

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

**February 11, 2026**

A Regular 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 7:17 p.m. by Council President Coyle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Township Clerk Russomanno, Deputy Township Clerk McCray, Township Attorney Burns, Chief Administrative Officer Leary, Director of Finance DeRoberts, Sgt. Matthew 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/3993?channel=1>

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS:**

Council President Coyle, explained the rules for speaking to the audience for anyone who is new attending this meeting. He also announced we will be Tabling two Ordinance O.2273-2026 and O.2275-2026 under Unfinished business. As a reminder Township office will be closed on Thursday, February 12th and Monday, February 16th. On Saturday, February 21st. Lunar New Year will be at Thomas Jefferson Middle School from 12:00pm – 3:00pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Kentos and duly carried, the Minutes of the Combined Meeting of January 28, 2026 accepted as submitted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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 **TO TABLE** by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Kentos.

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

NAYS - None

**MOTION CARRIED THIS ORDINANCE WAS TABLED.**

The following Ordinance, which was introduced by Title on January 28, 2026 passed on first reading, published according to law for further consideration at this meeting, was read by the Township Clerk:

**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**

(The above Ordinance O.2274-2026 can be found in its entirety in Ordinance Book # 29)

Council President Coyle declared the Public Hearing opened for O.2274 -2026

None

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

On a motion made by Councilmember Patil seconded by Councilmember Kentos, the Ordinance was adopted.

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

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 **TO TABLE** by Councilmember Patil, seconded by Councilmember Patel.

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

NAYS - Councilmember Brescher

**MOTION CARRIED THIS ORDINANCE WAS TABLED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**PROPOSED ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING SET DOWN FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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. (REINTRODUCED AS AMENDED)**

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 25, 2026.

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

NAYS – Councilmember Brescher

**O.2275-2026 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP. (REINTRODUCED AS AMENDED)**

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 25, 2026.

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

NAYS – None

**O.2276-2026 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR PROPERTY INTERESTS REQUIRED FOR A DRAINAGE PROJECT THAT IS PLANNED FOR THE AREA OF CALVERT AVENUE & ABBOTT COURT, AND WAYNE & HUNTINGTON ROAD.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Patil seconded by Councilmember Kentos 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 25, 2026.

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

NAYS – None

**O.2277-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2.13“ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL”**

**There were two motions made on this Ordinance, one to adopt, and one to Table. Council President Coyle chose to entertain the Motion to adopt.**

On a motion made by Councilmember Kentos seconded by Councilmember Patil 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 25, 2026.

Councilmember Patel, made a motion to Table, seconded by Councilmember Shmuel.

Councilmember Patel, read a statement explaining his position on this ordinance.

Councilmember Brescher expressed he is not in favor of tabling.

Councilmember Patil added this ordinance is only restoring the time to what it was.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Dima, Kentos, and Patil.

ABSTAINED: Councilmember Patel

NAYS – Councilmember Shmuel and Council President Coyle

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

Council President Coyle opened the meeting to the public for comments on Proposed Resolutions R.080-022026 through R.104-022026.

John Poyner, regarding R.104-022026 thanked Council for adding this to the agenda and hopes to the support.

Thomas Lecky, regarding R.095-022026 change order from 2023 do we have back up information? He also expressed this concern regarding R.096-022026 he doesn't want us to spend money unnecessary, is this in the budget, what are the plans?

Council President Coyle, R..095-022026 is part of the contract we added additional streets and drainage we added. He will provide a copy for you. He explained this must be done before we can move forward on a decision regarding the building.

Councilmember Brescher added regarding R.096-022026 feels the administration is on the right track with this.

Anthony DeAmorin, regarding R.086-022026 asked for explanation.

Mr. DeRoberts explained it is required under state law that we have a Health Educator rather than hire an employee, we're contracting a private firm.

Joyce Ship-Freeman regarding R.096-022026 she is surprised we are talking about this when she was the Council liaison to the Board of Education, they didn't want the building it was 20 million price tag and that was over four years ago. This will be a money pit. According to the news lately, there isn't too much money coming from DC.

Councilmember Kentos, stated he is aware of the condition of that building. He has watched it deteriorate over the years. He hasn't dissected the cost of this yet but the administration is moving in the right direction. This property is on the ROSSI, Open Space and we will have to stay within the footprint of the current building. In his opinion looks like everything that has been done so far is stabilizing the building, so it didn't get any worst. It looks like this resolution puts all the options on the table for the mayor to make a decision.

Joel Bassoff, regarding R.104-022026 hope the council passes this unanimously. R.095-022026 additional work called for? If the scope of the job increased drastically seems unfair 17% of total contract you should have put out to bid. R.096-022026 asked what is the scope of this job.

Councilmember Kentos explained the information he was given.

Councilmember Brescher added no one really know where this is going yet.

Joe Romano, regarding R.096-022026 asked what is the end result and what return from this project.? Give us a plan.

Council President Coyle, explained we are in the beginning stages a formality whether to keep the building or not.

Councilmember Kentos, stated we can only use this building for recreation purposes.

Elizabeth Conway, regarding R.096-022026 she thinks we should decide what we are going to use the building for first. Where do we want to go with this before we spend the money?

Akhtar Nasser, with regards to R.096-022026 he thinks since we are having a healthy discussion, a committee might be a good idea. He is in favor of R.104-022026, he would be a great addition.

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

Councilmember Brescher requested Resolution R.096-022026 be pulled for separate vote.

The following Resolutions R.080-022026 through R.095-022026 and R.097-022026 through R.104-022026 were adopted under the Consent Agenda on a motion made by Councilmember Patel and seconded by Councilmember Kentos.

**RESOLUTION R.080-022026**

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance of the Township of Edison has transmitted to the Township Council a Report of Disbursements made through, February 4, 2026.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Current	\$13,841,948.34
Affordable Housing	0.00
Capital	2,217,365.29
Cash Performance	159,772.76
CDBG	39,208.39
Developers Escrow	49,363.37
Dog (Animal Control)	28.80
Federal Forfeited	0.00
Employee Tax	0.00
Grant Funds	9,119.63
Law Enforcement	0.00
Open Space	0.00
Park Improvements	0.00
Payroll Deduction	0.00
Sanitation Fund	249,659.27
Self-Insurance	0.00
Sewer Utility,	545,034.82
Street Opening	1,320.00
Tax Sale Redemption	1,046,385.37
Tree Fund	0.00
Tree Planting	19,285.77
Trust	218,794.18
Edison Water Utility	835,220.74
Edison Landfill Closure Trust	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,233,047.43</b>

/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.081-022026**

**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 **\$231,732.64**.

**RESOLUTION R.082-022026**

**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 **\$2,448.83**.

**RESOLUTION R.083-022026**

**Authorizing refund for water 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 water utility 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 **\$3,434.74**.

**RESOLUTION R.084-022026**

**WHEREAS**, number tax appeals on property in the Township of Edison are before the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court of New Jersey each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the time frames involved with filing of appeals and the potential need to file counter appeals on behalf of the Township of Edison, the filing of correction of errors petitions, rollback assessment petitions, and the making of routine decisions regarding the course of appeals do not provide for sufficient time for the Township Council to review and provide input on these matters; and,

**WHEREAS**, many cases may be compromised, or as commonly referred to as being settled, with a net cost of refunded tax dollars which does not exceed \$10,000.00 for each tax year appealed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best financial interests of the Township to permit the Tax Assessor to direct and compromise tax litigation.

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

1. **The Tax Assessor, upon review and approval of the Township's lawyer(s) responsible for handling tax appeals and the administration, is hereby authorized to direct the handling of real property tax appeals and related matters before the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and the Tax Court of New Jersey, including by way of example, the filing and withdrawal of appeals on behalf of the Township of Edison, the filing and withdrawal of counter claims to appeals filed by property owners, the filing and withdrawal of motions on behalf of the Township of Edison, to direct and assist other professionals retained by the Township of Edison to assist with said matters, and to assist and direct other routine matters without prior Township council action, subject to the following conditions:**
  - a. **The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to compromise tax litigation matters before the Middlesex County Board of Taxation and/or the Tax Court of New Jersey where the net refund of tax dollars does not exceed \$10,000 for each tax year appealed without prior Township Council action.**
  - b. **Should litigation before the Tax Court of New Jersey be cumulative for more than three years; net tax refund will not exceed \$50,000 without prior Township Council approval.**
  - c. **The Tax Assessor shall discharge these responsibilities in the best interest of the Township of Edison**
2. **This resolution will nullify and supersede Resolution R.110-032025**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as a result of the above, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, New Jersey as follows:

1. **The Tax Collector shall and is hereby authorized to adjust the tax accounts to reflect the reductions of assessments after ordered by the tax court for the maximum amounts as indicated above.**
2. **Appropriate official of the Township of Edison, shall and is hereby authorized to draw check to the property owner or legal representative in the amounts:**
  - a. **Ordered by the judgement up to the maximum amounts as indicated above.**
  - b. **Calculated by the Tax Collector after the setting of the tax rate and final assessment or further review payments, if at such time the account reflects a further overpayment related to this resolution.**
  - c. **Of interest at a rate of 5% per annum from the due date to the date of the payments as calculated by the Tax Collector upon request and confirmation of the Township's Tax Appeal Lawyer.**

This resolution shall remain in force and effect until superseded by a subsequent Resolution.

**RESOLUTION R.085-022026****AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026  
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 authorizes the transfer of funds during the last two months of a fiscal year and during the first three months of the subsequent fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, certain calendar year 2025 appropriations as budgeted has a need for transfer of funds retroactive to 12/31/2025 to budget line items where there were insufficient funds to meet the needs for which those appropriations were originally

established while certain other appropriations appear to have surplus balances not currently needed to pay claims for which they were budgeted; and

**WHEREAS**, the following details explain the accounts to which funds need to be transferred and the accounts from which funds will be transferred from to ensure that adequate appropriation balances exist where needed to pay approved claims against the Township;

**TO**

5-01-25-0250-000-020	DISPATCH 911 OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 8,000.00
5-01-25-0265-004-073	FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES	\$ 50,000.00
5-01-26-0310-000-020	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 7,500.00
5-01-31-0435-000-000	STREET LIGHTING	\$ 17,300.00
		<u>\$ 82,800.00</u>

**FROM**

5-01-20-0145-000-010	TAX COLLECTION SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 82,800.00
		<u>\$ 82,800.00</u>

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Municipal Council of the Township of Edison**, that the 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 **2025** budget transfers are approved and the appropriate official of the Township is hereby authorized to make the required journal entries and adjustments back dated to 12/31/2025 to properly record the transfers to the accounting system.

**RESOLUTION R.086-022026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL NUTRITION SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH EDUCATOR SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison (the Township) has determined that it is in its best interests and those of the Township residents to engage a certified health educator to provide health education as per N.J.A.C. 8:52, and the Township is authorized pursuant by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. ("Local Contracts Law") to contract for "professional services" as it may require; and

**WHEREAS**, COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL NUTRITION SOLUTIONS, 120 Farm Lane, Bound Brook, NJ 08805, has submitted a proposal to provide such services in the amount of \$65,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, allows for the awarding of a contract for "professional services" without public advertising for bids; and

**WHEREAS**, this Contract is not awarded through a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**; the total amount of this contract shall be in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to contract the vendor will have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Edison in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of this one-year contract; and

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

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. The Township desires to authorize the health educator services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, consistent with the proposal attached hereto.
3. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL NUTRITION SOLUTIONS for its health educator services in the amount of \$65,000.00.

4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Contracts Law, the Municipal Council hereby directs the Township Clerk to publish once in the official newspaper of the Township, a brief notice, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract for services authorized for execution herein, which notice shall state that a copy of this Resolution and the contract for services is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk.
5. The contract for services has been awarded as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 without competitive bidding. Total compensation to be paid under the contract for services will exceed \$17,500.00.
6. The Mayor of the Township may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate the Services Contract.
7. The Services Contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey contract and any provisions of the Services Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$65,000.00** are subject to and contingent upon adoption of the 2026 municipal budget in Account No. **6-01-27-0330-001-028 Health – Other Professional Services**.

/s/ Lina Vallejo  
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION R.087-022026**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO VARIOUS VENDORS  
FOR  
WORK CLOTHING, UNIFORMS, AND FOOTWEAR**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for work clothing, uniforms, and footwear for the Township of Edison; and

**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**, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law, public bidding is not required when the purchase is under a state contract; and

**WHEREAS**, various vendors have been awarded the following contracts:

- HCESC-Cat-24-06 Work Clothing & Footwear through State Co-Op #34HUNCCP
- ESCNJ 25/26-39 Uniforms and Workwear through State Co-Op #65MCESCCPS
- BC-BID-23-43 Uniform Apparel, Protective Clothing, Footwear and Accessories through State Co-Op #11BCCP
- T0046 Protective Clothing and Footwear (NJ State Contract); and

**WHEREAS**, the total not to exceed amount of \$125,000.00, 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.

**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(s) in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with various vendors as approved via the various pricing system contracts 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. and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 et seq.

**RESOLUTION R.088-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Jannah Construction, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817, for 82 Vineyard Road, Account #TP 230614JA, Subaccount# 68392916.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2023, Jannah Construction, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$225.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP230614JA, subaccount# 68392916, 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 82 Vineyard Road, Block 1111, Lot 46.03;

**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**, a certificate of occupancy was issued on June 1, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$225.00 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 \$225.00 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 \$225.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP230614JA, subaccount# 68392916 to Jannah Construction, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817 for the referenced property at 82 Vineyard Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.089-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Elnashar Group, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817, for 121 Vineyard Road, Account # TP220620EL, Subaccount# 68392709.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2026, Elnashar Group, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$525.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP220620EL, subaccount# 68392709, 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 121 Vineyard Road, Block 186, Lot 19;

**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 June 27, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$525.00 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 \$525.00 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 \$525.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP220620EL, subaccount# 68392709, to Elnashar Group, LLC, having an address at 380 Mill Road, Edison, NJ 08817 for the referenced property at 121 Vineyard Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.090-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to Fox and Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, for 292 Central Avenue, Account # TP230720FB, Subaccount# 68392936.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2023, Fox and Foxx Development LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$2,100.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP230720FB, subaccount# 68392936, 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 292 Central Avenue, Block 101, Lot 13.02;

**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**, a certificate of occupancy was issued on February 3, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$2,100.00 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 \$2,100.00 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 \$2,100.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP230720FB, subaccount# 68392936, to Fox and Foxx Development, LLC, having an address at 940 Amboy Avenue, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08837, for the referenced property at 292 Central Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.091-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Refunding Tree Maintenance Bond to JGJ Partners, LLC, having an address at 10 Bradford Road, Edison, NJ 08820, for 508 Plainfield Road, Account # TP221227JP, Subaccount# 68392841.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2022, JGJ Partners, LLC, having an address at 10 Bradford Road, Edison, NJ 08820, posted Tree Maintenance Bond fees in the amount of \$1,425.00, on deposit with the Township of Edison in account # TP221227JP, subaccount# 68392841, 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 508 Plainfield Road, Block 558, Lot 2.28;

**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 February 21, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Township Engineer that a Tree Maintenance Bond refund in the amount \$1,425.00 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 \$1,425.00 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 \$1,425.00, plus any accrued interest as applicable, on deposit in account # TP221227JP, subaccount# 68392841, to JGJ Partners, LLC, having an address at 10 Bradford Road, Edison, NJ 08820 for the referenced property at 508 Plainfield Road, Edison, NJ 08820.

**RESOLUTION R.092-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Releasing 10% Cash Performance –Receipt of Maintenance Bond, to Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, for Wawa located at 1095 US Rt 1. Application # P14-2020 in Account CP240109ED, Subaccount # 68393012.**

**WHEREAS**, Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, posted 10% Cash Performance Bond check # 9031272 of First Bank, in the amount of \$16,386.47, to guarantee the installation of improvements for project known as Wawa - 1095 US Rt 1, located in Block: 201, Lot: 16 and designed application P14-2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of Wawa – 1095 US RT 1, Block: 201, Lot: 16 and said inspection indicates all site improvements are complete and in accordance with Site Plan approval and Municipal Standards of the Township of Edison; and

**WHEREAS**, a certificate of occupancy was issued on November 6, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer is in receipt of Cash Maintenance Bond Check # 9046424 of First Bank, in the amount of \$14,416.75 and Maintenance Surety Bond # CIC1942489M, of Capitol Indemnity Corporation, in the amount of \$129,750.75, posted by Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, for Wawa -1095 US Rt 1, to ensure the quality of construction and guarantee maintenance over a two (2) year period.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the 10% Cash Performance posted on in the amount of \$16,386.47 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account #CP240109ED, subaccount# 68393012 with the Township of Edison being principle, and acceptance of the subject improvements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to return the aforesaid 10% Cash Performance in the amount of \$16,386.47 plus accrued interest, if applicable, on deposit in account # CP240109ED, subaccount# 68393012, the applicant, Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, for Wawa located at 1095 US Rt 1.

**RESOLUTION R.093-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Release of Performance Bond # CIC1942489, Receipt of Maintenance Surety Bond #CIC1942489M and Cash Maintenance Bond, to Edison Prince LLC, having an address at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, for Wawa – 1095 US Rt 1, Application P14-2020.**

**WHEREAS**, Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, posted a Performance Surety Bond # CIC1942489 of Capitol Indemnity Company of America, having offices at P.O. Box 5900, Madison, WI 53705,53705-0900, dated January 5, 2024, in the amount of \$147,478.26, to guarantee the installation of improvements for the project known as Wawa – 1095 US Rt 1, located in Block 201 and Lot 16 and designated Application # P14-2020; 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**, a certificate of occupancy was issued on November 6, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Planning and Engineering is in receipt of Maintenance Surety Bond # CIC1942489M of Capitol Indemnity Company, dated January 12, 2026, in the amount of \$129,750.75 and Cash Maintenance Bond, check #9046424 of First Bank, in the amount of \$14,416.75 posted by Edison Prince, LLC, having an address at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, to ensure the quality of construction and guarantee maintenance over a two (2) year period.

**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 Surety Bond # CIC1942489 of Capitol Indemnity Corporation in the amount of \$147,478.26 be released.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to release Performance Surety Bond# CIC1942489 in the amount of \$147,478.26 to Edison Prince, LLC, having offices at 1401 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ 07013, for Wawa – 1095 US Rt 1, Edison, NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.094-022026**

**EXPLANATION: Resolution Releasing Cash Maintenance Bond to: Project Ethel, LLC, having an address at 894 Green Street, Iselin, NJ 08830, for 94 Ethel Road, on Site Improvements Under Application # P5193, in Account # CP221117PR, Subaccount# 68392815.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer advises that an inspection has been made of 94 Ethel Road located at Block: 20 and Lot: 10, Application # P5193, and said inspection indicates all improvements are complete and in accordance with the Municipal Standards of the Township of Edison; and

**WHEREAS**, a certificate of occupancy was issued on May 13, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2022, Project Ethel, LLC, having an address at 894 Green Street, Iselin, NJ 08830 posted Cash Maintenance Bond, check # 1363, in the amount of \$1,016.04 of 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Bank with the Township of Edison, to guarantee the integrity of the site improvements with the Township of Edison. The maintenance period has elapsed with no defects developing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, recommends the release of the Cash Maintenance Bond posted on November 4, 2022, in the amount of \$1,016.04, plus applicable interest, on deposit in account #

CP221117PR, subaccount # 68392815. The principal being Project Ethel, LLC, having offices at 894 Green Street, Iselin, NJ 08830, for 94 Ethel Road and acceptance of the subject improvements; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON** that the aforementioned improvements are hereby complete and satisfactory and the Finance Department be and is hereby authorized to release the aforesaid Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,016.04, plus applicable interest.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of Finance be and is hereby authorized to release the aforesaid Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$1,016.04, plus accrued interest on deposit in account # CP221117PR, subaccount # 68392815, to the applicant Project Ethel, LLC, having offices at 894 Green Street, Iselin, NJ 08830, for 94 Ethel Road, Edison, NJ 08817.

**RESOLUTION R.095-022026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS INC. FOR 2023 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM - (CONTRACT 3)**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution R.599-102024 authorized Contract No. 24-30-09 with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors Inc., 304 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, NJ 08872, for 2023 Road Resurfacing Program - (Contract 3) in the amount of \$2,035,000.80; and

**WHEREAS**, additional street restoration, drainage improvements, and additional asphalt were necessary which resulted in increased contract quantities and associated costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes will not alter the contract in such a manner as to nullify the effect of the competitive determination of lowest responsible bidder which was made at the time of the contract award; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order in the amount of \$347,782.81, is an increase of 17.09% from than the original contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of this change order is not more than 20% of the original 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, that Change Order #1 to the contract with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors Inc., 304 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, NJ 08872 is hereby authorized in the amount of \$347,782.81 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,382,783.61.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$347,782.81** are available in Account No. **C-04-23-2192-106-002 Paving & Resurfacing of Various Roads [R6-00916]**.

/s/ Lina Vallejo  
Chief Financial Officer

**RESOLUTION R.097-022026**

**RESOLUTION TO RELEASE STREET OPENING ESCROW**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Department of Public Works advises the following have deposited Escrow Funds for Street Opening Permits; and

**WHEREAS**, notification has been received stating that all work has been inspected and restored as per the requirements of the Road Opening Permit; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**, that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to release Street Opening Escrow Funds, under reference number STO0000975, to the following:

**Permit Number: DEV-25-0853**  
**Opening Location: 239 SUTTONS LN**  
**Block/Lot: 84/40.01**  
**Applicant's Name & Address:**  
   **239 SUTTONS LN LLC**  
   **15 LAKE AVE, APT 6B**  
   **EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816**

**Initial Deposit Date: 6/12/2025**  
**Deposit Amount: \$3,440.00**  
**Paid by & refunded to:**  
   **239 SUTTONS LN LLC**  
   **15 LAKE AVE, APT 6B**  
   **EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Edison forwards a certified true copy of the resolution to the Director of Finance.

**ESOLUTION R.098-022026**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER(S) TO VARIOUS VENDORS  
FOR  
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for custodial supplies and equipment for the Township of Edison; and

**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**, various vendors have been awarded the following contracts:

- HCESC-Cat-25-02 Custodial Supplies and Equipment through State Co-Op #34HUNCCP
- ESCNJ 21/22-18 Custodial Supplies through State Co-Op #65MCESCCPS; and

**WHEREAS**, the total not to exceed amount of \$215,000.00, 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.

**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(s) in the amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 and any other necessary documents, with various vendors as approved via the various pricing system contracts 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.

**RESOLUTION R.099-022026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR PUBLIC BID NO. 23-07-21 WITH  
THE HOSE SHOP FOR HYDRAULIC SYSTEM SUPPLY AND REPAIR**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution R.213-042023 authorized Contract No. 23-07-21 with The Hose Shop, 400 Apgar Drive, Suite A-B, Somerset, NJ 08873, for Hydraulic System Supply and Repair in the amount of \$75,000.00 for its final contract period of May 18, 2025 through May 17, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds awarded for this contract for the period of May 18, 2025 through May 17, 2026 have been expended and additional funds are needed for necessary maintenance and repairs until the contract expires and a new contract is bid and awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes will not alter the contract in such a manner as to nullify the effect of the competitive determination of lowest responsible bidder which was made at the time of the contract award; and

**WHEREAS**, this change order in the amount of \$15,000.00, is an increase of 20% from than the original contract; 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**, 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, that Change Order #1 to the contract with The Hose Shop is hereby authorized in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$90,000.00.**

**RESOLUTION R.100-022026**

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SECURITY DEPOSIT TO INDO-AMERICAN FESTIVAL, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists an ordinance for the Township of Edison to set fees for the rental of Edison Recreation’s Showmobile; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indo-American Festivals Inc. rented the Showmobile for their Dhushara Festival on Saturday, October 4, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indo-American Festivals, Inc. paid a refundable security deposit for use of the Showmobile; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indo-American Festivals, Inc. is entitled to a refund.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Edison shall refund the amount of \$500.00 to Indo-American Festivals, Inc., 40 La Valencia Rd., Old Bridge, NJ 08857, which amount represents the refundable security deposit.

VENDOR ID	VENDOR NAME	VENDOR ADDRESS	REASON	AMT.	REQ. #
INDOA005	INDO AMERICAN FESTIVALS, INC.	40 LA VALENCIA RD. OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857	SECURITY DEPOSIT	500.00	R5-08248

**RESOLUTION R.101-022026**

**EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes the Township Council to grant permission to Garden State Fireworks Inc. to discharge non-aerial fireworks for a Lunar New Year Day Celebration taking place adjacent to 450 Division St. on the grounds designated as Block 82.14 Lot 3.22, scheduled for February 21, 2026 with no rain date.**

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Fireworks Inc. has applied to the Township of Edison for a permit to discharge fireworks on February 21, 2026 with no rain date for a Lunar New Year Day Celebration taking place adjacent to 450 Division St. on the grounds designated as Block 82.14 Lot 3.22.

**WHEREAS**, Garden State Fireworks Inc. has provided proof of insurance to the Township of Edison for the purpose of conducting a fireworks display; and

**WHEREAS**, under N.J.S.A. 21:3-3, the Chief of Police, the Chief of Fire, and the Fire Marshal having reviewed the application for the firework display, have determined that the discharge of fireworks does not pose a hazard to anyone’s property and/or person(s).

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

1. The Township Council does hereby grant permission for Garden State Fireworks Inc. to conduct the fireworks display on the day of February 21, 2026 with no rain date at approximately 12:00 p.m. taking place adjacent to 450 Division St. on the grounds designated as Block 82.14 Lot 3.22 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 (a)(5)(iii).
2. The Fire Marshal shall not issue the fireworks permit until **1.** A permit application has been submitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9 (c)(3) the fee of \$427.00 shall be waived for this Township of Edison sponsored event, **2.** Garden State Fireworks Inc. posts a bond and or proof of insurance of not less than \$2,500.00 conditioned for the payment of potential damages pursuant to N.J.S.A. 21:3-5. **3.** For this Township of Edison sponsored event the escrow in the amount of \$500.00 shall be waived for legal review of fireworks application and expenses associated with drafting a resolution authorizing the Township Council to issue any such fireworks permit; and **4.** A fire engine is on standby at the shoot site prior, during, and after the show until the post shell inspection has been conducted.
3. The Chief of the Fire Department and or The Fire Marshal shall have full enforcement and over sight powers to ensure that all aspects of the fireworks display are handled in accordance with the requirement of law.
4. The Township Clerk of Edison Township is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Garden State Fireworks Inc., the Fire Marshal's Office, Division of Fire, and Division of Police.

**RESOLUTION R.102-022026**

***STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 STATE BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND PROGRAM***

***GRANT ACCEPTANCE***

**WHEREAS;** the Division of Police wishes to accept grant funding in the amount of \$16,735.81 to use towards purchasing body armor for officers; and

**WHEREAS;** the Edison Division of Police is one of many police departments in New Jersey that is eligible to receive funding from the State Fiscal Year 2025 State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Edison Township Council and the Division of Police declares its support for the acceptance of the State Fiscal Year 2025 State Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF) Program in the amount of \$16,735.81.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the aforesaid grant application and execute the grant agreement for and on behalf of the Township of Edison.

**RESOLUTION R.103-022026**

**WHEREAS,** Edison Elks #2487, has requested a waiver of any and all permit and/or application fees for the Pool Permit for 2026 season at 375 Old Post Road, Edison.

**WHEREAS,** under the building code, Edison Elks #2487 as a non-profit tax exempt organization, is entitled to a waiver of fees due to the Township of Edison, except the DCA fee; and

**WHEREAS,** the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison feels that it would be appropriate to waive any applicable fees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township of Edison, that it does hereby waive any application fees and/or permit fees except the DCA fee, due to the Township of Edison as a result of the application being submitted by Edison Elks #2487.

**RESOLUTION R.104-022026**

**EXPLANATION: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE EDISON WETLANDS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PETER J. BARNES III WILDLIFE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Peter J. Barnes III Wildlife Preservation Commission (hereinafter “Commission” was established pursuant to P.L. 2009, c. 132 to oversee the management and protection of the 784-acre wildlife preserve; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-88.4 Section 5 stipulates that membership of the Commission shall include one representative recommended by the Edison Wetlands Association (hereinafter “EWA”); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025 the representative of the EWA, Robert Spiegel, submitted his resignation from the commission, creating a vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the EWA recommended and confirmed John Wiley Jr., a member of its Board of Trustees, to serve as its designated representative on the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission requests the confirmation from Edison Township of the designation of John Wiley Jr. as the Edison Wetlands Association representative.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby confirms John Wiley Jr. as the Edison Wetlands Association representative to the Peter J. Barnes III Wildlife Preservation Commission.
3. Upon adoption, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the (i) Peter J. Barnes III Wildlife Preservation Commission, (ii) Metuchen Borough clerk, (iii) South Plainfield Borough clerk, (iv) the Middlesex County Administrator for distribution of all Middlesex County (v) Commissioners, Senator Patrick J. Diegnan and the (vi) Edison Wetlands Association.

AYES - Councilmembers Brescher, Coyle, Patel, Patil, Poyner, Shmuel and Council President Harris

NAYS - None

The following Resolution will be voted upon separately:

**RESOLUTION R.096-022026**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN FOR THE STELTON BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION AND CONCEPTUAL PLANNING AND PROPERTY SURVEYING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 was awarded a Professional Services contract for Consulting Engineering Services under Resolution R.037-12026, RFP 26-06; and

**WHEREAS**, COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN has submitted a proposal to provide Engineering services for the Stelton Building Environmental Abatement and Demolition and Conceptual Planning and Property Surveying Project in the not to exceed amount of \$357,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to enter into a contract for these engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$357,000.00, consistent with their proposal and RFP 26-06; 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:

- 9. **The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.**
- 10. **The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN for its engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$357,000.00.**
- 11. The contract for services has been awarded under RFP 26-06 – Consulting Engineer.
- 12. The Mayor of the Township may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate the Services Contracts.
- 13. The Services Contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey contract and any provisions of the Services Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 14. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds in the amount of **\$357,000.00** are available as follows:

- \$185,207.79 in Account No. C-04-23-2192-106-490 Section 20 Costs [R6-01020]
- \$171,792.21 in Account No. C-04-25-2256-106-005 Engineering Various Facility Building Improvements [R6-01020]

/s/ Lina Vallejo  
Chief Financial Officer

A motion was made by Councilmember Patel seconded by Councilmember Dima to adopt this Resolution.

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

NAYS - Councilmembers Brescher, Patil and Shmuel

**ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

Council President Coyle opened the meeting for public comment.

Margot Harris, thanked Councilmember Dima for agreeing to serve as the liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission. We are hoping to move forward. She also thanked the Council for the introduction of the six minutes. She found it ironic that Councilmember Patel spoke so long about wanting to keep limiting the public time. Residents can contact Councilmember however sometimes people just want to be on record. What is in the new salary ordinance? She questioned a statement that Council President Coyle made at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding council responsibilities have changed. She and Akhtar looked into this claim and there have not been any changes since 2019. People should not be on Council to support their families. They should want to serve their community as the member of the Board of Education which serve with no salary.

Council President Coyle, announced the change is \$27,500 for Council President and \$26,500 for Councilmembers.

Council President Coyle, responded to Ms. Harris comments. He feels we should react to the resident concern and comments especially when it come to public safety issues. We should be involved with financial process, snow conditions, plowing and maintaining the streets. We should react to the comments, questions and their emails. So, it's my position the responsibility is has changed by the comments of residents. He explained his position on the salary and it's a great opportunity for people to get involved.

Anthony DeAmorin pointed out it is Thomas Edison Birthday today. He asked about greenway walk way by Herbert Hoover.

Thomas Lecky, stated he was happy there was enforcement during the snow storm. He made a suggest to perhaps when you send out a mailer you put a do's and don'ts to remind resident. Regarding the raise he feels the average is three percent and the government gave him only two point eight percent, we should tighten the belts on increase.

Council President Coyle, said to send to the clerk office any notes of ideas for mailing also any photos. We made sure public safety cleared the roads. We are doing a great job thank you for your comments.

Elizabeth Conway, reported some sidewalks that weren't cleaned along with some corners. She asked about Council liaisons for committees. She commented on the four to six minutes.

Joel Bassoff, said cheers for six minutes. He pointed out the budget deadline required by law. He also said the affordable housing deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>, April deadline to amend to comply with housing plan.

Mr. DeRoberts, stated we are actively working on the 2026 Budget deadline is extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>

Sue Barber, thanked Councilmember Kentos to restore the public speaking and thanks for the council for introduction. She agreed with Councilmember Patil, it's to restore, six minutes will not change the structure of the meeting. It will send a message to the public that you are listening.

Akhtar Nasser, asked for clarification on O.2234-2024. He feels with the TRC changes Council will not know about the development. The sidewalk compliance is twelve hours after the storm. He suggested we have a chat box on line. He reiterated that the Council's job is to legislate. He asked if Stelton can be sold back to the school?

Councilmember Kentos explained the school would have to trade us a property. He believes there maybe only one property behind TJ. He said the property up north is all swamp land. There are other requirements for the diversion.

Council President Coyle, regarding the TRC he will look into where we can notify the residents and when. Regarding O.2234-2024 planning takes each application under advisement it's up to the board. It comes down to the Planner, we have a new one. We are not part of the Planning Board.

Joyce Ship Freeman, we just had a Councilmember speak for ten minutes on why we need four minutes. She stated she calls Patrick Coyle if you have community concerns. The comparison with Woodbridge regarding council salaries, those councilmembers actually cover a whole town section. You want the same salary a person that works all day receives. She suggested to put notices in the tax bills. She expressed her opinion that the veteran will get cheated when working for the United States.

John Poyner presented the Council will a Conceptual plan for the Jade Dynasty property. He is an advocate to support the purchase of the Jade Dynasty property. A vision of a Community Center in Clara Barton.

Council President Coyle will share this with the mayor.

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

Councilmember Kentos, we do remember Thomas Edison birthday, he encouraged everyone to visit the museum.

Having no further business to discuss, on a motion made by Councilmember Brescher seconded by Councilmember Dima, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Joseph Coyle  
Council President

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Cheryl Russomanno, RMC  
Municipal Clerk