

**MINUTES OF
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
WORKSESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2026**

A Combined Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Council President Coyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Patil was absent.

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Burns, Business Administrator Alves-Viveiros, Director of Finance DeRoberts, Chief of Staff Diehl, Police Chief Bryan, Fire Chief Toth and Sgt. Mieczkowski and Cameraman Bhatta

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

This meeting is available on the following link:

<https://cablecast.edisonnj.org/internetchannel/show/3985?channel=1>

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:

Council President Coyle had no comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:

O.2271-2026 No comments were made

O.2272-2026 No comments were made

PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

O.2273-2026 No comments were made

O.2274-2026 No comments were made

O.2275-2026 No comments were made

7. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

a. through d. No comments were made

8. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE:

a. thru d. No comments were made

9. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

a. and b. No comments were made

10. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING:

a. thru f. No comments were made

11. FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS:

a. and b. No comments were made.

12. FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

a. No comments were made

13. FROM THE WATER AND SEWER:

a. thru c. No comments were made

14. FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

a. No comments were made.

- 15. **FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**
 - a. No comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilmember Kentos seconded by Councilmember Patel and duly carried, the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of December 22, 2025, Re-organization Meeting of January 5, 2026, Worksession Meeting of January 12, 2026 and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2026 were accepted as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

The following Ordinances, which were introduced by Title on January 14 2026 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, were read by the Township Clerk:

O.2271-2026	ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES,” OF CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.
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(The above Ordinance O.2271-2026 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #29)

Council President Coyle declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2271-2026

None

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Brescher seconded by Councilmember Kentos and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Patel seconded by Councilmember Shmuel, the Ordinance was adopted.

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

ABSENT –Councilmember Patil

O.2272-2026	ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 39, “LAND USE,” SECTION §39-12.15, “TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
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(The above Ordinance O.2272-2026 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book #29)

Council President Coyle declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2272-2026.

Akhtar Nasser expressed his concerns that there will no longer have an open meeting for the residents. He asked about having minutes available.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, explained this is to streamline the process and make sure the completeness of the application before it goes to the Planning Board. This is for the Administrator Officer to review and discuss any changes if needed.

Sue Barber, asked why is this necessary? She feels it is just to keep from the public.

Anthony DeAmorin asked if there are any court litigations regarding TRC

Hearing no further comments, on a motion made by Councilmember Dima seconded by Councilmember Patel and duly carried, this Public Hearing was closed.

On a motion made by Councilmember Shmuel seconded by Councilmember Dima, the Ordinance was adopted.

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

ABSENT- Councilmember Patil

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

O.2273-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 “PERSONNEL POLICIES,” SECTION 4-13 “MILITARY LEAVE,” SUBSECTION 4-13.X OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON.

On a motion made by Councilmember Dima seconded by Councilmember Patel this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on February 11, 2026

Councilmember Shmuel aske what are we amending?

Mr. Bruns explained to be in alignment with state statur.

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

ABSENT – Councilmember Patil

NAYS – Councilmember Brescher

O.2274-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO UPDATE THE ADDRESS LIST OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AND TO DELETE A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE

On a motion made by Councilmember Patel seconded by Councilmember Shmuel this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on February 11, 2026.

Councilmember Kentos, how is it going to be done logistically. What are we doing to update this list?

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, replied we have an updated list compiled. It gets updated regularly upon request.

Chief Bryan, we just continue to obtain the list. If there are any discrepancies my staff will handle.

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

ABSENT – Councilmember Patil

NAYS – None

O.2275-2026 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP.

On a motion made by Councilmember Patel seconded by Councilmember Dima this Ordinance was passed on first reading and ordered published according to law for further consideration and Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on February 11, 2026.

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

ABSENT – Councilmember Patil

NAYS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Council President Coyle opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.060-012026 through R.079-012026.

Joyce Ship-Freeman, regarding Resolution R.073-012026 is this same JIF that pays off law suites.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, explained this is for our Safety Insurance Program.

Akhtar Nasser regarding R.079-012026 asked for explanation on the Class Member? He congratulated Councilmember Shmuel.

Elizabeth Conway, regarding R.079-012026 asked what is Class III member?

Council President Coyle explained Class III is a Member of the Council which also has voting rights.

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

The following Resolutions R.060-012026 through R.079-012026 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Patel and seconded by Councilmember Kentos.

RESOLUTION R.060-012026

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 21, 2026

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through, January 21, 2026.

FUND	AMOUNT
Current	\$30,414,081.78
Affordable Housing	40,175.86
Capital	1,985,400.83
Cash Performance	0.00
CDBG	15,729.36
Developers Escrow	12,685.21
Dog (Animal Control)	18.60
Federal Forfeited	85,647.44
Employee Tax	0.00
Grant Funds	4,974.26
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	0.00
Sanitation Fund	271,849.22
Self-Insurance	0.00
Sewer Utility	375,101.82
Street Opening	13,080.00
Tax Sale Redemption	385,523.78
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	2,850.00
Trust	140,530.32
Edison Water Utility	1,322,916.43
Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
TOTAL	\$35,070,564.91

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the above-referenced disbursements report is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION R.061-012026

Authorizing refund for redemption of tax sale certificates

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Lorraine Morris, reports and advises that at various sales of land for delinquent taxes held by the Edison Township Collector of Taxes, Middlesex County, New Jersey, the attached listing of tax sale certificates were sold; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector further reports that the said tax sale certificates have been redeemed thereof, and further advises that the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to a refund of monies paid at the time of redemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing, totaling **\$1,084,353.49**.

RESOLUTION R.062-012026

Authorizing refund for tax overpayments

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Edison, Lorraine Morris reports and advises that on various properties located within the Township of Edison, overpayments of real estate taxes have been made due to erroneous or duplicate payments, and

WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Tax Collector for refunds of the said overpayments, and the Tax Collector advises that the requesters are entitled to refunds as provided the attached listing; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to draw checks to the noted parties in the amounts specified on the attached listing totaling **\$4897.50**.

RESOLUTION R.063-012026

EXPLANATION: This resolution authorizes the release of certain hydrant metering deposits held by the Township submitted in connection with hydrant metering applications WHM-0005-2025.

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex (the “**Township**”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Edison Manor Townhouse (the “**Applicant 0005**”) provided a \$5,000.00 deposit (the “**Deposit 0001**”) in connection with Hydrant Meter Application WHM-0005-2025 (the “**Application 0005**”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicants returned the meter equipment to the Township Water Department as required by the Applications and seek the return of the Deposits made in accordance with the Applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to return a portion of the Deposits to the Applicants, less the charges calculated in accordance with the Applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to issue \$216.14 from Deposit 0001 to the Township Water Department for the payment of charges calculated in connection with Application 0005; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to return a portion of Deposit 0001 to Applicant 0005 in the amount of \$4,783.86; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to execute all necessary paperwork in the release a portion of Deposit 0001 to Applicant 0005 in the amount of \$4,783.86 and a portion of the Deposit 0001 to the Township Water Department in the amount of \$216.14 for the payment of charges calculated in connection with Application 0005.

3. If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

RESOLUTION R.064-012026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF AGING SERVICES FOR THE SENIOR WELLNESS PILOT PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison (hereinafter referred to as “Township”) is a municipal corporation in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services

WHEREAS, to undertake initiatives that enhance social connections and support for older adults and people with disabilities at risk for social isolation to their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to apply for this grant with New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services to receive funding to advance efforts that enable sustained social connections among this at-risk population, resulting in measurable improvement in wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, if the Township is approved for Senior Wellness Pilot Program Grant the Township is required to execute an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services.

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

1. The Mayor along with Director of Health and Human Services are hereby authorized to apply for Senior Wellness Pilot Program Grant with New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements with New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Aging Services including any other applicable exhibits or forms related thereto, in substantially similar form annexed hereto, such changes as shall be approved on advice of Township Counsel.

RESOLUTION R.065-012026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison (“Township”) enacted Resolution No. R480-082023 which authorized Township to accept a grant in the amount of Seven Hundred and Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$703,683.00) for Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2026 the Township’s Director of Health and Human services received a letter from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (“NJACCHO”) informing the Township of an additional Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the Township’s grant award will be Seven Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$757,683.00); and

WHEREAS, the terms of the original agreement shall remain in place and all funds must be expended by March 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison that the Township hereby accepts the additional Enhancing Local Public Infrastructure grant funds in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for a total grant award of Seven Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$757,683.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original grant agreement shall remain in place and all funds must be expended by March 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents with the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials to accept the additional funding.

RESOLUTION R.066-012026

EXPLANATION: This resolution provides for refund to Big Wave Roofing and Solar 1719 Ginesi Dr. Freehold, NJ 07728

WHEREAS, on August 7th, 2025 a check was submitted for a Solar permit for work at 18 Caldwell Road, Edison for permit 2025-2847 total amount of \$600.00 by Big Wave Roofing and Solar, 1719 Ginesi Dr. Freehold, NJ 07728

WHEREAS, the application was submitted for Solar Installation, check was made in the amount of \$600.00 on Check #3967 on August 7th, 2025 job was cancelled by home owner

WHEREAS, the Township Construction Official recommends the refund of the municipal permit fee, on Construction Permit #2025-2847, in the amount of \$600.00, less plan review fee \$106.00 and less DCA fee \$68.00 total refund \$426.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the said amount of \$426.00 from the Refund of Revenue Fund to Sunrun Installation Services, Inc, 21 World Fair Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

RESOLUTION R.067-012026

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, for 71 Jersey Avenue, now known as 50 & 52 Phillip Street, Account # TP230314FO, Subaccount# 68392883.

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$1,800.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP230314FO, subaccount# 68392883, to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit, on the property identified as 71 Jersey Avenue, now known as 50 & 52 Phillip Street, Block 653 , Lots, 1.01 & 1.02;

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the trees planted have remained alive for the required two-year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, certificates of occupancy were issued on February 27, 2023 and September 8, 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$1,800.00 be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,800.00 hereinabove mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$1,800.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP230314FO, subaccount# 68392883, to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837 for the referenced property at 71 Jersey Avenue, now known as 50 & 52 Phillip Street, Edison, NJ 08820.

RESOLUTION R.068-012026

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, for 463 Old Post Road, Account # TP230817FA, Subaccount# 68392939.

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2023, Fox & Foxx Development, LLC having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$5,475.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP230817FA subaccount# 68392939, to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit, on the property identified as 463 Old Post Road, Block 265.27, Lot, 44.08;

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the trees planted have remained alive for the required two-year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of occupancy was issued on November 13, 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$5,475.00 be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$5,475.00 hereinabove mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$5,475.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP230817FA, subaccount# 68392939, to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837 for the referenced property at 463 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

RESOLUTION R.069-012026

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, for 22 & 28 Lillian Street, Account # TP230817FO, Subaccount# 68392938.

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2023, Fox & Foxx Development, LLC having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$600.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP230817FO subaccount# 68392938, to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit, on the property identified as 22 & 28 Lillian Street, Block 244, Lots, 37.02 & 37.03;

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the trees planted have remained alive for the required two-year maintenance period; and

WHEREAS, certificates of occupancy were issued on August 18, 2023 and August 20, 2023.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$600.00 be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$600.00 hereinabove mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$600.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP230817FO, subaccount# 68392938, to Fox & Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837 for the referenced property at 22 & 28 Lillian Street, Edison, NJ 08817.

RESOLUTION R.070-012026

EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance to Akashkumar Patel, having offices at 83 Overbrook Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817 for 83 Overbrook Avenue, Permit TRP 17-037, Account # TP201119AK and sub-account # 68392477.

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, Akashkumar Patel, having an address at 83 Overbrook Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$600.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP201119AK and sub-account # 68392477 to guarantee the installation of trees per the Municipal Code of the Township of Edison for designated Tree Maintenance Bond Permit, on the property identified as, 83 Overbrook Avenue.

WHEREAS, confirmation by the Division of Engineering, under the supervision of the Township Engineer, has revealed that the maintenance period for the trees planted has exceeded the required two-year maintenance period.

WHEREAS, a certificate of occupancy was issued on November 20, 2020.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$600.00 be refunded to the applicant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Tree Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$600.00, plus any accrued interest, as applicable, hereinabove mentioned be refunded to the applicant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to refund the sum of \$600.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP201119AK and sub-account # 68392477, to Akashkumar Patel, having offices at 83 Overbrook Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817, for the referenced property at 83 Overbrook Avenue.

RESOLUTION R.071-012026

EXPLANATION: Resolution Release of Performance Bond Reduction Continuation Bond # 59891R - Refunding 10% Cash Performance Reduction Account # CP240718TH, Subaccount 68393106 – Receipt of Maintenance Bond # 63223 and 10% Cash Performance, Account # CP240718TH, Subaccount 68393106, to The Links at Edison, LLC, having offices at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, for The Links – 222 Plainfield Road, Application P04-2024, Block 557, Lot 16.22

WHEREAS, The Links at Edison, LLC having offices at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, posted Performance Bond Reduction Continuation Bond # 59891R on July 16, 2025, of The Service Insurance Company Inc, having offices at 80 Main Street, Suite 330, West Orange, NJ 07052, in the amount of \$79,736.58 to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project known as The Links – 222 Plainfield Road located in Block 557 and Lot 16.22 and designated Application# P04-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Bond # 59891 was reduced on June 25, 2025 by Resolution R.335-062025 to a balance of \$79,736.58; and

WHEREAS, a Cash Performance Bond was posted on July 18, 2024, by The Links at Edison, LLC, having an address at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, Check# 7020 of Ascendia Bank, in the amount of \$26,578.86. A Cash Bond Reduction was posted on June 25, 2025 by Resolution# R.335-062025, reducing the balance of the Cash Bond to \$7,973.66, on deposit in Account# CP240718TH, Subaccount # 68393106; and

WHEREAS, a final inspection of the constructed improvements has been made, and the Township Engineer has determined that the project has been satisfactorily completed; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has posted Maintenance Bond # 63223 of the Service Insurance Company, having an address at 80 Main Street, Suite 330, West Orange, NJ 07052, dated August 27, 2025, in the amount of \$31,216.19, for a two-year period effective the date of acceptance of this Resolution by the governing body of the Township of Edison. We also recommend that \$3,468.47 be deducted from \$7,973.66 in Cash Performance Account# CP240718TH, Subaccount# 68393106, for the 10% Cash Performance, refunding \$4,505.19 to the applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, that the Final Acceptance of the improvements be granted, and that the Performance Bond Reduction Continuation Certificate Bond # 59891R, in the amount of \$79,736.58, be released to The Links of Edison, LLC, having an address at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk and the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to release Performance Bond Reduction Continuation Certificate Bond # 59891R, in the amount of \$79,736.58 and refund the sum of \$4,505.19, plus accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in Account # CP240718TH, Subaccount# 68393106 to The Links at Edison, LLC, having offices at 910 Amboy Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, for The Links – 222 Plainfield Road.

RESOLUTION R.072-012026

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACTS TO VARIOUS VENDORS FOR TOWING SERVICES

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Township of Edison on November 19, 2025 for Public Bid No. 25-10-05 Towing Services; and

WHEREAS, NOLL BROTHERS, INC., 270 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselin, NJ 08830 and MAJESTIC TOWING & TRANSPORT, INC., 165 West Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 submitted the two lowest legally responsible, responsive bids for selected items on the bid summary sheet; and

WHEREAS, the initial contract shall be for one (1) year from execution of the contract with an option to renew for two (2) one (1) year renewals upon mutual agreement of both parties at the same prices, conditions, requirements and terms of the contract, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year; and

WHEREAS, due to the unforeseen nature of the needs for towing services, both vendors are being awarded one collective not to exceed amount; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the first year and any succeeding renewal year for towing services shall not exceed \$200,000.00, and cannot be encumbered at this time; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 funds for Open-End Contracts shall be committed at the time an order is placed and shall not exceed the unit price; and

WHEREAS, no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be made by the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Financial Officer. It shall be the responsibility of the official responsible for issuing the purchase order to notify and seek the certification of availability of funds of the Chief Financial Officer or Certifying Finance Officer, as appropriate (N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein and as submitted on the summary spreadsheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. All bids have been reviewed, and the bid submitted by NOLL BROTHERS, INC. and MAJESTIC TOWING & TRANSPORT, INC., for Public Bid No. 25-10-05 Towing Services, are determined to be the lowest legally responsible, responsive bids for selected items on the bid summary sheet.
2. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the first year and any succeeding renewal year, contingent upon appropriation of sufficient funds each renewal year and any other necessary documents, with NOLL BROTHERS, INC. and MAJESTIC TOWING & TRANSPORT, INC. as described herein.

RESOLUTION R.073-0122026

**Central Jersey Joint Insurance Program
2026 Safety Incentive Program
Acceptance Resolution**

**TOWNSHIP OF EDISON
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE CENTRAL JERSEY JOINT INSURANCE FUND’S
2026 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Edison Township is a member of the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund (CENTRAL JJIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the CENTRAL JJIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and / or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members’ employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment, free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF’s Safety Committee is made up of representatives of the Fund’s Municipalities, along with the professionals employed by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new Program will assist all the Central JJIF members in becoming or maintaining compliance with all Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CENTRAL JJIF has adopted the new 2026 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment; and

NOW; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund **SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM** be adopted by the Township of Edison.

RESOLUTION R.074-012026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER FOR ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED 2026 OR NEWER FORD TRANSIT 250 VAN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation is in need of one (1) new and unused 2026 or newer Ford Transit 250 Van with options; and

WHEREAS, PARAMUS FORD, INC. dba ALL-AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS, 375 Route 17 South, Paramus, NJ 07652 has been awarded Contract #ESCNJ 23/24-11 Cars, Crossovers, Class 1-3 Pickup Trucks Chassis, SUVs, and Vans under NJ state approved coop #65MCESCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$51,574.37; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the total amount not to exceed \$51,574.37 and any other necessary documents, with PARAMUS FORD, INC. dba ALL-AMERICAN FORD OF PARAMUS, the approved Educational Services Commission of New Jersey vendor through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Educational Services Commission of New Jersey cooperative pricing system contract as set forth above.
2. This contract is authorized pursuant to the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$51,574.37** are available for the above in Account No. **C-04-25-2256-104-001 Recreation Acquisition of Vehicles & Equipment [R6-00004]**

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.075-01226

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CAMERA TRUCK

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey passed Public Law 2011, Chapter 139, that allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as an acceptable procurement method, explained in detail in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, and Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2012-10; and

WHEREAS, Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), maintains National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Contracts, which are competitively awarded national leverage cooperative purchasing contracts, through which members can make purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is a member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC); and

WHEREAS, the Edison Sewer Utility is in need of one (1) Rausch Sewer/Storm Water/Pipeline Inspection Camera Truck with options; and

WHEREAS, VAC-CON SERVICES DBA PEIRCE-EAGLE EQUIPMENT CO., 3388 Route 22 West, Branchburg, NJ 08876, authorized dealer of Rausch Electronics, has been awarded Contract #SC06-24 Sewer/Storm Water, Hydro-Excavating Equipment and Related Services; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$479,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract/purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$479,000.00, and any other necessary documents, with VAC-CON SERVICES DBA PEIRCE-EAGLE EQUIPMENT CO, authorized dealer of Rausch Electronics, awardee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) RFP through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) National Cooperative Pricing System contract as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to Public Law 2011, Chapter 139 and Local Finance Notice No. LFN 2012-10.
3. As per N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2, the Contractor/Vendor shall maintain all documentation for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$479,000.00** for the above is available Account No. **T-08-55-0225-000-002 Reserve for Capital Improvement Projects [R6-00338]**

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.076-012026

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS/PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) 2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500s

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq., authorizes contracting units to establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter into cooperative pricing agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Water & Sewer Utility are in need of five (5) 2026, or newer, new and unused, Chevrolet Silverado 2500s with options and will purchase them under this cooperative pricing system; and

WHEREAS, PELLEGRINO AUTO GROUP / PELLEGRINO CHEVROLET, 1000 Gateway Blvd, Westville, NJ 08093, has been awarded Bergen County cooperative pricing system Contract# BC-24-43 Cars, Crossovers, Class 1-3 Pickup Trucks/Chassis, Sport Utility Vehicles and Vans under state approved coop #11BCCP; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this contract shall not exceed \$264,826.50 (\$52,965.30 per vehicle); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township’s recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contracts/purchase orders in the amount not to exceed \$264,826.50, and any other necessary documents, with PELLEGRINO AUTO GROUP / PELLEGRINO CHEVROLET, the approved Bergen County vendor through this resolution, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System contract as set forth above.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 et seq.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$264,826.50** are available as follows:

- **\$158,895.90** in Account No. **T-06-55-0225-000-002 Reserve for Capital Improvement Projects [R6-00057]**
- **\$105,930.60** in Account No. **T-08-55-0225-000-002 Reserve for Capital Improvement Projects [R6-00058]**

/s/ Lina Vallejo
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION R.077-012026

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR FORCE MAIN INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison advertised for bids by public notice published in the Home News on December 9, 2025 for Public Bid 25-30-11RR Force Main Inspections with a bid opening date of December 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received from:

- JVS Industrial and Commercial Contractors, Inc., 154 Silver Lake Ave, Edison, NJ 08817; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is rejecting all bids received as per 40A:11-13.2(a), as the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, on one occasion no bids were received and this instance all bids are rejected, a contract may then be negotiated and may be awarded upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the governing body authorizing the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council accepts Edison Township's recommendations as described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that all bids received for Public Bid 25-30-11RR Force Main Inspections are hereby rejected and approval is given to re-advertise or negotiate for proposals as stated herein.

RESOLUTION R.078-012026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the membership, both enrollment in , and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Edison Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Edison Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Edison Police Department, without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Edison Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this

resolution authorizes; and

RESOLUTION R.079-012026

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Municipal Council to appoint a member to the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has selected Asaf Shmuel to be appointed to said Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that Councilmember Asaf Shmuel, 17 Fairhill Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817 be and he is hereby appointed as a Class III Member of the Planning Board for a one year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Patil

NAYS - None

ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS

Council President Coyle opened the meeting for public comment.

Margot Harris, regarding the Ordinance O.2275-2026 she is applauded the council salaries are being raised a full 120%. The greed, the audacity, when the council refuses to give the public back their speaking time of six minutes. She reminded the Council you are to serve the Edison Tax payers, not yourself. The council salary should no be viewed as a primary source of income. If you came to profit from your service than you don't belong on Council. She reminded everyone back in November when she was still on Council as Council President, this same Ordinance was proposed and she refused to put on the agenda. Councilmember Brescher and I had also previously served on the Board of Education with no pay. She urged Councilmember to search your conscience and common sense do the right thing and vote no.

Andrew Sellers, regarding Ordinance O.2273-2026 asked how many people does this effect? As a recruiter, anytime employers want to change policy regarding military compensation his concern is young people will not serve. Please don't take away from veterans.

Councilmember Brescher stated he will not support taking anything away from our veterans, not even a nickel.

Elizabeth Conway, regarding O.2273-2026 if we are aligning with the state, what is the change and difference what loop holes? She said you should all be embarrassed to increase your salaries that much. She asked if Councilmembers have been assigned liaison to any committee or commissions.

Council President Coyle, replying we will be working on that by next meeting.

Mr. Burns explained we are updating to be in alignment with the State Statue.

Joyce Ship-Freeman, stated she is in support of everything Margot Harris said regarding the raise in salary. She said back when Bob Diehl served on Council the meeting went until 2:00am, and the salary was peanuts compared to now. The council just go a raise in 2023.

Anthony DeAmorin, stated he has no problem with Mayor and BA salary. What is the reason to ask for more perhaps we should give council more responsibility?

Sue Barber, asked if we are to change the TRC will the Planning Board be transparent to post the complete plans on line in a timely manner before the meeting. Any elected official is in the service position, if you don't like the salary then don't run for office. Where is this money coming from? Are you raising the budget? How are you justifying?

Akhtar Nasser, stated everyone knew the salary before they got elected? He asked about the enforcement for resident cars off streets. He has some questions regarding sidewalks.

Police Chief Bryan, the mayor had a fantastic campaign to get cars off road. He reported 102 Summons were issued.

Ms. Alves-Viveiros, asked if he can let her know which sidewalks.

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

FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD:

Council President Coyle, we have just appointed Councilmember Shmuel to the Planning Board and we are sure he will be an asset to the board.

REPORTS FROM ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

None

POINTS OF LIGHT:

Councilmember Dima gave a shout out to DPW they did a great job, thank you. She also added the Sewer and Water did an excellent job on the water break.

Councilmember Patel added a great job done by all DPW employees.

Council President Coyle, had received several calls and happy to see responses. The Mayor made sure he fully funded to purchase trucks. We know where the trucks are and if plow is up or down. This was a 20 -year storm, Edison did a great job. He announced upcoming events as follows: On Tuesday, February 3rd, the Mayor will present the State of the Township at the Pines Manor at 7:00pm, free of charge. Recreation will be hosting their annual Valentines Disability Dance at Minnie B. Veal from 6:30pm-9:00pm.

17. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Councilmember Brescher:

- a. Explained to the public the duties of the Council

Councilmember Dima:

- a. None

Councilmember Kentos:

- a. Council Salary
- b. Proposing to restore six Minutes for next meeting.

Councilmember Patel

- a. Snow Storm resident concern
- b. Sidewalk cleaning
- c. Car Parking during Storm
- d. Thanked DPW

Councilmember Patil:

- a. Absent

Councilmember Shmuel:

- a. None

Council President Coyle:

- a. Council Salaries

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Shmuel, seconded by Councilmember Kentos the meeting was adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Joseph Coyle
Council President

Cheryl Russomanno, RMC
Municipal Clerk