

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
January 28, 2008  
7:30 p.m.

**Call to Order.** Mayor Renzulli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Pledge to the Flag.** Everyone Participated.

**Opening Statement**

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9, 2008. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: MR. MAROCCIA, MR. NAGLER, MR. HARTMAN, MR. TAFE AND MR. RENZULLI

ALSO PRESENT: SOLICITOR EILEEN FAHEY, TOWNSHIP MANAGER SCOTT CAREW, TOWNSHIP CFO GERALD MINGIN AND TOWNSHIP CLERK LINDA LOVINS

Mayor Renzulli introduced and welcomed Gene Blair as the new Construction Official, Roz Bosserdet as technical assistant and Kathy Newcomb as Zoning Official.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Renzulli read a proclamation given in honor of Philip Polios for his service as Fire Chief.

**Appointments**

Mayor Renzulli advised of his mayoral appointment of Helen Wahl to the Recreation Committee to fill a vacant spot.

Mayor Renzulli advised that he would like to appoint James Schemely as Class II, Alternate to the Land Use Planning Board at the next meeting as long as no one has any objections or other nominations.

**Township Manager's Report**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Nagler to relieve any resident of the \$2.00 late fee if they show up to the second dog rabies clinic. All voted in the affirmative.

Manager Carew had a lengthy discussion with the Chief of Police regarding the "no tolerance" policy for Student Drive Speeding. Manager Carew went about addressing the situation the wrong way in that it is the Chief's responsibility to enforce the law in this Township. Manager Carew said he should have asked him to fix the problem instead of telling him how to fix it.

Chief Mingin spoke with Mr. Krastek regarding the speeding. Mr. Krastek advises that he has received no complaints. The police have a tracking monitor out there and they have been conducting stationary monitoring of the speed. Only a half a dozen people have been warned to reduce speed. The Police Department is trying to enforce the speed limit through positive enforcement.

Chief Mingin spoke about the situation on Indian Way where cars are parking on both sides of the road. The Department can only enforce it if cars are parked within 25 feet of the intersection.

Councilman Tafe asked what the definition of “when children are present” is as it relates to the school zones. Chief Mingin stated it is a gray area.

Councilman Tafe asked Chief Mingin what speed the vehicles were going when the warnings were given out. Chief Mingin advised that 94% of the vehicles were in compliance and 6% were between 40-48 mph.

Councilman Hartman asked if they could assume children are present between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Chief Mingin stated that cannot always be assumed.

Councilman Tafe stated that he believes that one can assume that children are present if school is in session. Chief Mingin stated that is not the case. Ms. Fahey stated that when children are present is a broader right to enforce such areas when there are after school activities going on or weekend activities at the school.

Councilman Maroccia asked what Council is to tell Mr. Geary regarding the speeding situation on Student Drive. Chief Mingin stated that he will speak to him again and the issue will be taken care of by the next meeting.

Chief Mingin asked if Council wanted to change the plaque reading “when children are present”. It could be changed to between certain hours but it wouldn’t be enforceable after those posted hours. The Police Department wanted 25 mph at all times but that was not allowed.

Mayor Renzulli asked if the Township could place no parking signs on the Township-owned portion of Indian Way? Mayor Renzulli feels that it is a hazard at night, especially if dark cars are parked there. Chief Mingin will look into it.

Manager Carew is meeting tomorrow morning with the Mayor, Rich Parks and Gene Blair to see what unwanted furniture the school has that the Township can use.

Manager Carew advised Council that the laborer position has been advertised.

Manager Carew advised that the negotiations for the Construction Agreement for Shared Services is nearing an end. He is waiting for additional language that needs to be added to the Contract regarding worker’s compensation liability. Manager Carew advised that the liability will be placed with the Eastampton Township when they are working on our behalf. Eileen will check on the status tomorrow.

Wayne Rush wants to sit down with Scott to come up with a comprehensive plan for the 206 property. Mr. Rush will work with Mishas although he may need to use a portion of the 206 property for COAH obligations. He will be meeting with Mr. Rush and Mr. Lucas and would like Council’s input on what they would like to see there. Mayor Renzulli suggested coming up with ideas and discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Councilman Hartman asked Manager Carew to touch on the Economic Development Committee's feedback regarding Erickson.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Renzulli opened to the public at 8:07 p.m.

Robert Vidinha, 12 Stafford Court would like to see the agenda on internet so that residents can come to the meetings prepared. Mayor Renzulli asked Clerk Lovins if this could be done. It was decided that the agendas will be put up there as soon as they are prepared with the understanding that they are subject to change.

Victoria Kratzer asked about the cancellation of the bus route from Carriage Park to RV. She wants to know what the Township is doing. She advised that the school laughed at the OPRA request that the Township submitted because they don't have any traffic studies. She asked if it was right that Dick Aliamo voted on a bus route for a development he created. Mayor Renzulli stated that this board cannot comment on other's ethics.

Manager Carew stated that the Township has met with the County and that they are looking at doing a comprehensive traffic study. Ms. Fahey stated that if the traffic study deems it unsafe the Township can take it through the courts or show up at the school meetings to protest. Ms. Fahey advised that the State sets no standards for the manner in which a school can deem a route a dangerous route.

The State requires that an engineer does the study and then the State will come out and say they concur, etc. Mayor Renzulli stated that the Township is working diligently to repute this. The school did not do a study but the Township is working on the matter to obtain a study.

Manager Carew found interesting in the Minutes that he received from Rancocas, that every year prior to adopting their budget, they address which routes are dangerous and for the past years, prior to this request, these roads were deemed dangerous and now they are not. Mayor Renzulli stated that everyone is worried about all of the kids walking to school.

Councilman Tafe asked how many residents are at those School Board meetings. She stated she is the only one. Councilman Tafe said that really bothers him that there is no community action. Mayor Renzulli stated that he believes that the school took a risk that they were going to get away with it. Mayor Renzulli stated that the time to fight it is now.

Chief Mingin advised that the law states that the safety of the routes is the responsibility of the Township. Mayor Renzulli advised if that is the case and the school is unwilling to step-up, the Township would have to spend ½ million dollars to put in sidewalks for safety.

Ms. Kratzer asked what the answer is. Councilman Tafe stated that he believes community action, by writing to the newspapers and showing up at every meeting of the school board. Chief Mingin thinks that the two Eastampton residents that sit on that board were in favor of cutting the route.

Tom Irizarry, 4 Darby Circle West stated his concern that the Vistas is not a safe route for kids either. He believes that there needs to be a lobby for all kids not just Carriage Park.

Jeff Lucas spoke to Council regarding COAH and the proposed changes. He is asking the professionals to write to DCA and have their comments heard. The State is trying to get CCRC be qualified as a non-

residential commercial. COAH Regulations are based on a formula which equates to a total number of units in a project divided by 5. There must be one COAH unit for every 16 jobs that are created.

Mayor Renzulli closed to the public.

Mayor Renzulli advised that the professionals will come up with data to voice concerns to DCA on the COAH rules being imposed.

### **Approval of Bill List**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to approve the January, 2008 Bill List. All voted in the affirmative.

### **Final Reading of Ordinances and Public Hearings**

Mayor Renzulli opened to the public. No one wished to speak. Mayor Renzulli closed to the public.

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Nagler to adopt the following ordinance on final reading:

2007-01            AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
                         APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adopt the following ordinance on final reading.

2007-02            AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE TOWNSHIP  
                         CODE  
                         ENTITLED "TOWING" TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT OF SUNDAY  
                         OPERATION

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

### **Resolutions**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Nagler to adopt the following Resolution

2007-29            AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TOWING SERVICES

DISCUSSION:            Councilman Nagler asked who the contract was being awarded to . Chief Mingin stated Mark Allen Towing. Flynn and Risoldi will be awarded subject to Risoldi and Flynn meeting the requirements of towing operators ordinance.

Ms. Fahey suggested the resolution at hand be adopted with the condition that Risoldi and Flynn must meet the conditions.

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt the following Resolutions:

2007-28            APPROVAL OF APPLICATION OF FOR RAFFLE LICENSE  
FOR MOUNT HOLLY ROTARY CLUB

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt the following Resolution:

2007-29            RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON REQUESTING A  
REDESIGNATION OF CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE  
NEW JERSEY STATE DEVELOPMENT AND  
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FROM PLANNING AREA 4  
(PA4) TO PLANNING AREA 2 (PA2) TO ACCOMODATE  
THE NEEDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON.

DISCUSSION:     Ms. Fahey advised that this is something that the Engineer and Planner have suggested. It is a redesignation in Township of areas that are more in a preservation state. Mr. Hardt has indicated that this is in order. Ms. Jamanow advised that the Planning Board has adopted the map implementing this change and the resolution memorializing this will be adopted next month.

Upon Roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following Resolution:

2007-30            ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE  
AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS (\$625,000.00) WITH RESPECT TO THE  
PURCHASE OF LAND FOR MUNICIPAL USE BY THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON AS AUTHORIZED BY  
BOND ORDINANCE No. 2002-14

Upon all roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

For Volunteer of the Year, outgoing Mayor Nagler selected Tom Czerniecki as the Volunteer of the Year for helping with the Master Plan and Architectural Standards

Review Committee.- Mayor Renzulli would like to see if the school can give the Township a good deal to serve hor deurves in their cafeteria for this event.

Mayor Renzulli asked Scott to see if the School Board can come to the last meeting in February. If so, he asked that he send out the invitations.

Discussion of 2008 Capital Budget. – See Scott’s memorandum attached.

Councilman Tafe asked about the public works equipment under Road Improvements. Mayor Renzulli advised that it would consist of things such as hot patch equipment and crack sealer.

Councilman Hartman asked where money was coming from for the completion of Knightsbridge. Mayor Renzulli stated that the Township received a grant for completion.

Manager Carew’s intent is to have Council come up with a decision on the 11<sup>th</sup> with priority lists being presented to Council prior to that date. There were no concerns or objections the list submitted.

**Comments**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC  
Township Clerk