

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 MINUTES**

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

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the officer that was killed in the line of duty today in Chicago.

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. John McElwee, Mrs. Barbara Perkins, Mayor Michael Trainor (Committee Members)

Also Present: Mr. Gene DiFilippo, Chief of Police (Public and Closed Session); Mr. James Bernard, Superintendent of Public Works; Mr. William Kearns, Township Solicitor (Public and Closed Session); Mr. Rakesh Darji, Township Engineer; Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator (Public and Closed Session); Mrs. Colleen Treusch, Deputy Clerk; Mr. Daniel DiGangi, Financial Consultant (Public and Closed Session).

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

Elk's Lodge Batters Up Competition: Jade Harper

WHEREAS, Jade Harper entered into the New Jersey Elks Challenger "Batter Up" State Tournament in May of 2015; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Elks Challenger "Batter Up" State Tournament is a competition that tests young hitters abilities in different age groups; and

WHEREAS, Jade Harper began her quest for the state championship title by first entering into the competition at the local level through the Edgewater Park Elks where she finished first on May 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jade Harper surpassed all of her opponents in the Southwest District Finals also in Edgewater Park, NJ on July 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jade Harper again finished first in the Regional round at Jamesburg, NJ on August 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jade Harper finalized her quest with her stellar performance at the state final competition by placing first in her age group of 12-13 year olds in Howell, NJ on August 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jade Harper makes this win her third New Jersey Elks Challenger “Batter Up” State Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Edgewater Park Township Committee, I do hereby extend our accolades and congratulations to Jade Harper on a job well done and being named the New Jersey Elks Softball “Batter Up” Hitting State Tournament Champion in the 12-13 age group.

Willingboro Youth Cadet Academy: Alyson Harris

WHEREAS, Alyson Harris entered into the Willingboro Youth Fire Academy in August 2015; and

WHEREAS, Willingboro Youth Fire Academy is a two week training program designed to expose students to the many different aspects of the fire service community; and

WHEREAS, Alyson Harris began her journey to the fire academy by becoming an explorer with the Beverly City Hope Hose Fire Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, Alyson Harris participated in activities such as ropes and knots, fire behavior, ladders, search drills, vehicle extrication and RIC awareness; and

WHEREAS, Alyson Harris, while attending the academy, was able to visit McGuire AFB Fire Department, Medford fire tower, NYFD training academy and the World Trade Center Museum; and

WHEREAS, Alyson Harris was the first female to graduate the Willingboro Youth Fire Academy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Edgewater Park Township Committee, I do hereby extend our accolades and congratulations to Alyson Harris on a job well done and being the first female to graduate from the Willingboro Youth Fire Academy.

Mr. McElwee moved to approve the above stated proclamations by consent agenda;

Second by: Mrs. Perkins

Further Discussion: None

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

Personnel

Public Works Department

Re-Appointment of Timothy Fitch, Seasonal Employee, Public Works Department, rate of \$10.00 per hour effective September 1, 2015; Mr. Fitch currently holds CDL A License.

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second: Mr. Belgard

Discussion: Township Committee reviewed that CDL license requirements and if it was necessary for the position.

Mr. Bernard discussed that it is not currently needed but may be beneficial in the future.

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

FUNCTION APPLICATIONS:

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. McElwee Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion:

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

Raffles:

Raffle License No.: 2015-10; Women's Club of Edgewater Park, 400 Delanco Road 50/50 Raffle at 315 Green Street, Edgewater Park, NJ 9/14/15, 10/5/15, 11/2/15, 12/7/15, 1/4/16, 2/1/16, 3/7/16, 4/4/16, 5/9/16 and 6/6/16 from 7:00 pm -10:00 pm, non-profit organization filed; 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.

Bingos: None

Public Functions: None

Charitable Clothing Bins Permit: None

Solicitors Permit: None

REPORTS - appended to the minutes

Report from the Township Engineer

No Formal report submitted.

Grants

Mr. Darji reviewed the Burlington County Municipal Parks Grant program. Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to move forward with phase 3 for the Weimann Sports Complex which would include the school pathway request on township property. Mr. Darji was further requested to reach out to the County to see if any offsite improvements could potentially be included.

Project Review for Professional Services:

Weimann Field Club House

Weimann Field Recycling Improvements

Weimann Field (Sports Area)

Upon discussion consensus of Committee was to hold a separate meeting to just discuss the Weimann Project in more detail and priority of necessity.

Mt. Holly Road Reconstruction Project

Mr. Darji reviewed the Mt. Holly Road project which included Taft and Johnson Place. He further discussed that the Sewerage Authority is also preparing for their portion of the project; a shared services agreement would be required.

Report from Financial Consultant – Dan DiGangi

Summary of Improvement Authorizations, Proposed 2015 New Authorizations and Notes

Mr. DiGangi reviewed the cancelation and re-appropriation of the ordinances that have been issued. New ordinance project appropriations for 2015 were also reviewed which included

various road projects and various municipal owned property improvements Upon discussion, consensus of committee was to move forward as recommended.

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Continuing Disclosure Report

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that Mr. DiGangi reported that the Township is required to complete and file a Continuing Disclosure Report (CDR) on an annual basis. This report became necessary filing because the issuance of the permanent bond financing in 2014; bonds were sold through the Burlington County Bridge Commission.

This report can be prepared and filed by Bowman & Associates at an additional fee of \$2000. This type of work was included as an additional option in their contract. The CDR needs to be submitted by September 30, 2015. The recommendation is to authorize services through Bowman & Associates. Upon discussion Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the authorization.

Second by: Mayor Trainor

Further Discussion: None

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

BPU - Verizon

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) approved an agreement which would, after 3 or 5 years, remove service quality standards from Verizon's landline telephone service. This agreement also removes any existing rate caps. Additionally, last year the BPU approved a similar agreement which provided that Verizon no longer was obligated to build out its fiber network into many areas of South Jersey. The County of Cumberland is finalizing its plans to file a formal petition before the BPU on behalf of interested South Jersey municipalities Mr. Kearns discussed that there are serious problems in South Jersey where towns are fighting with the BPU about services not being put back in after Sandy.

Mrs. Dougherty said she will follow up with the Burlington County Clerks Association to see if there are issues in Burlington County.

Any Other Reports - none

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

RESOLUTION(S)

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2015-114 through 2015-126 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. McElwee

Second: Mrs. Perkins

Discussion: Township Committee discussed the refund of Resolution No. 2015-126.

Mrs. Dougherty advised that the contactor is no longer performing the work. He is being refunded less the state fees and 5% plan review.

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – abstaining on 2015-117 but yes to the rest, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor – yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-114

Affirmation of Appointment to the Sewerage Authority to Fill an Unexpired Term

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill the unexpired term of Mr. James Hall, former member of the Edgewater Park Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park wishes to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hall for term ending January 31, 2020; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey affirming the appointment of Judith Hall to the Edgewater Park Sewerage Authority to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hall effective August 18, 2015 through January 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sewer Authority members shall be residents of the township and shall remain residents of the township during their terms. A member, who, subsequent to his appointment, shall maintain an address as his or her principal primary residence that is not an Edgewater Township address, shall immediately vacate and forfeit his membership on the Sewer Authority; and until a subsequent appointment shall be made by the Township Committee the post shall be deemed vacant.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-115

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership In The Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park (hereinafter the "MUNICIPALITY") is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "FUND"); and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY'S membership terminates as of January 1, 2016 unless earlier renewed by a Contract between the MUNICIPALITY and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter is for the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, provided that the award is in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b) provides that the MUNICIPALITY shall make a documented effort to secure competitive quotations; however, a Contract may be awarded upon a determination, in writing, that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, has filed a certificate with the governing body describing in detail, as set forth below in this Resolution, why this Contract meets the provisions of the statutes and the regulations and why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the purchase of insurance coverage and insurance consultant services by the MUNICIPALITY requires a unique knowledge and understanding of the municipal exposures and risks associated with the operation of a municipal entity, and many insurance professionals are not qualified to assess these risks and exposures based upon their inherent complexity; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for municipal entities can vary greatly in the type, limits, and exceptions to coverage, and therefore particularized expertise in determining and obtaining the appropriate coverage is required to protect the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the MUNICIPALITY to obtain a single integrated program to provide all types of insurance coverage with a plan to limit the MUNICIPALITIES exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has provided comprehensive insurance coverage to member municipalities since 1991; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Fund has continually refined all of the types of coverage that it provides to its members so that it offers comprehensive insurance coverage and limits to all members that is unique and cannot be purchased from a single entity in the commercial insurance market; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has also developed and made available to its members Safety, Risk Management, and Litigation Management programs that address the specific exposures and risks associated with municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides the MUNICIPALITY with Fund Administration, Claims Review, Claims Processing, Claims Administration, Actuarial and Legal services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is one of the most financially sound Municipal Joint Insurance Funds in New Jersey, and the FUND operates with strong fiscal controls, member oversight, and meets all of the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, as an existing member of the FUND, the MUNICIPALITY would be renewing its membership in an organization with experienced and dedicated FUND Professionals who provide specialized services to the members; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the FUND includes many neighboring municipalities that have uniquely similar exposures to the MUNICIPALITY, and with whom the MUNICIPALITY has existing inter-local arrangements; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors categorize the award of this Contract as an “extraordinary, unspecifiable service” that cannot be duplicated, accounted for, accurately detailed, or described in a manner that truly depicts the value of the MUNICIPALITY’S membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, it is impracticable for the MUNICIPALITY to seek competitive quotations for a Contract to provide the procurement of insurance coverage and consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and as such is an agency of the municipalities that created it; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) also provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the Contract is entered into with a municipality or any board, body, officer, agency or authority thereof; and

WHEREAS, the FUND meets the definition of an agency as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the MUNICIPALITY desires to enter into a Contract to renew its membership with the FUND for a period of three (3) years, for insurance coverage and consultant services, as an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the MUNICIPALITY as follows:

1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to renew its membership in the FUND and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the FUND.

2. The Mayor and Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the "Contract to Renew Membership" annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the FUND evidencing the MUNICIPALITY'S renewal of its membership.

3. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, the certificate of a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, which details why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable, is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

4. The Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY is authorized and directed to place a notice of the adoption of this Resolution and the award of this Contract in the official newspaper of the MUNICIPALITY.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-116
Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment
Homestead Rebate

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector certifies to the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, that the tax records reflect an overpayment for the following accounts due to the following reasons

Block 902 Lot 4
Wayne Buser
Make Check Payable to:
240 Hendrickson Ave
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010
Homestead Rebate
\$420.41

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-117
Resolution Authorizing Liquor License Renewals for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that:

1. Application having been duly made, the following are hereby adjudged to be entitled to the alcoholic beverage license for the licensed premise and the effective date of July 1, 2015:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES - FEE \$2,500.00

#0312-33-003-005	MMS Restaurant Inc.	4303 Route 130 South
#0312-33-005-006	DYN/BOYS, LLC	4387 Route 130 South

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE - FEE \$2,500.00

#0312-44-002-004	Cramp's Liquor Store, Inc. t/a Cramp's Liquor Store	4267A S. Route 130
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CLUB LICENSE

#0312-31-004-002

Edgewater Park B.P.O.
Elks #2550

315 Green Street

2. There are no conditions imposed against the above referenced licensees.
3. Tax Clearance Certificates have been received for all licensees.
4. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to sign, issue and deliver license certificates in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of Township Committee.
5. That the Chief of Police has no objection to the renewal of the liquor licenses.
6. Edgewater Park Beverage Associates, Inc., whose mailing address is 46 Newman Springs Road, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701-1531 license has an Inactive License #0312-33-001-006, a Special Ruling from the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control is required prior to issuance and renewal of license by the Governing Body; all applicable fees have been paid.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-118

Refund of Fall Festival Vendor Duplicate Application

WHEREAS, the below mentioned vendor submitted an application to participate in the October 17, 2015 Fall Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Events Committee determined that the vendor's goods and merchandise is a duplicate application; and

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

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 Recreation Trust Account be refunded to the following applicant:

Lindsay Monaghan
601 Arndt Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075
Vendor Business: "Thirty-One" Totes, Purses, Accessories
Amount: \$25.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-119

Resolution of the Township of Edgewater Park Accepting the Resignation of the Township Property Maintenance Inspector

WHEREAS, Mr. Donald Garrison, Property Maintenance Inspector, submitted a verbal resignation on August 24, 2015; resignation was effective immediately.

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 Committee hereby acknowledges and accepts Mr. Garrison resignation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-120

Resolution Certifying A Lien Against For Costs Incurred By The Township Of Edgewater Park In Accordance With The Property Maintenance Code for Block: 703, Lot 12

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code provides for fines to be imposed by the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.44.610 of the General Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park provides for abatement of certain conditions, and Section 8.44.620 provides that the cost of any abatement shall become a lien against real property by Resolution shall be collectible as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Inspector has cited 207 E Franklin Ave. and has recommended to imposed fines and expenses for repair, maintenance, etc., on said property in the amount of \$261.18; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the fines and expenses certified by the Property Maintenance Inspector for 207 E Franklin Ave., Block 703 Lot 12 in the amount of \$261.18 is hereby approved and certified to the Tax Collector of the Township of Edgewater Park as liens against the specific property listed and to draw interest as tax liens as provided by law; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-121

Resolution Certifying A Lien Against For Costs Incurred By The Township Of Edgewater Park In Accordance With The Property Maintenance Code for Block: 1304, Lot 7

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code provides for fines to be imposed by the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.44.610 of the General Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park provides for abatement of certain conditions, and Section 8.44.620 provides that the cost of any abatement shall become a lien against real property by Resolution shall be collectible as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Inspector has cited 207 Ivy Road and has recommended to imposed fines and expenses for repair, maintenance, etc., on said property in the amount of \$261.18; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the fines and expenses certified by the Property Maintenance Inspector for 207 Ivy Road, Block 1304 Lot 7 in the amount of \$261.18 is hereby approved and

certified to the Tax Collector of the Township of Edgewater Park as liens against the specific property listed and to draw interest as tax liens as provided by law; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-122

Resolution Certifying A Lien Against For Costs Incurred By The Township Of Edgewater Park In Accordance With The Property Maintenance Code for Block: 610, Lot 3

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code provides for fines to be imposed by the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.44.610 of the General Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park provides for abatement of certain conditions, and Section 8.44.620 provides that the cost of any abatement shall become a lien against real property by Resolution shall be collectible as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Inspector has cited 20 W. Franklin Ave. and has recommended to imposed fines and expenses for repair, maintenance, etc., on said property in the amount of \$261.18; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the fines and expenses certified by the Property Maintenance Inspector for 20 W. Franklin Ave., Block 610 Lot 3 in the amount of \$261.18 is hereby approved and certified to the Tax Collector of the Township of Edgewater Park as liens against the specific property listed and to draw interest as tax liens as provided by law; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-123

Resolution Certifying A Lien Against For Costs Incurred By The Township Of Edgewater Park In Accordance With The Property Maintenance Code for Block: 1506, Lot 6

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code provides for fines to be imposed by the Construction Official; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.44.610 of the General Ordinance of the Township of Edgewater Park provides for abatement of certain conditions, and Section 8.44.620 provides that the cost of any abatement shall become a lien against real property by Resolution shall be collectible as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Inspector has cited 427 E Franklin Ave. and has recommended to imposed fines and expenses for repair, maintenance, etc., on said property in the amount of \$322.36; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Edgewater Park that the fines and expenses certified by the Property Maintenance

Inspector for 427 E Franklin Ave., Block 1506 Lot 6 in the amount of \$322.36 is hereby approved and certified to the Tax Collector of the Township of Edgewater Park as liens against the specific property listed and to draw interest as tax liens as provided by law; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-124
Refund of Trust Account-Street Opening Permit

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. R-576
Property Address: 208 Dogwood Rd.

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. 2015-125
Refund of Trust Account-Street Opening Permit

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:

Horizon Services
320 Centry Blvd.
Wilmington, DE 19808
Amount: \$300.00
Escrow No. R-573
Property Address: 210 Dogwood Rd.

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. 2015-126

Refund of Construction Permit Fees - Block 1204, Lot 1, Qualification Code CD006

WHEREAS, CT General Contractors, LLC submitted an application for Construction for the property located at 1294 Cooper Street Apt. D6; and

WHEREAS, the contractor decided not to move forward with the project; and

WHEREAS, there has been a request by the applicant for a refund of the Construction Permit Fees; and

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

WHEREAS, the total Construction Permit fee was \$231.00; amount refunded shall be less the AltFee (DCA) of \$12.00 and less a five percent (5%) plan review fee of \$10.95.

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 money be refunded to the following applicant:

Permit # 20150210
1294 Cooper St., Apt. D4
Make Check Payable to:
CT General Contractors, LLC
216 Jeremiah Ave.
Hamilton, NJ 08610
\$208.05

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.

ORDINANCES: None

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

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

Mr. Belgard announced that the new owners of the old Pathmark shopping center are Nassimi Realty. He said there most likely will not be a grocery store because of size but instead they will be subdividing into smaller stores. Also, the new owners will be cleaning-up the site and putting a new façade and roof on the existing building.

He further discussed that the new Auto Direct Cars occupying and owner of the former Wetherill's building is moving forward and the new Aldi location at the old Bottom Dollar property is looking to open in October.

Mr. Belgard further discussed the upcoming redevelopment breakfast that is scheduled for November 3rd at the Golden Dawn Diner for local business owners.

Mr. Belgard also wanted to convey the thanks from the Red Dragon regarding the \$400 donation that paid for the first two bands in the series; performances by the "Don Evans Band" on June 24th and the "Rich and Darla Tarpinian with Tom Verdi" on July 29th.

Ms. Kremper – Liaison to Recreation, Board of Education and Events Committee

Board of Education

Ms. Kremper discussed that the Board of Education will be moving forward with a special election in January for school improvements. She further discussed that the Board, at the August 26th meeting reviewed the goals of the district, student achievements and the contract for the Superintendent of Schools.

Recreation Committee

Ms. Kremper reported that the Recreation Committee is planning fall events with the potential of a movie night in October.

Events Committee

Ms. Kemper advised that the Committee is still looking for craft and food vendors for the Fall Festival being held on October 17th. Their next meeting will be on September 23rd.

Mrs. Perkins – Liaison to Recreation and Environmental Advisory

Environmental Advisory Committee

Mrs. Perkins advised that although the Environmental Committee has not had a meeting since the last report, they have resubmitted the Forestry Plan to the state.

Mr. McElwee – Liaison to Senior Advisory and Sewerage Authority

Senior Advisory

Mr. McElwee reported that the Senior Advisory Committee will meet on September 9th.

Sewerage Authority

Mr. McElwee stated that the next Sewerage Authority meeting will also be on September 9th at 7:00PM at their office on Green Street.

Mayor Trainor – Liaison to EPAA

Mayor Trainor said he had nothing to add for EPAA at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Tom Belgard (minor) with Aimee Belgard (parent), 418 Cottage Ave.

Tom Belgard spoke requested Township Committees consideration to pass an ordinance to allow chickens in residential areas. He said that some communities are also considering or recently

passed ordinances allowing chickens. He presented packets to the Township Committee that included a sample ordinance.

Mr. Kearns, Township Solicitor, advised he was aware of the recent momentum in neighboring towns to allow chickens or large size lots and restrictions; this is part of the garden/natural awareness sustaining movement.

Gwendolyn Bonner, 837 Woodlane Rd.

Ms. Bonner discussed that she is on several committees in the township and that she is concerned about the Recreation Committee regarding activities and member participation. She further discussed that there are conflicts and a need for a side meeting to discuss the issues. Mayor Trainor said that they will set up a time for a private meeting.

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Dr.

Mr. Robbins spoke about the Fire Commission and the push to consolidate the Beverly and Edgewater Park Districts and Fire Companies 1 & 2. He provided a handout to Township Committee outlining the survey summary that contains information about Assembly Bill A3006, which contains specific details on the consolidation of fire districts, has already passed the State Assembly.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Approval of Bills from August 14, 2015 to August 25, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public Session: June 2, 2015, June 16, 2015, July 8, 2015 and July 21, 2015

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – yes, Ms. Kremper – yes, Mr. McElwee – abstain on 7/21/15, yes to all others, Mrs. Perkins – yes, Mayor Trainor – abstain on 6/16/15 and 7/21/15, yes to all others.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dan DiGangi, Bowman and Associates, CFO/Consultant: Review Capital Improvement Status
Dan's report was given earlier in the meeting with the other reports from officials.

Closed Session:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-127 CLOSED SESSION

Where it is necessary to discuss personnel and 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. McElwee Second: Mrs. Perkins Time: 8:32 PM

Discussion: Mayor Trainor announced that Township Committee does not anticipate formal action upon conclusion of closed session.

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

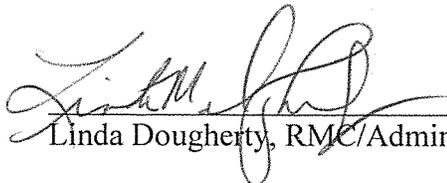
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Moved by: Mayor Trainor Second: Mr. McElwee Time: 10:04 PM

Discussion:

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



Linda Dougherty, RMC/Administrator



William Belgard, Deputy Mayor