

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

JANUARY 5, 2026

The Reorganization Meeting of the Municipal Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Township Attorney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Dima, Kentos, Patel, Patil and Shmuel

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Rainone, Business Administrator Alves-Viveiros, Police Chief Bryan, Fire Chief Toth, Chief Administrator Officer Leary and Cameraman Bhatti.

The Township Clerk advised that adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by a Notice sent to The Home News and Tribune, The Star Ledger, and Desi Talk on November 17, 2025, and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Township Attorney opened the nominations for President of Council.

Councilmember Patel nominated Councilmember Coyle, this nomination was seconded by Councilmember Patil.

There being no other nominations, on a motion made by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Patil and duly carried, the nominations were closed.

The Township Attorney then asked for a Roll Call for the nomination of Councilmember Coyle for Council President.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Dima, Kentos, Patel, Patil, and Shmuel

NAYS - None

The Attorney then administered the Oath of Office to Council President Coyle.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Coyle, first he thanked his council colleagues for the honor to lead as President, not only for this leadership roll but also for residents and for leading the sixth largest Municipality in the State of New Jersey. We are not just Councilmembers representing Edison we also represent the county and the State of New Jersey. He is truly honored to have this position, it really humbling. He also thanked the public who come here every day. If you need to reach out to him at jcoyle@edisonnj.gov.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Coyle opened the nominations for Vice President of Council.

Councilmember Patil nominated Councilmember Kentos, this nomination was seconded by Councilmember Dima.

There being no other nominations, on a motion made by Councilmember Patil, seconded by Councilmember Dima and duly carried, the nominations were closed.

The Township Attorney then asked for a Roll Call for the nomination of Councilmember Kentos for Council Vice President.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Dima, Kentos, Patel, Patil, Shmuel and Council President Coyle

NAYS - None

The Township Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to Council Vice President

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council Vice President Kentos, he is honored and humbled to have been elected to Council and to Council Vice President. He thanked the members here and the public. He thanked his family and friends who supported him through these past two elections. He also thanked Mayor Joshi, it's not easy to include one of your biggest critics on your team and welcome them with open arms. Truly grateful for Councilmember Patil for nominating him and Councilmember Shmuel for recognizing and apricating my enthusiasm to be Vice President especially during this historic year of the 250th Anniversary of the United States without his support I would not have been Vice President today. He congratulated Council President Coyle really happy to support him. He thanked his running mates Kelli Dima and Biral Patel for all their hard work they put into campaigning and now looking forward to working with them on the Council. He thanked former Council President Harris for her unwavering support over the past year and her commitment to making Councilmember Kentos a reality. Finally, and most importantly he thanked the resident of this great town for who I am accountable to and appreciates the opportunity to serve you. He remains dedicated and steadfast serving you and carrying on the legacy and making the town thrive. If anyone has concerns or questions, please feel free to reach rkentos@edisonnj.gov or RobertKentos.com.

Council President Coyle, asked for a motion to amend the Consent Agenda to include Resolution R.008-012026 through R.010-01206, re-appointing members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

On a motion made by Councilmember Patil and seconded by Councilmember Kentos to amend Consent Agenda to include R.008-012026, R.009-012026 and R.010-012026.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Dima, Kentos, Patel, Patil, Shmuel and Council President Coyle

NAYS – None

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Coyle opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.001-012026 through R.010-012026

Joel Bassoff regarding R.003-012026 asked about the total number of 2025 appropriations from the budget.

Ajay Benz, regarding R.001-012026 Cash Management Plan please explain.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, it's our internal plan.

There were no comments from the public regarding Proposed Resolutions. On a motion made by Councilmember Patil seconded by Councilmember Shmuel and duly carried, the public hearing was closed.

The following Resolutions R.001-012002 through 010-012026 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Patil and seconded by Councilmember Shmuel

RESOLUTION R.001-012026

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1997 requires the Governing Body to adopt an annual Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the following banks are authorized depositories for Municipal Funds consistent with the Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act and may be used by the Chief Financial Officer for the deposit of Township funds:

- Bank of America, Edison, NJ
- Bank of New York/Chase, National Community Division, Edison, NJ
- BCB Bank, Edison, NJ
- Capital One Bank/North Fork Bank, Edison, NJ

Columbia Savings Bank, Edison, NJ
 First Bank, Somerset, NJ
 Fulton Bank of NJ, Edison, NJ
 Indus American Bank, Iselin, NJ
 Citizens Bank, Edison, NJ
 J.P. Morgan Chase Bank
 Magyar Bank, Edison, NJ
 Metuchen Savings Bank, Metuchen, NJ
 Mid Penn Bank, New Brunswick, NJ
 PNC Bank, Edison, NJ
 Provident Bank, Edison, NJ
 Spencer Savings Bank, Edison, NJ
 State of New Jersey, Cash Management Fund
 TD Bank – North Edison, NJ
 Unity Bank, Edison, NJ
 U.S. Bank, Morristown, NJ
 Valley National Bank, So. Plainfield, NJ ,and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as a guide in depositing and investing the funds of the Township of Edison, and

WHEREAS, the following investments are permitted for use by the Chief Financial Officer:

1. Interest bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit in authorized banks for deposit of local unit funds.
2. Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
3. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the local unit is a part.
5. Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units.
6. Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
7. New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 (a), and

WHEREAS, the priority of investment policies shall be, in order of descending importance: security, liquidity, and yield with funds managed to meet the Township of Edison’s cash flow needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the foregoing shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Edison for the year 2026.

RESOLUTION R.002-012026

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the following are hereby designated as the official newspapers of Edison Township for the purpose of publication of all legal notices, to the extent permitted by law, and to the extent each publication complies with the legal requirements for official newspapers for municipalities:

The Home News Tribune, Neptune, New Jersey
 The Star Ledger, Newark, New Jersey
 Gujarat Samachar, Edison, New Jersey
 Desi Talk, Jersey City, New Jersey
 News India Times, Jersey City, New Jersey
 The Indian Eye, Piscataway, New Jersey

RESOLUTION R.003-012026

Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for **2026** Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution make appropriations if any contract, commitments or payments are to be made between the beginning of the Calendar year and the adoption of **2026** Municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of **2026** temporary Municipal budget, which includes Water and Sewer Utilities, is not in excess of 26.25% of **2025** Municipal budget, including the utilities, and exclusive of debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following Temporary Appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance for his record.

| CURRENT FUND | TEMPORARY AMOUNT |
|---|-------------------------|
| BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Salary | 409,500.00 |
| BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses | 64,388.89 |
| PURCHASING Salary | 126,000.00 |
| PURCHASING Other Expenses | 57,974.18 |
| PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses | 17,284.05 |
| COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary | 137,085.01 |
| COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses | 43,192.01 |
| PERSONNEL/HR Salary | 122,400.00 |
| PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses | 21,079.54 |
| MAYOR Salary | 75,000.00 |
| MAYOR Other Expenses | 12,728.10 |
| COUNCIL Salary | 42,750.18 |
| COUNCIL Other Expenses | 33,066.08 |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary | 80,100.00 |
| MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses | 47,632.99 |
| ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses | 2,756.25 |
| FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary | 217,772.87 |
| FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses | 34,509.30 |
| PAYROLL Salary | 59,400.00 |
| PAYROLL Other Expenses | 393.75 |
| AUDIT SERVICES | 42,023.10 |
| DATA PROCESSING Salary | 99,180.00 |
| DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses | 296,982.94 |
| TAX COLLECTION Salary | 135,000.00 |
| TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses | 10,198.13 |
| TAX ASSESSMENT Salary | 123,596.19 |
| TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses | 43,341.11 |
| LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary | 63,558.00 |
| LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses | 229,740.00 |
| ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary | 315,000.00 |

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| ENGINEERING SERVICES Other Expenses | 91,922.51 |
| PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses | 19,661.25 |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMM Other Expenses | 341.25 |
| ZONING BOARD Other Expenses | 15,960.00 |
| PLANNING & ZONING DEPT Salary | 140,700.00 |
| PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses | 41,343.75 |
| CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary | 538,554.00 |
| CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses | 164,193.75 |
| RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary | 2,887.49 |
| RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses | 367.50 |
| GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE | 16,265,450.00 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE | 13,125.00 |
| INSURANCE & SURETY Expense | 3,000,000.00 |
| LOSAP-Other Expenses | 26,250.00 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary | 10,634,256.00 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses | 994,143.75 |
| DISPATCH 911 Salary | 677,700.00 |
| DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses | 475,305.95 |
| OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGMT SALARIES& WAGES | 6,930.00 |
| OFFICE OF EMRGNCY MGMT Other Expenses | 3,937.50 |
| AID TO VOL FIRE | 21,000.00 |
| AID TO VOL FIRST AID | 27,562.50 |
| FIRE FIGHTING Salary | 8,558,427.00 |
| FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses | 313,469.89 |
| FIRE PREVENTION Salary | 100,537.99 |
| FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses | 29,610.00 |
| FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES | 472,500.00 |
| STREETS & ROADS Salary | 909,257.00 |
| STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses | 214,856.25 |
| SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary | 351,481.00 |
| SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses | 27,037.50 |
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary | 863,580.63 |
| BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses | 175,132.39 |
| MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary | 400,885.00 |
| MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses | 59,766.79 |
| POLICE VEHICLES Salary | 97,506.00 |
| POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses | 195,612.50 |

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| CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS | 42,000.00 |
| HEALTH Salary | 508,035.84 |
| HEALTH Other Expenses | 46,068.75 |
| SENIOR CITIZEN Salary | 153,000.00 |
| SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses | 29,990.63 |
| MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE Salary | 78,363.00 |
| ANIMAL SHELTER Salary | 263,565.00 |
| ANIMAL SHELTER Other Expenses | 80,325.00 |
| RECREATION Salary | 726,704.00 |
| RECREATION Other Expenses | 177,423.75 |
| PARKS & TREES Salary | 720,625.00 |
| PARKS & TREES Other Expenses | 124,503.75 |
| FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY | 2,000,000.00 |
| ACCUMULATED LEAVE COMPENSATION Expense | 26,250.00 |
| CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENSES | 62,812.50 |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEAT,LIGHT,POWER | 300,000.00 |
| STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE | 450,000.00 |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS TELEPHONE | 104,302.40 |
| FUEL & LUBRICANTS Other Expenses | 358,042.65 |
| CONTINGENT Expense | 13,125.00 |
| O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) | 1,800,000.00 |
| Defined Contribution Retirement | 15,750.00 |
| MUNICIPAL COURT Salary | 212,421.73 |
| MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses | 18,165.00 |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary | 21,630.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT FUND | 57,227,988.81 |
| Percentage of PY Appropriation => | 26.250% |

| WATER UTILITY FUND | TEMPORARY AMOUNT |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WATER Operations Salary | 615,026.82 |
| WATER Operations Other Expenses | 1,361,800.00 |
| WATER Collections Salary | 54,000.00 |
| WATER Collections Other Expenses | 56,968.00 |
| WATER Bulk Water Purchase | 3,039,375.00 |
| WATER Capital Outlay | 100,000.00 |
| WATER Social Security (OASI) | 247,949.82 |
| TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND | 5,475,119.64 |

Percentage of PY Appropriation =>

26.25%

| SEWER UTILITY FUND | TEMPORARY AMOUNT |
|--|-------------------------|
| SEWER Operations Salary | 946,232.54 |
| SEWER Operations Expenses | 1,929,652.20 |
| SEWER Collections Salary | 87,008.04 |
| SEWER Collections Other Expenses | 35,437.50 |
| SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges | 3,885,000.00 |
| SEWER Capital Improvement Projects | 262,500.00 |
| SEWER Operation Social Security (OASI) | 150,437.50 |
| SEWER Collector Social Security (OASI) | 6,000.00 |
| TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND | 7,302,267.78 |
| Percentage of PY Appropriation => | 26.25% |

RESOLUTION R.004-012026

Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for **2026** Sanitation Budget

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution make appropriations if any contract, commitments or payments are to be made between the beginning of the Calendar year and the adoption of **2026** sanitation budget; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of **2026** temporary sanitation budget is not in excess of 26.25% of **2025** sanitation budget, exclusive of debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, New Jersey that the following Temporary Appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Finance for his record.

| SANITATION FUND | TEMPORARY AMOUNT |
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| SANITATION Unemployment Compensation Insurance | 1,000.00 |
| SANITATION Salary | 781,869.01 |
| SANITATION Other Expenses | 834,073.69 |
| SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE | 659,750.00 |
| SANITATION Edison Landfill Closure Trust | 1,000.00 |
| SANITATION Social Security (OASI) | 52,500.00 |
| SANITATION Disposal Fees | 616,875.00 |
| SANITATION Capital Outlay | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL SANITATION FUND 26.25% PY Appropriation=> | 2,948,067.70 |

RESOLUTION R.005-102026

Authorizing Accelerated Tax Sale and Fees for 2026

WHEREAS, it is projected that as of November 11, 2026, over 25% of properties located within the Township of Edison will have unpaid municipal charges (i.e. real estate taxes, sewer utility charges, water utility charges and/or any other charges legally imposed by municipality); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that any unpaid taxes and/or other municipal charges that remain in arrears on the eleventh day of the eleventh month be sold at a tax sale; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 99, Public Laws allows accelerated tax lien sale as of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the fiscal year upon passage of a resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the annual accelerated tax sale for the Township of Edison is scheduled to be held on or about December 14th, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the tax sale process is lengthy and costly and places a large financial burden on the general tax base; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Edison to hold taxpayers who cause the tax sale procedure to be held accountable for the fees associated with said sale; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 provides for direct mailing of the tax sale notices in-lieu of up to two (2) legal advertisements, the costs of which shall be added to the cost of the sale, not to exceed \$25.00 for each set of notices; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Municipal Tax Collector that an appropriate direct mail cost for the 2026 tax sale would be Twenty-Five (\$25.00); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-38 provides for fees in connection with holding a tax sale, of two (2%) percent of the total of municipal charges, including all interest and penalties, to the date of sale. The two (2%) percent shall not be less than Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each parcel sold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-29 provides for payment prior to the tax sale to include all interest, costs and penalties; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to the authority conferred under N.J.S.A. 54:5-20.1 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-99, the Township desires to exclude, from the aforementioned tax sale, any lien where the tax on real property, or other municipal fee or charge levied against any such real property, together with the interest, penalties and charges pertaining thereto, would amount to less than \$100;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct an accelerated tax lien sale for Calendar Year 2026 delinquencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-26, the Tax Collector's office is hereby authorized to send two (2) direct mailings, in lieu of 2 advertisements, and collect a mailing fee of Twenty Five dollars (\$25.00) for each notice mailed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that costs of preparation, administration and advertisement, prior to the sale are hereby determined to be two (2%) percent of the total municipal charges, including all penalties and interest, but not less than Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars and not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) for each parcel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to the authority conferred under N.J.S.A. 54:5-20.1 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-99, the Township hereby excludes, from the aforementioned tax sale, any lien where the tax on real property, or other municipal fee or charge levied against any such real property, together with the interest, penalties and charges pertaining thereto, would amount to less than \$100.

RESOLUTION R.006-012026

Authorizing Processing or Cancellation of Small Balances for 2026

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Collector informs that from time to time there are credits or delinquencies in property tax, sewer or other municipal charges on certain property located within the Township of Edison, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 authorizes a municipal governing body to adopt a resolution designating a municipal employee to, on its behalf, process or cancel property tax refunds under ten dollars and cancel any property tax delinquencies under ten dollars, and

WHEREAS, The enactment of P.L. 2013, c.54 has expanded the scope of statute N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 to encompass any delinquent charges or fees imposed by the municipality, so long as the delinquency is less than \$10.00, and

WHEREAS, that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified, and recommends, to process said cancellation in his continuing effort to maintain the highest level of fiscal responsibility and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized to, on its behalf, process or cancel refunds of property tax, sewer charges, water charges and other municipal charges under ten dollars (\$10.00) and cancel delinquencies of property tax, sewer charges, water charges and other municipal charges under ten dollars (\$10.00) during the calendar year of 2026 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 as amended by P.L. 2013, c.54.

RESOLUTION R.007-012026

Setting Rate of Interest, Grace Period, and Year End Penalty for 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1, taxes in municipalities operating under a calendar based fiscal year shall be payable for the first quarterly installment of the year on February 1, for the second quarterly installment on May 1, for the third quarterly installment on August 1, and for the fourth quarterly installment on November 1; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 provides that the governing body may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes, assessments &/or other municipal liens or charges; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), further provides that taxes shall not be subject to interest charges if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 (c), provides that within the current fiscal year if any delinquency is in excess to \$10,000.00, a penalty not to exceed 6% may be charged; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66 et seq, the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes and all other municipal liens or charges for the first, second, third and fourth quarterly installments of year 2026 shall be eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment to the collector is received provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made on or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which same became payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of interest on unpaid sewer utility for 2026 bills shall be eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any delinquency to be calculated from the date the bill was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any bill is made within thirty (25) calendar days following the billing date or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which same became payable, whichever is later; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of interest on unpaid water utility for 2026 bills shall be eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any delinquency to be calculated from the date the bill was payable until the date of actual payment, provided that no interest shall be charged if payment of any bill is made within thirty (25) calendar days following the billing date or before the tenth calendar day following the date upon which same became payable, whichever is later; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a penalty of six percent (6%) be charged on all delinquent municipal charges, included by not limited to taxes, water and sewer, in excess of \$10,000.00 that are not paid prior to the end of 2026 calendar year.

ADDED TO AGENDA AT MEETING

RESOLUTION R.008-012026

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DANIEL O'GORMAN AS A MEMBER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey, specifically N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69, authorizes municipal governing bodies to establish a Zoning Board of Adjustment and to appoint members thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison has established a Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Township Code Section 39-7, which provides for the appointment of members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 provides that members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by the governing body for terms of four years; and

WHEREAS, Township Code Section 39-7 establishes that the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of seven regular members and two alternate members, each appointed by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Daniel O’Gorman has previously served as a member of the Township of Edison Zoning Board of Adjustment with distinction and has demonstrated the qualifications, expertise, and commitment necessary to continue serving in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the re-appointment of Daniel O’Gorman to the Zoning Board of Adjustment is in the best interests of the Township of Edison and will contribute to the effective administration of the Township's land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current term of Daniel O’Gorman on the Zoning Board of Adjustment is set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to re-appoint Daniel O’Gorman to serve an additional four-year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Daniel O’Gorman is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Township of Edison Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 and Township Code Section 39-7.
2. The term of this re-appointment shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2029.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Daniel O’Gorman and to the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADDED TO AGENDA AT MEETING

RESOLUTION R.009-012026

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DOUG SCHNEIDER AS A MEMBER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey, specifically N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69, authorizes municipal governing bodies to establish a Zoning Board of Adjustment and to appoint members thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison has established a Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Township Code Section 39-7, which provides for the appointment of members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 provides that members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by the governing body for terms of four years; and

WHEREAS, Township Code Section 39-7 establishes that the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of seven regular members and two alternate members, each appointed by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Doug Schneider has previously served as a member of the Township of Edison Zoning Board of Adjustment with distinction and has demonstrated the qualifications, expertise, and commitment necessary to continue serving in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the re-appointment of Doug Schneider to the Zoning Board of Adjustment is in the best interests of the Township of Edison and will contribute to the effective administration of the Township's land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current term of Doug Schneider on the Zoning Board of Adjustment is set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to re-appoint Doug Schneider to serve an additional four-

year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:
The term of this re-appointment shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2029.

1. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Doug Schneider and to the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.
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4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADDED TO AGENDA AT MEETING

RESOLUTION R.010-012026

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NILESH JANI AS THE SECOND ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law of the State of New Jersey, specifically N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69, authorizes municipal governing bodies to establish a Zoning Board of Adjustment and to appoint members thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison has established a Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to Township Code Section 39-7, which provides for the appointment of members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 provides that members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be appointed by the governing body for terms of four years; and

WHEREAS, Township Code Section 39-7 establishes that the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall consist of seven regular members and two alternate members, each appointed by the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, Nilesh Jani has previously served as a member of the Township of Edison Zoning Board of Adjustment with distinction and has demonstrated the qualifications, expertise, and commitment necessary to continue serving in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that the re-appointment of Nilesh Jani to the Zoning Board of Adjustment is in the best interests of the Township of Edison and will contribute to the effective administration of the Township's land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the current term of Nilesh Jani on the Zoning Board of Adjustment is set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to re-appoint Nilesh Jani to serve an additional four-year term as the 2nd Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Nilesh Jani is hereby re-appointed as the 2nd Alternate Member of the Township of Edison Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 and Township Code Section 39-7.
2. The term of this re-appointment shall commence on January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2027.
3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Nilesh Jani and to the Secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Dima, Kentos, Patel, Patil, Shmuel and Council President Coyle

NAYS – None

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS:

Council President Coyle opened for public comments.

Margot Harris, apologized for forgetting to thank Cheryl and Marlina for all their work, so much appreciate their service to the council and public. She also forgot to recognize the Department of Recreation they do a great job. Welcome new Councilmembers, she has known some of you for a long time. Lastly Congratulation New Council President Coyle and Vice President Kentos, perfect people for these positions a great partnership. She asked for an update on the Ferrante House.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, they are working on a list/action plan to get all the environmental issues that have to be addressed.

Joel Bassoff, Nish Patel you always maintained a calm demeanor. John Poyner no one was more particular and thoroughly researched each issue, you worked hard. Margot Harris always treated public with respect, advocating for the animal shelter clean up and your full pledge to arts commission. Hope you will all continue to come to council meeting. To the new members, reflex the quality, research, maintain calm demeanor and respect to the public, congrats. Also thank you to Township Employees for keeping this a great place to live.

Akhtar Nassar, looking forward to new councilmembers to go a great job. He made some suggestions regarding the Library, Committees and public Advocate.,

Elizabeth Conway, made a request to the new council to please consider public comments back to 6 minutes. She congratulated everyone hope you vote your mind and make good decisions for Edison. She asked about a Councilmember liaison to the Human Relations Commission and more members.

Anthony DeAmorin, Congrats to new members.

Maria Orchid, Congrats to new members. She is looking forward to 250th Anniversary events this year. Asked for updated on Deer Population, officials list, utility programs for assistance to residents and communication for events.

Hearing no further comments from the public Councilmember Patel made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Dima and duly carried.

Council President Coyle, said he is Thank full to resident who come to the meeting and watching we appreciate it, we are listening. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to email jcoyle@edisonnj.gov.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Councilmember Shmuel, seconded by Councilmember Kentos, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Joseph Coyle
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk