

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

January 25, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Mayor Springer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Springer certified that the meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2010. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Jay Springer, Deputy Mayor Louise Campbell, Council Member Joseph Maroccia arrived at 7:35 p.m., Council Member Keith Nagler, and Council Member Walter Tafe. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said a letter from Janet Fittipaldi was in the packet materials. She has had an issue with the dams in Mount Holly that are up creek. The dams she is referring to are not in Eastampton and Eastampton has no involvement is needed. The dams are being opened appropriately when rain is coming. She would continue to copy Eastampton on correspondence as an fyi.

Township Manager Carew said Mr. Nagler asked him to research companies that would be able to recoup outstanding court fines prior to the merger with Westampton. He has spoken with the Burlington County Court liaison; she said she would provide him with paperwork. Burlington County Court liaison said collecting the outstanding money has not been successful so far. Mr. Carew said he would have something to Council for one of the upcoming meetings.

Township Manager Carew said he attended a meeting today in Trenton as part of the State Assembly Budget. He said forty-one percent is spent on aide. Mr. Carew asked for Council's blessing for him to be part of a task force with the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Township Manager Carew said the power surge problems at the Manor House are severe. He will update Council at one of the next Council meetings.

Township Clerk White said the power surges are very high, damage has been caused to equipment and they are trying to work with PSE&G and the IT Company to resolve the issues.

Township Manager Carew said since the change over with the Land Use Administrator last year there has been no monitoring of the escrow accounts. He said the former Land Use

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Administrator was on top of it and it was not explained correctly to Jill that it would be one of her responsibilities. Since Jill only works one night a week and since the Township only has a few escrow accounts he would start monitoring to make sure the money is replenished. When bills come in Doris can pay them if money is in the account.

Township Manager Carew said that Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, usually when a holiday falls on a Saturday the Township would be closed that Friday however the Township is already closed on Friday for Christmas Eve. He said it is not spelled out in either union contract what to do in that event. In speaking with the staff he is thinking about closing the building on Monday following Christmas or doing a split skeleton crew. The building would be open Thursday and Monday with limited staff. He said he would put it in writing for the staff.

Council decided to be open on both days with a limited staff to better serve the residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 14, 2009

December 14, 2009 Closed Session

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER that the December 14, 2009, and December 14, 2009 closed session minutes, be approved as corrected.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays December 14, 2009, and December 14, 2009 closed session minutes were approved as corrected.

Township Clerk White said she would put the minutes on the website by the end of the week.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2010-1

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 of the Township Code
Entitled “Stormwater Management” to Address Private Storm
Drain Inlet Retrofitting

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to introduce Ordinance 2010-1 and set public hearing for February 8, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be January 29, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-1 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2010-2

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 of the Township Code
Entitled “Stormwater Management” to Address Refuse
Containers/Dumpsters

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It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to introduce Ordinance 2010-2 and set and set public hearing for February 8, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be January 29, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-2 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-22 Award of Contract for Towing Services

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-22.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-22 was approved.

Resolution R2010-23 Award of Professional Services Contracts

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER to approve Resolution R2010-23.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-23 was approved.

Resolution R2010-24 Award of Contract for Professional Services for Township
Engineer

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-24.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-24 was approved.

Resolution R2010-25 Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note in The Amount of Three
Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) with
Respect to The Purchase of Land for Municipal Use by the
Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No.
2002-14

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It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-25.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-25 was approved.

Resolution R2010-26 Authorizing Participation in the Burlington County Shared
Services Forum

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-26.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-26 was approved.

Resolution R2010-27 Re-Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund
Commissioner for the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance
Fund

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-27.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-27 was approved.

Resolution R2010-28 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with
The Chicago Group, LLC, with Respect to its Redevelopment
Proposal

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-28.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-28 was approved.

Resolution R2010-29 Closed Session

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-29.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-29 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Escrow (Quarterly)
- Police (December)
- Treasurer
- Westampton Court (December)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve the reports for Construction, Escrow (Quarterly), Police (December), Treasurer and Westampton Court (December).

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction, Escrow (Quarterly), Police (December), Treasurer and Westampton Court (December) were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Nagler said fees are being paid to Edmunds, but is the staff receiving training.

Township Manager Carew said training would take place in February. He said that he is seeking a third party to help Gerry with the general ledger training.

Councilman Nagler asked if he is seeking a third party when we pay Edmunds the maintenance fees for the programs. He said they authorized an additional \$5,000 for training on the general ledger with Edmunds.

Township Manager Carew said that does not include general ledger training especially to set it up. He said it would be cheaper to go with the third party than have Edmunds do the training.

Mayor Springer asked why the Township pays to have a cat euthanized? He asked if Burlington County Animal Control handles that.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into that and get back to them.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA that the January 25, 2010 bill list be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills dated January 25, 2010 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Karen McMahon, Tax Assessor - Gloucester County Pilot Program

Karen McMahon, Tax Assessor said the Assessor's Association has some concerns on bill S-2356, regarding the Gloucester Pilot Program. She said all functions for Tax Assessor services would be done at the County level including property record cards, tax maps, tax appeals, added assessments, and reevaluations. She briefed the Council on the pilot program and staffing levels for Gloucester. She asked the Council to consider adopting a Resolution opposing the bill now.

Councilman Tafe said the reason for a pilot program is to explore the possibilities of whether there is a savings or not. He said why oppose a bill now when the results are five years away.

Councilman Nagler asked if Karen could provide Council with feedback quarterly specifically if they are having difficulties or tremendous success.

Karen McMahon said six towns were going under County control effective April 1.

Councilman Tafe asked of the six towns is one compatible to Eastampton?

Karen McMahon said she would check and get back to them. She said there is potential of larger township's having bigger tax appeal cases and then the smaller towns would be included to help pay for that cost.

Mayor Springer said since it's a pilot program there must be reporting guidelines and asked when she gets them could she send to them for review.

Mayor Springer asked Karen to keep them up date of the on goings.

Councilman Tafe asked to see the proposal or the regulations regarding the pilot program.

Councilman Nagler asked Township Clerk White to send bill S-2356 to all of Council to look at.

- Proposed Ordinance for Insurance Proceeds

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Chief Financial Officer asked that an ordinance to be looked at. If a fire were to take place before the insurance company pays any proceeds to the property owner they first have to check to make sure there are no municipal liens against said property, i.e., taxes, otherwise the lien is paid first. The minimum claim is \$2,500.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Volunteer Night April 14, 2010 (is date secured)

Township Manager Carew said he has been speaking with Dr. Krastek, and Jim White has booked the room for them.

- Parking Regulations (snow and over sized vehicles)

Township Attorney Fahey said she has circulated some drafts for Council to review.

The Chief of Police has asked to be included in the ordinance a statement that says if the weather forecast is calling for greater than two inches of snow all vehicles must be removed from the street during snow fall. She would forward some materials to them for review. She also said as to the over sized vehicles, the Chief wants to change the maximum which is six tons and recommend a reduction to limit recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers on the streets. She asked if it would be limited to just the vehicle weight or to include the over sized vehicles.

Council decided they wanted both ordinances in a draft.

- Determination of Redevelopment Needs Study prepared by Mark Remsa, Burlington County Economic Development and Regional Planning (approved by LUPB on 1-20-10)

Township Manager said the Land use Planning Board voted in the affirmative to approve the designated of the areas.

Council directed Township Attorney Fahey to prepare a Resolution for the February 8 meeting.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way, asked what would happen if a family has more than four cars where do they park them?

Township Attorney Fahey said she would check on that and speak with the Chief of Police.

Mayor Springer said the Public Works employees had major problems with the last snow storm trying to plow curb to curb with the cars parked on the streets.

Township Manager Carew said no one is happy being snowed back in, but what is the alternative other than Public Works shoveling all the homeowners driveways. They do not have the man power to do that.

Councilman Tafe said to look at the big picture when asking to plow residents driveways and then residents come to meetings asking for them to cut taxes.

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, he loses power at times also, so it is a Township problem.

Township Council went into closed session which was motioned by NAGLER and second by MAROCCIA at 8:50 p.m. The Township Council came back into open session to vote on Resolution R2010-28.

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It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA authorizing Township Attorney Fahey to prepare a consent order with Donald Dougherty for the condemnation to release the deed restrictions on the corner of Hollyville Place and Woodlane Road.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 9:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Springer

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Jay Springer

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Mayor

Approved: February 22, 2010