

**AGENDA  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call
3. Adequate Notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by a Special Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, the Sentinel and Desi Talk on December 30, 2021 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.
4. **NOMINATIONS** - Position of President for Council for 2022
5. **OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED** - President of Council
6. **STATEMENT** - President of Council
7. **NOMINATIONS** - Position of Vice President of Council for 2022
8. **OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED** - Vice President of Council
9. **STATEMENT** - Vice President of Council
10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE RESOLUTIONS:**
11. **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**  
Copies of these Resolutions are available for review only and are posted in the Council Chambers. Anyone desiring a copy may contact the Township Clerk after the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:**

- R.001-012022 Cash Management Plan for 2022
- R.002-012022 Official Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices.
- R.003-012022 Debt Service Resolution for 2022
- R.004-012022 Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of various Township professionals until January 31, 2022.
- R.005-012022 Temporary Budget Appropriations
- R.006-012022 Resolution authorizes the settlement of litigation with Rotimi Owoh, Esq., on behalf of the African American Data & Research Institute, arising under the Open Public Records Act.

12. **ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION R.001-012022**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF  
EDISON**

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

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

TD Bank – North Edison, NJ  
Bank of New York/Chase, National Community Division, Edison, NJ  
Capital One Bank/North Fork Bank, Edison, NJ  
Provident Bank, Edison, NJ  
PNC Bank, Edison, NJ  
Bank of America, Edison, NJ  
Columbia Savings Bank, Edison, NJ  
Metuchen Savings Bank, Metuchen, NJ  
Ocean First Bank, Monroe, NJ  
Valley National Bank, So. Plainfield, NJ  
Investor's Savings Bank, Edison, NJ  
State of New Jersey, Cash Management Fund  
U.S. Bank, Morristown, NJ  
Fulton Bank of NJ, Edison, NJ  
Unity Bank, Edison, NJ  
Indus American Bank, Iselin, NJ  
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank

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

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

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

8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 (a).

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the foregoing shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Edison for the year 2022.

**RESOLUTION R.002-012022**

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

The Home News Tribune, Neptune, New Jersey  
The Star Ledger, Newark, New Jersey  
The Sentinel, Freehold, New Jersey  
Gujarat Samachar, Edison, New Jersey  
Desi Talk, Jersey City, New Jersey  
News India Times, Jersey City, New Jersey

**RESOLUTION R.003-012022**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than the last ten days of the preceding fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is subsequent to that date, and

**WHEREAS**, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, inclusive, on sundry bonds & notes issued and outstanding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 inclusive:

	<b>2022</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE - CURRENT FUND</b>	
Bond Principal	8,505,840.00
Bond Interest	1,920,950.00
Special Emergency Note Interest	7,115.00
Special Emergency Note Principal	711,200.00
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust	224,581.61
Total	11,369,686.61
<b>DEBT SERVICE - SEWER UTILITY FUND</b>	
Bond Principal	538,375.00
Bond Interest	290,870.00
Total	829,245.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE - WATER UTILITY FUND</b>	
Bond Principal	322,935.00
Bond Interest	221,950.00
Total	544,885.00
<b>DEBT SERVICE - MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE FUND</b>	
Bond Principal	347,865.00
Bond Interest	8,535.00
Green Trust Loan	44,305.52
Total	400,705.52
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>13,144,522.13</b>

**RESOLUTION R.004-012022**

**EXPLANATION: A Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of various Township professionals until January 31, 2022.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council (“**Municipal Council**”) of the Township of Edison (“**Township**”) has determined that it is in its best interests and those of Township residents to engage qualified professional consultants, and the Township is authorized pursuant to 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**, on January 6, 2021, the Municipal Council adopted resolutions authorizing the award of professional services contracts to the following:

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC – Township Attorney  
Ruderman & Roth, LLC – Township Labor Counsel  
Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. – Township Special Labor Counsel  
Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC – Township Special Labor Counsel  
Maser Consulting, Inc. dba Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. – Township Engineer  
James P. Nolan & Associates – Township Tax Appeal Counsel  
Hodulik & Morrision, P.A. – Township Auditor

(collectively, the “**Professional Services Contracts**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Professionals Services Contracts each expire December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local 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 said professional services are essential to the ongoing function of Township operations; and

**WHEREAS**, for these reasons, the Municipal Council desires to extend each of the Professional Services Contracts until January 31, 2022, at the rates set forth in each agreement and the resolution of the Municipal Council authorizing same; and

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

1. The Professional Services Contracts are hereby extended until January 31, 2022, at the rates set forth in each agreement and the resolution of the Municipal Council authorizing same.
2. A certificate showing the availability of funds for the extension of the Professional Services Contracts authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township and is made a part hereof indicating that the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to the applicable accounts and is contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2022 calendar year.
3. The Mayor of the Township may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate any of the Professional Services Contracts.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that, contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2022 calendar year, funds for the foregoing professional services are available.

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Nicholas Fargo  
Chief Financial Officer



**RESOLUTION R.005-012022**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Budget Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19, requires that the governing body of a municipality shall by Resolution make appropriations if any contract, commitments or payments are to be made between the beginning of the Calendar year and the adoption of 2022 budget; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of 2022 temporary budget is not in excess of 26.25% of 2021 budget, exclusive of debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance.

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

<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR Salary	165,282.08
BUSINESS ADMINSTRATOR Other Expenses	22,035.56
PURCHASING Salary	66,087.79
PURCHASING Other Expenses	24,200.66
PURCHASING CENTRAL STORE Other Expenses	13,609.05
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Salary	35,099.40
COMMUNICATIONS/EDISON TV Other Expenses	14,306.25
PERSONNEL/HR Salary	60,300.71
PERSONNEL/HR Other Expenses	28,350.00
MAYOR Salary	10,495.80
MAYOR Other Expenses	630.00
COUNCIL Salary	20,259.75
COUNCIL Other Expenses	10,468.50
MUNICIPAL CLERK Salary	52,867.24
MUNICIPAL CLERK Other Expenses	46,554.38
ETHICS COMMISSION Other Expenses	2,625.00
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Salary	2,047.50
FINANCE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	27,839.44

DISBURSEMENTS Salary	61,608.49
DISBURSEMENTS Other Expenses	2,069.03
PAYROLL Salary	16,110.41
PAYROLL Other Expenses	8,446.99
AUDIT SERVICES	19,710.60
DATA PROCESSING Other Expenses	35,372.00
TAX COLLECTION Salary	56,863.28
TAX COLLECTION Other Expenses	9,663.94
TAX ASSESSMENT Salary	87,344.25
TAX ASSESSMENT Other Expenses	39,787.39
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Salary	27,043.01
LEGAL DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	194,250.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES Salary	132,151.43
ENGINEERING SERVICES Other Expenses	58,996.88
PLANNING BOARD Other Expenses	7,140.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMM Other Expenses	341.25
ZONING BOARD Other Expenses	8,518.13
PLANNING & ZONING DEPT Salary	87,630.38
PLANNING & ZONING Other Expenses	30,712.50
CONSTRUCTION ENFORC AGENCY Salary	416,664.41
CONST ENF AGENCY Other Expenses	110,381.25
RENT CONTROL BOARD Salary	3,937.50
RENT CONTROL BOARD Other Expenses	367.50
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	6,317,328.60
EMPLOYEE SALARY AND WAGES(WAIVERS)	78,496.16
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXPENSE	52,500.00
INSURANCE & SURETY Expense	3,200,000.00
LOSAP-Other Expenses	26,250.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT Salary	7,330,236.11
POLICE DEPARTMENT Other Expenses	643,909.38
DISPATCH 911 Salary	619,453.01
DISPATCH 911 Other Expenses	142,931.25
OFFICE OF EMRGNCY MGMT Other Expenses	3,937.50
AID TO VOL FIRE	28,875.00
AID TO VOL FIRST AID	27,562.50
FIRE FIGHTING Salary	5,647,818.49
FIRE FIGHTING Other Expenses	264,519.94
FIRE PREVENTION Salary	96,743.85
FIRE PREVENTION Other Expenses	29,295.00
FIRE HYDRANT CHARGES	481,171.16
STREETS & ROADS Salary	406,530.34
STREETS & ROADS Other Expenses	85,260.00
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Salary	295,190.96
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING Other Expenses	16,143.75
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Salary	429,755.03
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Other Expenses	76,256.25
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Salary	245,267.66
MUNICIPAL GARAGE Other Expenses	25,173.75
POLICE VEHICLES Salary	65,044.61
POLICE VEHICLES Other Expenses	60,506.25
CONDO COMMUNITY COSTS	42,000.00
HEALTH Salary	415,085.21
HEALTH Other Expenses	39,624.38
SENIOR CITIZEN Salary	101,742.38
SENIOR CITIZEN Other Expenses	10,434.38

RECREATION Salary	453,892.16
RECREATION Other Expenses	162,939.53
PARKS & TREES Salary	336,300.04
PARKS & TREES Other Expenses	73,526.25
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Salary	723,187.50
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Other Expenses	854,668.50
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENSES	16,380.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEAT,LIGHT,POWER	164,062.50
STREET LIGHTING EXPENSE	301,875.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS TELEPHONE	75,750.00
FUEL & LUBRICANTS Other Expenses	161,501.81
CONTINGENT Expense	13,125.00
PERS Expense	557,866.81
O.A.S.I. (SOCIAL SECURITY) Expense	490,064.66
Defined Contribution Retirement Program Expenses	9,187.50
PFRS Expense	3,186,143.89
MUNICIPAL COURT Salary	169,702.58
MUNICIPAL COURT Other Expenses	14,983.50
PUBLIC DEFENDER Salary	9,187.50
PUBLIC DEFENDER Other Expenses	525.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	<u><u>37,098,082.31</u></u>

**SEWER UTILITY FUND**

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**AMOUNT**

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SEWER Salary	562,716.79
SEWER Other Expenses	1,260,630.00
SEWER Sewerage Disposal Charges	2,756,250.00
SEWER Capital Improvement Projects	1,312,500.00
SEWER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	251,002.00
SEWER Social Security (OASI)	39,375.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY FUND	<u>6,182,473.79</u>

**WATER UTILITY FUND**

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**AMOUNT**

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WATER Salary	347,514.04
WATER Other Expenses	634,753.88
WATER Bulk Water Purchase	1,706,250.00
WATER Capital Outlay	262,500.00
WATER Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	45,041.33
WATER Social Security (OASI)	28,186.99
TOTAL WATER UTILITY FUND	<u>3,024,246.23</u>

**SANITATION FUND**

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**AMOUNT**

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SANITATION Salary	682,500.00
SANITATION Other Expenses	669,980.59
SANITATION EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	627,071.55
SANITATION Public Emp Retirement Sys (PERS)	184,700.00
SANITATION Social Security (OASI)	65,625.00
SANITATION Disposal Fees	603,750.00
SANITATION Capital Outlay	267,750.00
TOTAL SANITATION FUND	<u>3,101,377.14</u>



**RESOLUTION R.006-012022**

**Explanation:** This Resolution authorizes the settlement of litigation with Rotimi Owoh, Esq., on behalf of the African American Data & Research Institute, arising under the Open Public Records Act.

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2020, Rotimi Owoh, Esq., on behalf of the African American Data & Research Institute, had filed certain litigation against the Township of Edison ("Township"), with respect to his request under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") for certain government records pertaining to access to the eCDR and ATS/ACS computerized systems within the Township Police Department, which litigation was brought before the New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC"), and captioned *Rotimi Owoh, Esq., on behalf of the African American Data & Research Institute, v. Edison Township Police Department (Middlesex)*, Docket No. 2020-55 (the "Litigation"); and

**WHEREAS**, following the filing of the Litigation and pursuant to Interim Order of the GRC, the parties were able to reach amicable resolution of the Litigation, including the production of the records sought by Mr. Owoh in the Litigation, and the payment of attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$2,750.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township, in consideration of the forgoing and the attendant cost and expense of continuing the Litigation, is desirous of authorizing the settlement and compromise of the same, including the authorization of the payment of \$2,750.00 for attorney's fees and costs, all as aforesaid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal 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 settlement of the Litigation for the sum of \$2,750.00, be and hereby is approved, and the appropriate Township personnel be and are hereby authorized and directed to process such payment to legal counsel for the African American Data & Research Institute, Rotimi Owoh, Esq., in accordance with such invoice, purchase order, W-9 and other information provided or which may be provided in connection with the resolution thereof. All appropriate Township personnel are also hereby authorized and directed to execute any such documents as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of the settlement, including as necessary the execution of any settlement agreement or waiver and release, in such form as may be approved by Township Administration in consultation with the Township Attorney.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.