

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

November 22, 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew emailed out the answers to the questions that were raised at the last meeting. He will continue to have his monthly staff meetings.

Council Member Tafe asked how the business licenses were going to be handled for those who have not licensed yet.

Township Attorney Fahey suggested a form letter be sent out giving instructions on how to license the business.

Township Manager Carew said he would speak with the Zoning Officer to see what her plans are.

Township Manager Carew said Council would need to adopt and enforce an Ordinance for oversized vehicles.

Township Attorney Fahey said that is an Ordinance that she could include in the codification and could provide a draft to Council for the next meeting.

Council Member Tafe asked for an update on the codification.

Township Attorney Fahey said that the codification is out to the different departments for revisions. She was able to get an extension until mid January to complete the changes to the editorial analysis. She has received a message from the Chief Financial Officer indicating there was no funding to proceed so she is at a standstill.

Township Manager Carew said he has been corresponding with the Township Manager of Evesham regarding the MRTTS Program for trash collection. Evesham indicated they are pulling out of Phase I of the program because there is no cost savings. He said he was going to speak with the Public Works Director for other options.

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Township Manager Carew said he has cancelled the budget hearing scheduled for tonight and would reschedule it for a day during the week. The reason for the cancellation is the need to advertise for the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Council Member Campbell said the word sensor was spelled wrong.

Council Member Elect Rodriguez said the budget hearing date was November 22 not November 2, 2010.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE that the September 27, 2010 minutes be approved as corrected.

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

There being three (3) ayes and one (1) abstention the November 8, 2010 minutes were approved as corrected.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2010-17 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2010-10 Establishing Police Salaries and Wages to Include a Class II Officer Position

Mayor Springer opened the public hearing, there being no comments he closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to approve Ordinance 2010-17.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-17 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2010-100 Issuance of Emergency Note in the Amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) with Respect to Financing Unanticipated Legal Costs

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-100.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-100 was adopted.

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Resolution R2010-101 Authorize Executive Session Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney – Client Privilege with respect to the Felenczak vs. Eastampton Litigation case

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-101.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-101 was adopted.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Court (Westampton) (October)
- Tax Collector
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the Westampton Court (October), Tax Collector and Treasurer reports.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Westampton Court (October), Tax Collector and Treasurer were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA that the November 17, 2010 bill list be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills dated November 17, 2010 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2011 Meeting Schedule

Township Clerk White went over the proposed 2011 Council Meeting Schedule.

Council agreed to only have one meeting in July and August.

- 2011 Reorganization Meeting Date

Township Clerk White indicated that when she made the 2010 council meeting schedule she did not know that the township offices were closed on the reorganization meeting date, Monday, January 3. She asked if they would consider changing it to Tuesday, January 4.

Council agreed that would be acceptable to change the date.

- Budget Workshop
 - Health Insurance Fund

Township Manager Carew cancelled this discussion until he could advertise it for the public.

Township Manager Carew asked Council what dates they prefer for the Christmas party.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Tafe asked if Mayor Springer has had any other meetings with other Mayors since the last time they discussed this because there was an article in the Burlington County Times on November 17, 2010 referencing regionalization of police departments.

Mayor Springer said they met on November 11 and had a discussion about shared service ideas through the prosecutor's office about sharing detectives and the conversation did not go anywhere.

Council Member Tafe said he believed a discussion took place in April of 2008 indicating that there would not be any shared service for police unless Eastampton was the lead agency. He said there was a motion by him and second by Councilman Nagler. There was no amendment to the motion so that discussion could again take place regarding sharing police services.

Mayor Springer said they discussed having a pool of class II officers so the towns could use them when needed which would need legislation. He said some of the towns are looking to merge police forces. He said that would not be an alternative for Eastampton.

Township Attorney Fahey said if the Mayor is actively participating in discussions and coming with Council's approval to discuss a merger the motion would need to be amended. She said you can't control what the press says or writes.

Mayor Springer said he was there just for information purposes. In the future who ever the Mayor is will alert Council of a meeting before they read it in the paper. He said they could keep the topic under old business on future agendas and whoever the Mayor is could update all of Council on the discussion that took place.

Mayor Springer announced the Council needs to write the letters to the students from Mrs. D'Adamo class.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Staff and Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to go into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to proceed into closed session.

The Township Council came out of closed session at 9:14 p.m and took the following action.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to authorize proposed settlement in the Felenczak vs. Eastampton Litigation case.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed approving the proposed settlement in the Felenczak vs. Eastampton Litigation case.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to authorize the Township Manager to hire an Investigator.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed authorizing the Township Manager to hire an Investigator.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Jay Springer

Jay Springer
Mayor

Approved: December 13, 2010