

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
December 13, 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, 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.

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Campbell, Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Tafe and Mr. Springer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew said the computers are back up and running. Township Clerk White rebooted the system and it worked.

Township Manager Carew said he sent out a letter to the editor/op-ed regarding the best practices checklist based on the article that was in the paper the prior week about Eastampton losing \$200 in state aid because only sixty five percent out of the eight one questions were correct.

Council Member Tafe said the letter should be sent to the legislators.

Council Member Nagler said the letter should be emailed to all the municipalities.

Township Manager Carew said he had the department heads budget hearing at 2:30 p.m. He said the Tax Assessor's office is estimating \$20,000-\$30,000 in tax appeals for 2011.

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with Rob Willis last week regarding the MRTTS program. He would be attending a meeting tomorrow to let them know his plans are to drop out of the program because it would not save the Township money. He and Rich Parks are looking into a shared service with Southampton Township for trash collection. Once all the details are worked out he would get back to Council.

Township Manager Carew and Township Clerk White met with Council Members Elect Overton and Rodriguez; the meeting went well and they were introduced to the staff.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 22, 2010

November 22, 2010 Closed Session

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that the November 22, 2010 regular and closed minutes be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention the November 22, 2010 regular and closed session minutes were approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2010-102 Cancelling Outstanding Current Fund and Payroll Checks

Township Manager Carew said there were questions as to some of the items on the Schedule A and he needs to speak with the Chief Financial Officer to see if the checks were re-issued.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to table Resolution R2010-102.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-102 was tabled.

Council decided to have a special meeting on December 20 at 5pm to adopt Resolution R2010-102 and have the Treasurer prepare an additional bill list for any last minute bills that need to be paid.

Resolution R2010-103 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

Council Member Nagler questioned why another transfer Resolution needed to be done when they just did one in November. He also questioned the need to transfer into Social Security and MACCS.

Township Manager Carew said he would speak with the Chief Financial Officer and get back to them.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-103.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-103 was adopted.

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Resolution R2010-104            Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

Township Manager Carew said this can't be adopted; the Chief Financial Officer said they have no operating money lapsing to surplus; the only money going to surplus is the construction money and the MRNA line items.

Resolution R2010-105            Release Performance Bond for Growmark FS, LLC

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-105.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-105 was adopted.

Resolution R2010-106            Authorize Executive Session Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 10:4-12  
Matters relating to the Employment Relationship with respect to  
2011 RFP's received for professionals

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-106.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-106 was adopted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Construction
- Public Works
- Police (September and October)
- Township Clerk
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector
- Treasurer
- Quarterly Escrow Report

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the Construction, Public Works, Police (September and October), Township Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Quarterly Escrow reports.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction, Public Works, Police (September and October), Township Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Quarterly Escrow were approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA that the December 10, 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 December 10, 2010 was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Volunteer of the year

Township Manager Carew said the outgoing Mayor picks the volunteer of the year.

- 2011 RFP's for Professional Services

Township Attorney Fahey said this would be discussed in closed session.

Council Member Tafe asked if a letter was going out to the businesses that have not registered yet. He said that Russo's, Methvins Glass and Bee's Florist have not licensed yet.

Township Clerk White said that the Zoning Officer did send out a letter and read the letter to Council.

Mayor Springer asked if the letters were sent out certified mail.

Township Clerk White said she would ask and get back to them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Shared Service Update

Mayor Springer said he has had no meetings, but did receive a phone call from the Mayor of another town asking if they would be interested in merging police departments and he told the Mayor that Eastampton does not have any interest in merging police departments.

- Budget Workshop
  - Health Insurance Fund

Township Manger Carew went over the department's budget requests with Council. He said some departments had decreases in the operating budget and some had minimal increases.

Council Member Nagler asked for a complete BAN listing from the Chief Financial Officer and a quarterly report from Acting Chief Police Muraglia including the condition of each police vehicle, how many miles, and how much spent on maintenance per vehicle.

Township Manager Carew said he received the information today that he needs to send to Greg Grimaldi for the estimated proposal on the Health Insurance Fund.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Township Attorney Fahey wished everyone Happy Holidays. She said it was a pleasure working with Council Members Walter Tafe and Joseph Maroccia.

Township Manager Carew wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He said he is looking forward to working with the new Council Members. He thanked Council Member Joseph Maroccia and Walter Tafe for their service and indicating that the Township has benefitted from them being on Council.

Township Clerk White said the Concorde group came out and started the records inventory cleanup from the Paris grant. She said the work that they have done in a day is amazing and is excited to see the end result. She said it has been nice working with Council Members Joseph Maroccia and Walter Tafe. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Nagler said the past four years have been insightful with new viewpoints which have made a difference. He said the last few years have been more difficult than they ever could have imagined. He said their insight has helped them as a Council. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Campbell wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She said Council Members Joseph Maroccia and Walter Tafe have been very insightful and they had great comments.

Mayor Springer thanked Council Members Joseph Maroccia and Walter Tafe for their four years of service as Council Members. He said it is very hard to find good people who care about their Townships to volunteer their time to make a difference in the community. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Tafe said the first two years were tougher as a Council Member than the last two years. He said there was a lot of learning to do as a new Council Member. He said the only disappointment he had was when running as a Council Member it was to make the community better and unfortunately some people didn't realize that. He said the proudest thing in his four years as a Council Member was being on the selection committee for the Township Clerk. He said he was involved in the initial interview process for a new Clerk and they absolutely made the right decision and very proud that she is in the community. He said it makes it a much more healthy Township and Council due to her input, knowledge and professionalism which is incredible and he is very proud. He said he appreciated the advice the Township Attorney gave even though at times they did not see eye to eye. He said it has been an honor to serve as a Council Member for Eastampton Township. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Council Member Maroccia said it was a pleasure to serve as a Council Member for the past four years. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council Member Elect Rovenna Overton, 13 Cedar Mill Lane wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She is looking forward to being a Council Member for the next four years.

Council Member Elect Ricardo Rodriguez, 1 Parker Boulevard said he appreciates the kind words from Council Member Maroccia and Tafe. He thanked Township Manager Carew and Township Clerk White for the orientation they provided. He said it was a lot to take in and they have big shoes to fill.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m. and go into closed session.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed into closed session. Township Council came back into open session to adjourn the meeting.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 9:55 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*

Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Louise Campbell*

Louise Campbell  
Mayor

Approved: January 10, 2011