; and

WHEREAS, we gather here to honor Mr. Vathis for his outstanding service to the Township of Edgewater Park and to a fellow resident in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Edgewater Park Township Committee, I do hereby commend Mr. John Vathis for his dedicated service, offering this expression of recognition and appreciation for his contributions to the Township of Edgewater Park.

Moved by: Mayor Trainor

Second: Mrs. Perkins

Discussion: None

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

FUNCTION APPLICATION:

Authorization to Approve Function Applications/Permits/Licenses/Raffles 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. Belgard

Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: None

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

Raffles: None

Bingos: None

Public Functions: None

Charitable Clothing Bins Permit: None

Solicitors Permit:

Ms. Dale Thompson, for American Legion Aux., Solicitation for donations at Cramps Liquors from 5/8/15-5/10/15; requesting waiver of fees. 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.

ORDINANCES:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2
(Second Reading and Public Hearing)**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2015
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 1.5% 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 2015 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 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$99,381.48 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 2015 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 \$173,917.59, and that the CY 2015 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: Ms. Kremper

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance No. 2015-2 only:

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

Discussion: None

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3: (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK PROVIDING FOR AND DETERMINING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2015

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

Section 2.20.010 the annual rates of compensation of officers and employees whose compensation shall be payable bi-weekly shall be as follows:

POSITION	SALARY RANGE
Administrator	\$25,000 - \$30,000

Municipal Clerk	\$56,000 - \$70,000
Deputy Township Clerk	\$35,000 - \$45,000
Recycling Coordinator	\$4,200 - \$5,500
*Principal Clerk Typist	\$32,000 - \$43,000
*Senior Clerk Typist	\$30,000 - \$41,000
*Clerk Typist	\$21,000 - \$27,500
Part-time Clerk Typist	\$10.00 - \$15.00 per hour
Registrar-Vital Statistics	\$1,300
Deputy Registrar-Vital Statistics	\$800
*Police Records Clerk	\$21,000 - \$27,500
*Senior Police Records Clerk	\$30,000 - \$42,000
*Principal Police Records Clerk	\$32,000 - \$44,000
Secretary, Board of Health	\$1,100
Chief Financial Officer	\$5,000 - \$60,000
Tax Collector	\$5,000 - \$60,000
Tax Assessor	\$5,000 - \$22,000
Municipal Court Judge	\$15,000 - \$25,000
*Court Administrator	\$37,300 - \$55,000
*Deputy Court Administrator	\$21,000 - \$40,000
Court Recorder	\$50 - \$200 per session
Court Attendant	\$75 - \$200 per session
Construction Official (Over Base Hours)	\$10,000 - \$15,000 \$25 - \$30 per hour
Building Inspector & Sub Code Official (Over Base Hours)	\$10,000 - \$24,000 \$25 - \$70 per hour
Property Maintenance/Rental Licensing Insp.	\$10,000 - \$35,000
Property Maintenance/Rental Lic. Insp. (Hourly)	\$10 - \$25 per hour
Zoning Officer	\$3,000 - \$10,000

Plumbing Inspector	\$23 - \$40 per hour
Electrical Inspector	\$23 - \$40 per hour
Fire Sub Code Official	\$23 - \$40 per hour
Streets Superintendent	\$50,000 - \$85,000
Streets Repairer/Laborer	\$28,000 - \$60,000
Streets Repairer/Laborer (Hourly)	\$10 - \$17 per hour
Maintenance Worker Grounds/ Maintenance Repairer	\$28,000 - \$60,000
Part-time Public Works Grounds Keeper/Driver/Snow Plow Operator	\$10 - \$17 per hour
Streets Repairer/Laborer-Additional Duties	\$1,000 - \$2,500
Chief of Police	\$90,000 - \$112,000
Lieutenant	\$82,500 - \$90,000
Sergeant	\$77,000 - \$87,000
Patrolman	\$36,000 - \$81,000
Special Police Officer	\$15 - \$25 per hour
Police Matron: Per Call Out	\$3,000.00 - \$10,000 annual \$25 - \$75 per hour
Dare Representative(s)	\$1,000.00 annual
Crossing Guards Substitute	\$17.00 - \$20.00 per post
Unclassified	\$17.00 - \$34.00 per post

SECTION 2:2-2. The annual rates of compensation of officers and employees whose compensation shall be paid quarterly shall be as follows:

Township Mayor	\$1 - \$3,934
Township Committee	\$0 - \$3,147
Court Administrator/Deputy Court Administrator (includes all call-outs)	\$3,000 - \$10,000

SECTION 2:2-3. The annual rates of compensation of officers and employees whose compensation shall be payable annually shall be as follows:

Member, Board of Health	\$50
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SECTION 2:2-4. The compensation of officers and employees whose compensation shall be payable upon completion of said duty and approval by respective Chairperson:

Secretary, Planning Board	\$150 (per meeting)
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For each special meeting called by the Chairman for a developer, said developer is responsible for the reimbursement of the meeting fee.

SECTION 2:2-5. The rates of compensation of employees whose compensation falls within a variable range shall be fixed by resolution from time to time.

*Due to the current economic conditions and unprecedented reduction in actual Township projected revenues for FY 2013 administrative positions delineated with an asterisk have been reduce to a four day work week; employment hours, annual compensation and other benefits have been prorated with terms subject to contractual agreements.

SECTION 2:2-6. Longevity payments shall be in accordance with respective contracts.

SECTION 2:2-7. The rates of compensation for professionals appointed by Township Committee at its reorganization meeting are as follows:

Solicitor - \$38,000 per year (Base Amount); (support services based on fee schedule)
Special Counsel/Bond Counsel - (Principal \$140 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Labor Counsel - (Principal \$165 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
COAH Planner - (Principal \$185 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
COAH Counsel - (Partner \$145-\$175 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Planning Board Attorney - (Principal \$140 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Engineer - (Principal \$125 - \$145 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Site Remediation Specialist - (Principal \$125- \$145 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Planner - (Principal \$125 - \$145 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Special Engineer - (Principal \$145 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Planning Board Engineer - (Principal \$125-\$145 per hour); support services based on fee schedule
Auditor - \$31,000 (Base Amount); support services based on fee schedule)
Prosecutor - \$375.00 (per session); support services based on fee schedule)
Public Defender - \$375.00 (per session); support services based on fee schedule)
Risk Manager - (4% of annual assessment); support services based on fee schedule
Financial Consultant - not to exceed \$52,500.00 annually

SECTION 2:2-8. Compensatory Time - Over Time, Exempt Employees.

1. Exempt employees not eligible for overtime may be eligible for compensatory time. Compensatory time is earned when an employee works in excess of their normal

Clarification was made by Township Solicitor William Kearns as to whether Mrs. Perkins wishes to table the motion or abstain.

Mrs. Perkins replied that she wishes to table.

Mrs. Dougherty explained that this resolution provides that the budget maybe read by title only; it is not related to the adoption of the budget.

Mrs. Perkins reported thank you for the clarification.

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

Public Hearing: 2015 Budget

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

A power point presentation outlining the budget was presented by Mr. DiGangi. Mr. DiGangi further discussed further reviewed 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:

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to the public for comment on the 2105 Budget only: Hearing no one wishing to speak the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to public comment.

Resolution No. 2015-54:

Adoption of the 2015 Budget (appended)

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second by: Ms. Kremper

Mrs. Perkins discussed that she does not wish to vote on the budget. As a member of the administration and finance committee she has not had the opportunity to have the meeting for this committee after asking for it since January. She would like to table her vote for the budget.

Mayor Trainor advised that the administration and finance committee doesn't have any bearing on the budget; the entire membership of Township Committee reviews the budget. He discussed that clarification on budget items was discussed and reviewed at the three prior budget meetings.

Mrs. Perkins further discussed that she is not voting because she has a lot of questions.

Mr. McElwee discussed that he is not sure what Mrs. Perkins is asking for.

Mr. Kearns discussed that she has asked to table the motion but it requires a second.

Mr. McElwee asked if she was looking for more time to review.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that she would be glad to answer any questions regarding the budget.

Mrs. Perkins discussed, not at this time; she has too many questions. Further discussed that this weekend was the first time she has seen the budget. She is very concerned with the 35% salary increase.

Mrs. Perkins moved to table to the adoption of the budget until the May 5th meeting.

Second: Mr. McElwee

Mr. Attorney Kearns advised that there is a first and second motion on the table.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – no, Ms. Kremper – no, Mr. McElwee - yes, Mrs. Perkins - yes, Mayor Trainor – no

Mr. Kearns advised that the motion to table failed and we now go back to the original motion.

Discussion: Mayor Trainor asked Mr. DiGangi and Mr. Kearns what are the ramifications, if any, for postponing the adoption of the budget.

Mr. DiGangi discussed that there could be financial ramifications later in the year for not adopting by a specific date; statutory budget filing guidelines are established by the State. He further reviewed that this is the same budget that was provided to Township Committee prior to the introduction of the budget at the March 24th meeting.

The discussion pursued regarding the motion on the table by Mayor Trainor, second by Ms. Kremper to adopt the budget.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard - yes, Ms. Kremper - yes, Mr. McElwee, questioned that since Mrs. Perkins has questions can we get the questions answered and still vote on it tonight.

Further Discussion: Mrs. Perkins asked the following specific questions regarding the budget:

Sheet 3f – Question to Mr. DiGangi regarding accumulated absences report. She questioned the \$266,000 due to individuals for unused time.

Mr. DiGangi advised that the report is for reporting only and that if the township were to dissolve completely this would be owed contractually to these individuals.

Sheet 9 – Loss of anticipated income pertaining to grants.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that there are Federal and State grant funds that we receive; some can be every year and others, such as the CDBG program is every other year.

Mrs. Perkins asked about the NJDOT grant.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that the Township received notification late today that we were awarded the NJDOT grant in the amount of \$182,880 received for the Mt. Holly Road project. Prior to this notification there was a freeze on State grant awards.

Mrs. Perkins further discussed that since there is no job description for the Admin/Finance Committee she would like to create one. She requested monthly bank reconciliation reports for the general ledger and all bank accounts and the revenue for all accounts on a monthly basis.

Mr. DiGangi discussed that this would be hundreds of pages of reports and that he would work with Mrs. Dougherty to set up access for her to view the files in the office.

Sheet 10 – Burlington Coat Factory payment, does any money go to the school?

Mr. Kearns advised that it is not required by law. The school gets their money from their own budget.

Mrs. Perkins discussed that she would like further discussion on this in the future regarding the PILOT program.

Sheet 12 – Municipal clerk which is Mrs. Dougherty there is a 35% salary increase.

Mrs. Dougherty clarified that the increase is a departmental budget increase due to the hiring of a full time deputy clerk from a part time deputy clerk. She further clarified that her salary for the position of the municipal clerk is appropriated from the clerk's departmental budget and that her salary as administrator is appropriated from the administrative departmental budget. The administrative budget includes budgeting for unexpected situations.

Mr. DiGangi clarified budgets should include additional appropriations for unforeseen circumstances to address unexpected and/or emergent situations, so that there is less chance of need for emergency appropriations. He further discussed that all individuals are paid based on their contracts.

The Mayor asked if there is any further discussion; hearing none he requested a roll call vote to adopt the budget.

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

REPORTS - Appended to the minutes

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator

DOT Grant – Mrs. Dougherty discussed as previously advised the Township was awarded the NJDOT grant in the amount of \$182,880 for Mt. Holly Road. The appropriation of the grant funds maybe through a capital bond ordinance or through unanticipated revenue by a Chapter 159 Resolution.

School Pathway Project at the Weimann Sports Complex and Ridgway Middle School–

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that the Board of Education is requesting Committee's re-consideration to pay a proportionate cost of the project.

Mr. Darji, Township Engineer, reviewed the status of the project and the estimated cost of \$121,000. Further analysis has to be done on the security lights and off-site improvements at the Arbor Green Condominiums and Manor Apartments. Upon further discussion Committee requested that Mr. Darji prepare a proposal for cost of full project.

Report from Chief of Police

Police Department Budget

Chief DiFilippo reported on the e-ticketing system. This system will allow the officers to print tickets from their cars and cut the stop time from approximately 20 minutes to 5-10 minutes. It will also save in redundant re-entering of information by the police secretary and the court personnel. Approximate costs are \$22,000 for a 5 year contract payable in yearly installments. Upon further discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward with the e-ticketing program.

Report from Township Engineer

Road Program – Mr. Darji reported the Jamestown & Cardinal Road paving is to begin again next week. Contract adjustments included work done on a section Bridgeboro Road at approximately 100 to 150 feet, and storm drain improvements on Woodlane Road and Harrison Avenue.

The discussion pursued regarding various sink holes and the hot sealing of roadway cracks. Mr. Darji will work with Mr. Bernard and Mrs. Dougherty regarding estimated costs.

Mt. Holly Road – Mr. Darji discussed grant notification was just received. He further discussed that the Edgewater Park Sewerage Authority has an interest with working with the Township for work they want to perform regarding infrastructure improvements. The Authority's improvements would be at their expense which includes the potential elimination of a pump station and installation of dry sewer lines prior to paving the street.

Weimann Project – Mr. Darji discussed that he will present a proposal at the May 5th Township Committee Meeting. A meeting will be scheduled with EPAA and the Board of Education to ascertain their input.

Any Other Reports

Mayor Trainor announced that Mr. Aubrey Painter will be retiring at the end of the month. The Mayor and members of Township Committee acknowledged and thanked Mr. Painter for all of his years of service.

Report Acceptance

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second by: Mr. McElwee

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

Mayor Trainor – yes

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-55

A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Edgewater Park to Participate in the "1033 PROGRAM" in 2015 In Order to be Eligible to Receive Property From the United States Department of Defense Administered under the State of New Jersey for Use by the Edgewater Park Police Department

WHEREAS, the United States Code, Title 10 USC § 2576a, authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Defense ("DOD") to transfer to Federal and State agencies, personal property that is excess to the needs of the DOD and which the Secretary determines is suitable to be used by such

agencies in law enforcement activities including counter-drug and counter-terrorism activities (the “1033 Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park (the “Township”) desires to participate in the 1033 Program whereby it is eligible to receive property from the DOD for use by the Edgewater Park Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the 1033 Program, the Township shall complete a Law Enforcement Agency Application for Participation, as well as enter into a State Plan of Operation Agreement and a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, once the Township is eligible to participate in the 1033 Program, acceptance of any property by the DOD shall be approved by resolution of the Township Committee on a case by case basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to participate in the 1033 Program in 2015 in order to receive property from the DOD.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the Mayor, or Chief of Police, or designee, is authorized to complete a Law Enforcement Agency Application for Participation, as well as enter into a State Plan of Operation Agreement and a Memorandum of Agreement with the State of New Jersey in order to participate in the 1033 Program whereby the Township shall be eligible to receive property from the Department of Defense for use by the Edgewater Park Township Police Department.

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second: Mrs. Perkins

Discussion: None

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

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

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

Planning Board:

Mr. Belgard, Class III member, reported that there has not been a meeting since the last Township Committee meeting.

Redevelopment Advisory Committee:

Mr. Belgard reviewed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday at 7PM.

EPAA

Mr. Belgard wanted to thank Mayor Trainor for stepping in in opening day and refereeing all day for the EPAA opening day when there was a problem with the scheduled referee. He also wanted to thank Lieutenant Evans for his involvement as a coach with the EPAA, his dedication to the community and for being a great role model.

Ms. Kremper – Liaison to Recreation, Board of Education

Board of Education

Ms. Kremper discussed that the Board of Education hired an interim principal, Ray Marini, for Magowan School. She further reported that the next meeting will be on next Tuesday at 7PM at Ridgway Middle School.

Mrs. Perkins – Liaison to Recreation and Environmental Advisory Committees

Events Committee

Mrs. Perkins discussed that the Event’s Committee met and are planning Community Day as a Fall Festival to be held at Magowan School.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Mrs. Perkins discussed that the Environmental Committee is exploring various funding opportunities to prepare a tree inventory of the Township. They are looking into stewardship grants. Also, they met with Tim Kaluhiokalani, ERI, regarding revisions for the 5 year tree management plan.

Mr. McElwee – Liaison to Senior Advisory Committee and Sewerage Authority

Senior Advisory

Mr. McElwee reported that the last meeting, before the summer break, will be held on May 13th at the municipal building at 3PM.

Sewerage Authority

Mr. McElwee reported that the next meeting will be held on May 13th at the Authority’s office on Cooper Street; meeting starts at 7PM. He reported that the Authority is looking at the removal of some pump stations and other infrastructure improvements. The plan will be presented to Township Committee at a future date.

Strategic Planning

Mr. McElwee discussed that the School Board did an outstanding job and they are now formalizing the plan. The next meeting will be next Thursday.

Mayor Trainor, Liaison to EPAA

EPAA

Mayor Trainor discussed that EPAA held there opening day parade and activities on April 18th for the spring sports programs. The annual parade started at Magowan School and proceed to Memorial Field. The first pitch was thrown out by Deputy Mayor Bill Belgard.

Planning Board:

Mayor Trainor, Class I, reported that there was no Planning Board Meeting last week.

Redevelopment Committee

Mayor Trainor discussed the next Redevelopment Committee Meeting will be next Wednesday, April 29th.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills from April 3, 2015 to April 16, 2015

Moved by: Mrs. Perkins Second: Mr. Belgard

Discussion: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public Session: January 3, 2015, February 3, 2015, February 28, 2015, March 3, 2015, March 9, 2015 and March 19, 2015

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard - yes, Ms. Kremper - yes, Mr. McElwee - yes, Mrs. Perkins – yes but abstain from March 19th minutes, Mayor Trainor – yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Fran Wilkins, 96 North Garden Blvd:

Mrs. Wilkins asked that if the Events Committee would please include the car club with the location and planning of the Fall Festival/ Community Day.

Mrs. Wilkins further questioned the progress on vacant properties.

Township Committee discussed that the property maintenance inspectors are aware of the vacant properties and are working with the property owners and mortgage holders to get repairs done.

Mrs. Wilkins further questioned if the township might be able to adopt fines for unkempt vacant properties like the article in the paper that mentioned Evesham and Palmyra passing resolutions for said fines.

Township Committee discussed that the Township adopted an ordinance last fall to address property maintenance responsibilities got vacant properties. As stated previously, the Property Maintenance Inspectors are working with the mortgage holders to get repairs done or they may face heavy fines.

Mr. Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane:

Mr. Rainey discussed the school budget increase and stated his dislike of the School Budget not coming before the Township Committee.

He also thanked the Public Works department for their hard work.

Mr. Rainey would like to know if the resolution for the government equipment for the Police Department could be extended to the Township of Edgewater Park as a whole.

Mr. Kearns advised that the current program is solely for the Police Department.

Mr. Rainey further expressed the need to find tenants for the vacant businesses.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-56 CLOSED SESSION

Where it is necessary to discuss Silver Park West: Docket No. BUR-L-3475-06. Where it is necessary to discuss sale of municipal property and contract provisions relating to block: 1202, lot 4.01. Where it is necessary to discuss personnel and employment contracts. 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: Mr. Belgard Second: Ms. Kremper Time: 9:20PM

Discussion: The Mayor announced that Township Committee does not anticipate formal action at the conclusion of closed session.

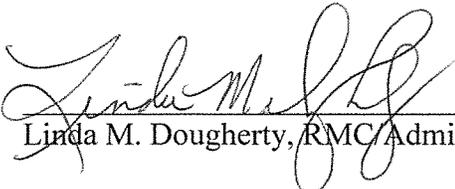
Roll Call: Mr. Belgard - yes, Ms. Kremper - yes, Mr. McElwee - yes, Mrs. Perkins - yes, Mayor Trainor - yes

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN 10:10 PM

Moved by: Mrs. Perkins Second: Mr. Belgard Time: 10:10PM

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


Linda M. Dougherty, RMC Administrator


William Belgard, Deputy Mayor