

**TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MINUTES**

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

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 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; Mr. James Bernard, Superintendent of Public Works; Mr. William Kearns, Township Solicitor (Open and Closed); Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Municipal Clerk/Administrator (Open and Closed); Mrs. Colleen Treusch, Deputy Clerk.

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

Presentation by Tommy Belgard at the September 1, 2015 meeting requesting Committees' consideration to establish an ordinance:

Standards for Domestic Chicken-Keeping as an Accessory Activity on Residential Property
Township Committee turned the floor over to Tommy Belgard and his mother, Mrs. Aimee Belgard. Tommy and Mrs. Belgard presented a proposed ordinance that would permit the housing of domestic chickens on residentially-zoned and occupied properties in the R-RFD, R-LD, R-MD and Single-family districts and further establishing requirements and restrictions; copy of the proposed ordinance is appended.

Upon further discussion Mayor Trainor moved to have the ordinance prepared and finalized for first reading at the October 6, 2015 meeting. Second by: Ms. Kremper

Further discussion: None

Roll Call: Mr. Belgard – abstain, 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: Mayor Trainor Second: Mrs. Perkins

Discussion: Mr. McElwee discussed that he is a member of the Elk's Lodge and asked the Solicitor for a conflict opinion.

Mr. Kearns advised that the applications submitted by the BPOE Elk's Lodge is a conflict; the Bingo and Raffle applications should be considered by a separate vote from the Public Function application.

The Deputy Clerk announced that the following roll call shall be for consideration of the Bingo and Raffle applications only.

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

Raffles:

Raffle License No.: RA2015-11; BPOE 2550 (Edgewater Park Elks #2550), 315 Green Street, Edgewater Park, 50/50 Raffle at 315 Green Street, Edgewater Park, NJ on the following date of 11/20/2015 from 6:00pm -12:00am, Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission Registration was 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. A waiver of fees is requested.

Bingos:

Bingo License No.: BA2015-12; BPOE 2550 (Edgewater Park Elks #2550), 315 Green Street, Edgewater Park, Coach Bingo at 315 Green Street, Edgewater Park, NJ on the following date of 11/20/15, from 6:00pm -12:00am, Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission Registration was 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. A waiver of fees is requested

Public Functions:

Public Function No. 2015-9: Ridgeway School, Hawk Walk, Teacher Ashley Fontana, Principal Ron Trampe - Use of Woodlake Park for School Fundraiser, Saturday, October 3, 2014, from 9:00Am to 11:00AM.

Moved by: Mr. Belgard

Second: Ms. Kremper

Discussion: The Mayor announced that this motion is for the Public Function application only.

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

Charitable Clothing Bins Permit: None

Solicitors Permit: None

REPORTS - appended to the minutes

Report from Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Best Practices Survey:

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that the Division of Local Government Services just issued the Best Practices Inventory that must be completed and submitted to the Division by October 17, 2015. Responses to the Best Practices Inventory determine how much of each municipality's final 5% allocation of CMPTRA and ETR aid will be disbursed. A public presentation of the survey will be held at the October 6th meeting

Professional Review Committee for Professional Services

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that the 2016 Professional Request for Proposals/Request for Qualifications will be prepared and posted in October for submission by the end of November early December. Each year Township Committee establishes a sub-committee to recommend professional services appointments for the following year. The Review Committee is selected by the Mayor and shall make non-binding recommendations to Committee and the Planning Board.

2016 Elected Official Liability Seminar

Mrs. Dougherty informed Committee of the NJMEL credits for each municipal elected official who completes the MEL Liability Seminar. The closest location will be at O'Connor's in Eastampton on March 1, 2016; it is anticipated that the seminar will also be offered at the NJLOM annual conference in November.

Weimann Sports Complex Improvement Project

Mrs. Dougherty recommend that Township Committee consider setting up a work session meeting with Township Engineer Rakesh Darji on September 22 at 5:30 pm to work out details of the Weimann project. Consensus of Township Committee was to move forward with the meeting.

Report from the Tax Collector: 2015 Tax Sale

The Tax Collectors report on the tax sale was reviewed by Mrs. Dougherty on behalf of the Tax Collector.

Mrs. Perkins questioned why the report was not signed by Ms. Johns.

Mr. Kearns advised that there is no statutory requirement for a report to be signed.

Report from the Chief of Police

Personnel

Chief DiFilippo reported that the newly hired court officer has begun working and Patrolman Ewan continues to be trained in the FTO program.

New Vehicles

Chief DiFilippo advised that both of the new police vehicles are now fully equipped and are on the road in service.

Training

Chief DiFilippo also advised Township Committee of Edgewater Park Township Police Department and Delanco Township Police Department completed the joint training exercise required by the County for the Active Shooter Policy. Training included classroom training and tactical simulation.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

Maintenance

Mr. Bernard reported to Township Committee the on the chipping, grass cuttings, street maintenance, vehicle maintenance and other miscellaneous inspections that were completed by the public works department during the month.

Street Sweeper

Township Committee discussed the deterioration of the roads and the amount of grass/weeds/debris in the roads. The discussion continued that budgetary constraints would prohibit the purchase of a street sweeper at time due to maintenance and additional personnel costs. The road program will be reviewed to see if some of the issues can be addressed by sealing the road cracks.

Any Other Reports – None

Report Acceptance

Moved by: Mr. McElwee Second: Mrs. Perkins

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

RESOLUTION(S)

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2015-128 through 2015- 130 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: Mayor Trainor

Discussion: Township Committee questioned and discussed Resolution No. 2015-129 for clarification.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-128

*Resolution Approving Budget Amendment Pursuant to NJSA 40:A: 4-87 (Ch. 159, P.L. 1948) U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
2015 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Reimbursement*

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edgewater Park has received a grant award from the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$ 1,236.14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the amount of \$1,236.14 which item is now available as revenue from:

Public & Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
U.S. Dept. of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reimbursement \$ 1,236.14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$1,236.14 is hereby appropriated as:

Operations Excluded from "CAPS":
U.S. Dept. of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Reimbursement \$ 1,236.14

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO is directed to report this action to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-129

*Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2015-123 Titled
“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, Resolution No. 2015-123, adopted September 1, 2015 inadvertently applied a lien against Block 1506, Lot 6 aka 429 E Franklin Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Inspector cited 427 E Franklin Ave. (Block 1506, Lot 5) which 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 Resolution No. 2015-123 is hereby rescinded and further cancels the lien applied to Block 1506 Lot 6 in the amount of \$322.36 (invoice dated 6/30/2015).

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. 2015-130
Resolution of the Township of Edgewater Park Authorizing the Issuance of Payment for Accumulated Time

WHEREAS, NJSA 5:30-15 establishes the management of accumulated absences for municipal personnel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Don Garrison was an employee of the Township of Edgewater Park since October 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison, Property Maintenance Inspector resigned from his position on August 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Township Committee accepted his resignation by way of Resolution No. 2015-119 at the September 1, 2015 Township Committee meeting.

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison is entitled to accumulated vacation time in the total amount of \$1,043.25; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk/Administrator reviewed the payroll records and found that the amount of accumulated time is correct; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; 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 Township Committee hereby authorizes the above stated amount payable to Mr. Don Garrison.

ORDINANCES: None

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

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

Mr. Belgard, Class III, reported that this month's Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to no applications being submitted.

Redevelopment Advisory Committee:

Mr. Belgard advised that there was no meeting since Township Committee last met. There is an article in the Beverly Bee announcing the Business Breakfast which will be held at the Golden Dawn Diner on November 3rd from 9 am – 11 am.

Ms. Kremper – Liaison to Recreation, Board of Education

Board of Education

Ms. Kremper advised that there was no Board of Education since the last Township Committee Meeting.

Recreation Committee

Ms. Kremper also advised that the next Recreation Committee meeting would be on September 24th at the municipal building at 7PM.

Fall Festival

Ms. Kemper reported that the Events Committee will be meeting on September 21st at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building and on September 29th at 7:00 pm at Magowan School.

Mrs. Perkins – Liaison to Recreation, Environmental Advisory

Environmental Advisory Committee

Mrs. Perkins discussed that the Environmental Committee met on September 8th and there wasn't anything new to report. She further reported that the Committee is preparing to be at the Fall Festival and will handing out pamphlets at the event.

Mr. McElwee – Liaison to Senior Advisory and Sewerage Authority

Senior Advisory

Mr. McElwee reported that the Senior Advisory Committee met on September 8th and they will be assisting with pumpkin decorating and sand art at Community Day.

Sewerage Authority

Mr. McElwee advised that Judy Hall was sworn in to fill the unexpired term of her late husband.

Mayor Trainor – Liaison to EPAA

Season Activity Reports

Mayor Trainor reported that the EPAA Soccer season started last Saturday but that Opening day festivities would take place this Saturday. He also reported that Basketball registrations would be starting later this month.

Mr. Belgard further reported that EPAA scheduled a professional trainer to come out during the season.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Michelle Clifford, 302 Monroe Ave. –

Ms. Clifford would like to know why the township is not involved in the Burlington County Shop First program.

Township Committee advised it is a County program open to any business that chooses to participate.

Ms. Clifford would like to know why the Township is not utilizing Habitat for Humanity to alleviate the vacant housing problem in town.

Township Committed advised that Habitat for Humanity would need to have a property that is free and clear of any mortgage or title issues. The township does not own any of the vacant home

properties; they are owned by individuals or by a financial institution. The only other way would be to have someone donate or sponsor a home.

Fran Wilkins, 96 N. Garden Blvd. –

Ms. Wilkins wanted to thank the public works department for the great job on the basins and expressing how nice they look.

Ms. Wilkins expressed concerns about the housing of chickens and who can have them.

Township Committee discussed that there would be a requirement of 2,500 sf lot per chicken.

Lisa Morrell, 107 N. Garden Blvd. –

Mrs. Morrell reported that the basin clean up looks great but the scum is bad.

Mrs. Morrell also question why we are paying Maple Shade \$20,000.

Mrs. Dougherty reviewed that the Township entered into a shared services agreement with about 16 Burlington County municipalities for trash collection services at the condominium and apartment complexes; Maple Shade is the lead agency.

Mrs. Morrell asked why there isn't a light at the entrance to the Burlington Coat Factory.

Township Committee advised that Cooper Street is a County road and at one point that was a bond posted for a potential light if the County felt that it was needed; the bond has been released. Chief Difilippo further discussed that he inquired with the State highway department about possibly retiming the light at Rt. 130 and was told that a survey needs to be done.

Township Committee further discussed that the Burlington Coat Factory has received approval from the Planning Board to re-route truck traffic to Delanco Road.

Mrs. Morrell also asked how long a house sits vacant before the township can do anything. She cited a blue home on N. Garden that has sat empty for over 10 years. She said that there is no plumbing, wiring or fixtures in the house and it is uninhabitable. Is there anything that can be done to condemn the property?

Mr. Kearns reviewed that the Township can institute a condemnation process but it is a long complicated and costly process.

Township Committee reviewed that the house has been inspected by the property maintenance inspector; violations are then submitted to the mortgage company for repair.

Dennis Robbins, 9 Crystal Drive –

Mr. Robbins asked Committee for permission to send Steve Malecki of the Environmental Advisory Committee to the ANJEC conference on October 9th at a cost of \$65.00.

Moved by: Mr. Belgard Second: Mayor Trainor

Discussion: none

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

Lynn Flagg, 94 N. Garden Blvd. –

Mrs. Flagg asked questioned the status of development at the former Pathmark location.

Township Committee advised that they have met with the new developer; plans are still being reviewed but it is anticipated that medium size stores would be occupying the site.

Mrs. Flagg also inquired about the pathway to Ridgeway School being patrolled.

Township Committee advised that the school assigns a teacher to the area.

Noel Rainey, 7 Spring Lane –

Mr. Rainey wanted to thank the Police Department for their prompt response to an incident.

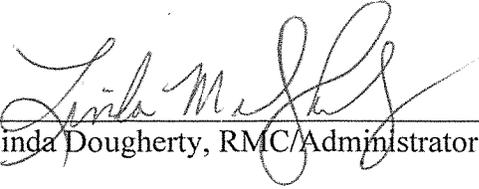
ADJOURN

Moved by: Mr. McElwee

Second: Ms. Kremper

Time: 8:50PM

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



Linda Dougherty, RMC Administrator



Mayor Trainor