

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Joseph Pullion, Mayor Kevin Johnson
Absent: Mr. John McElwee (Committee Members)

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

DISCUSSION(S)/PRESENTATION(S):

**Excessive Speeding; speed traps
Electronic monitoring speed limit signs**

Mayor Johnson reported that Neighborhood Watch and the Police Department are reviewing options to curtail speeding; fundraising by Neighborhood Watch for speeding signs is under consideration.

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment regarding monitoring of speed limits:

Mr. Harvey Haserick, 425 S Arthur Drive expressed that the Township may want to consider installing speed bumps or rumble strips to deter speeding.

Mr. Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive, disagreed because with the speed bumps because they could cause damage to cars or cause accidents; they are fine around school zones.

Mayor Johnson stated Township Committee would look into the different alternatives to reducing speed around the township. People walking in the streets and not using sidewalks are also a problem throughout town.

The Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to public comment.

REPORTS

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator is appended hereto.

Municipal Recreation Grants offered by Burlington Board of Chosen Freeholders

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that Mrs. Belgard and she attended the County meeting regarding grant funding opportunities for park improvements. She further discussed that engineering assistance would be required to assist with construction estimates and grant language; the fee would be less than \$2000.00 from Environmental Resolutions.

Upon discussion, Township Committee authorized Mrs. Dougherty to move forward with the grant application for park improvements at Wood Lake Park.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Mrs. Dougherty discussed the various grant options for energy upgrades and improvements. Upon discussion, Township Committee requested Mrs. Dougherty to look into different upgrade options, such as computers, copiers, etc, other than lighting.

Field Marker/Paint Striper

Township Committee authorized the purchase of one paint stripper from the open space trust fund.

Sidewalk Repair: 416 Cherrix Ave.

Township Committee authorized the repair of sidewalk at 416 Cherrix Ave.

Resolution 2010-131 Shared Services with Delanco

Mr. Kearns reported that the agreement is still in the review stages with Delanco Township’s solicitor.

Chief Brian recommended using a blanket shared services agreement for all offices and equipment.

There were no other reports.

REPORT ACCEPTANCE

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Booker

Hearing no discussion:

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

AUTHORIZATIONS: NONE

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

Temporary Appointment of William Brown, Building Inspector, from October 5, 2010 through October 14, 2010 Temporary Appointment of Michael Stallone, Construction Code Official, from October 5, 2010 through October 14, 2010.

Moved by: Mayor Johnson Second: Mr. Booker

Hearing no discussion:

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

FUNCTION APPLICATIONS:

Public Functions: NONE

Solicitor’s Permit:

Mr. Francis Cook, 15 Haskell Ln, Willingboro, NJ on behalf of the Marine Corp #695, VFW, Burlington, NJ request for donations at Pathmark on October 9, 2010 and WaWa on October 20, 2010. Appropriate documentation have been filed, Application is requesting a 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 application.
 Moved by: Mayor Johnson Second: Mrs. Belgard
 Hearing no discussion:
 Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard - yes, Mr. Booker - yes, Mr. Pullion – yes, Mayor Johnson-yes

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-130
 AUTHORIZING A TAX PAYMENT INSTALLMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector of the Township of Edgewater Park Township has received authorization from the Township Committee to place the following account into an installment plan not to exceed sixty months. The installment amount is comprised of taxes due for 2009 and 2010. It is to begin on November 1, 2010. Payments to be made in monthly increments of \$116.77 and to be received by the first day of each month. The specifications are as stipulated in N.J.S.A. Title 54:5-19 which states:

1. This type of plan must not be applied to property that has already been covered by an installment plan.
2. During the time when the equal monthly installment payments are being made, all taxes, assessments and other municipal liens falling due subsequent to the date of agreement must be promptly paid.
3. If any installment of this agreement, or any new taxes, assessments, or other liens are not paid within 30 days when they became due and payable, the agreement is void in which case the collector must proceed to hold a tax sale against the property.

Block	Lot	Assessed to:	Amount
404.08	11/CD002	Dorothy Liska	
Breakdown as follows:			
2009 Taxes for 2 nd –4 th quarters			\$ 1,627.66
2010 Taxes for 1 st –4 th quarters			\$ 2,970.88
Total Interest			\$ 2,407.66

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Edgewater Park Township that the installment plan will allow the parcel to be excluded from the current Tax Sale to take place on September 15, 2010 for any uncollected taxes through 2009 4th quarter.

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

Moved by: Mr. Pullion Second: Mrs. Belgard
 Hearing no discussion:
 Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard - yes, Mr. Booker - yes, Mr. Pullion – yes, Mayor Johnson-yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-131

Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of Edgewater Park and Delanco Township for Equipment and Other Goods and Services

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq authorizes contracting units to establish a Shared Services Agreement between local units for particular purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park and Delanco Township wish to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the use of equipment and other goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park and Delanco Township have offered voluntary participation for the sharing of equipment and other goods and services; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the best interest of the Township of Edgewater Park to enter into this agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that a sharing of equipment and other goods and services shall be effective from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Mayor Johnson moved to table Resolution No. 2010-131 for further legal review until the October 5, 2010 meeting. Second: Mrs. Belgard

Discussion: Mr. Kearns discussed that a meeting is scheduled with Delanco and Edgewater Park representatives to review the contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-132

Resolution Amending Resolution 2010-127 to Include Block 405, Lot 1 Authorizing the Planning Board to Conduct a Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether Certain Properties are in a Redevelopment Area

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Planning Board to Conduct a Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether Certain Property, Located at Block 404, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 3 and 4; Block 405, Lot 1; and Block 501 lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; and Block 501.01 Lot 1 is a Redevelopment Area.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-6, authorizes the governing body of any municipality by resolution, to have its Planning Board conduct an investigation to determine whether an area is a redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, the land proposed as the project area is Block 404, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 3 and 4; Block 501 lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; and Block 501.01 Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee considers it to be the best interest of the Township to have its Planning Board conduct such an investigation regarding said area;

WHEREAS, the property in the aforesaid area may be in need of rehabilitation or redevelopment, such that redevelopment may best serve the Township of Edgewater Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, New Jersey, that:

1. The Planning Board of Edgewater Park be directed to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area known as Block 404, Lots 2, 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 3 and 4; Block 501 lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; and Block

501.01 Lot 1, in Edgewater Park Township is an area in need of rehabilitation and redevelopment, to the criterion in N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1 et seq.;

2. The staff of the Planning Board and its consultants be directed to assist the Planning Board in conducting the area in need of rehabilitation or redevelopment investigation; and

3. The preliminary investigation shall be submitted to the Township Committee for its review and approval in accordance with the provisions of the municipalities and counties redevelopment and housing law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1, et seq.

Moved by: Mr. Booker

Second: Mayor Johnson

Discussion: Upon discussion the revised resolution which now includes the Holiday Ice Cream site will be forwarded to the Planning Board.

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2010-8:

(Second Reading and Public Hearing)

An Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park Amending the Code of the Township of Edgewater Park to Repeal § 9-04-010

Mrs. Dougherty requested Committee's consideration to table the public hearing and consideration of adoption for foregoing ordinance until the October 5, 2010 meeting 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; publication deadlines were not met. 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.

Mr. Booker moved to table as recommended

Second: Mayor Johnson

Hearing no further discussion:

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

REPORT OF OFFICIALS

Committeeman Pullion:

Liaison to the Redevelopment: Mr. Pullion reported the Cardinale/Sinisi project is still ongoing; they anticipate settlement by the end of the year.

Committeewoman Belgard:

Liaison to Senior Advisory: Mrs. Belgard reported that on November 10 at 3 PM the Senior Advisory Committee is hosting a Medicare and Medicaid fraud program; meetings are held at the municipal building.

Mrs. Belgard further reported Senior Advisory is co-hosting the revaluation meeting with Neighborhood Watch on Thursday, September 23, 2010.

Mrs. Belgard also reported the date for the Flu Clinic is still pending and may be at the end of October or November.

Liaison to Planning Board:

Mrs. Belgard stated she did not attend the Planning Board meeting because of a conflict but the resolution for the investigation for the redevelopment area was discussed and a sub-committee was appointed.

Committeeman Booker:

Liaison to the School Board: Mr. Booker stated the Board of Education meeting is on Thursday and the PTO meeting is on Monday.

Mayor Johnson:

Liaison to Neighborhood Watch: Mayor Johnson reported the Riversharks game was a success and the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is Thursday; this will be a joint meeting with Senior Advisory Committee and the topic will be a discussion concerning the Revaluation process.

EPAA

Mr. Bruneau submitted and discussed the monthly report for EPAA. (attached hereto)

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills from September 8, 2010 through September 16, 2010

Moved by: Mr. Booker Second: Mayor Johnson

Discussion: Upon discussion of Township Committee, Mrs. Peak explained OCE Imagistics is a the copy and supply company.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2010 (open), April 28, 2010 (open), May 4, 2010 (open), May 6, 2010 (open), May 13, 2010 (open), May 18, 2010 (open), June 1, 2010 (open), June 3, 2010 (open)

Moved by: Mr. Booker Second: Mrs. Belgard

Hearing no discussion:

Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard - yes, Mr. Booker - yes, Mr. Pullion – yes (abstain 4-20-10), Mayor Johnson-yes(abstain-6-3-10)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive questioned what was collected at the 2010 Tax Sale for Property Taxes.

Ms. Johns, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk responded.

Mr. Robbins questioned the progress of the Revaluation.

Mrs. Dougherty discussed that the home inspections are in the final stages; residents will be receiving letters in late November regarding their assessed values. If residents have any questions regarding the value they should schedule an appointment with the Tax Assessor.

Mr. Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane questioned whether Resolution 2010-132 could have more details so the residents know which properties they are referring to.

Mrs. Dougherty reported that she will include in the future.

Mr. Rainey also discussed that the Township could cut the trees next door and sell the wood to make money.

Mr. Rainey questioned whether the Township could rent the Cassidy property for community gardens.

Mrs. Michelle Coppola, 315 Edgewater Ave, questioned whether there were police officers posted in the station during the night.

Chief Brian explained that officers are on the road patrolling but maybe in the station during various times; this has been the policy for 20+ years.

Mrs. Coppola further expressed concerns that they are enough crossing guard posts.

Mrs. Coppola questioned whether laying off police officers is cost effective.

Mr. Rainey, 7 Spring Lane questioned whether the School could take over crossing guard salaries.

Township Committee explained that crossing guards are a function of the Township under the police department.

Mr. Ian Haserick 452 S Arthur Drive suggested that the Township reach out to seniors within the community to see if they would volunteer their time to assist with crossing guard functions.

Mr. Robbins questioned whether the idea to have volunteers would be legal because of contracts.

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

THERE WAS ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2010-133 Closed Session

Where it is necessary to discuss matters concerning personnel and contractual obligations.

Where it is necessary to ascertain legal advice concerning Sale of Public Property. Where it is necessary to ascertain legal advice concerning 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: Mr. Booker Second: Mr. Belgard Time: 8:08 PM

Hearing No discussion:

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

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Moved by: Mayor Johnson Second: Mr. Booker Time: 9:00 PM

Hearing no discussion:

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

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Belgard-yes Mr. Booker-yes Mr. Pullion-yes Mayor Johnson-yes

THERE WAS NO OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mrs. Belgard Second: Mr. Pullion Time: 9:00PM

Hearing no discussion:

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