

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
February 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.

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

Deputy Mayor Campbell introduced Colleen McLaughlin the summer camp director. She is certified to teach K-12 art programs and currently works in Evesham Township.

Colleen McLaughlin gave an overview of the summer park program and types of activities the children do. She said the younger and middle groups were entertained very well. She has noticed that the older kids (ages 10-12) were having some trouble engaging in the activities that were offered last summer. She was thinking of doing some art work on the side of the recreation building that the kids would be very proud of and to protect their hard work. If the kids started the project in the beginning of the camp program it would be done by the end of the camp program.

Deputy Mayor Campbell said she is looking for approval of the concept for a public art project for the summer camp program to be done on the shed or the recreation building.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER to support public art for the Summer Park Program.

Council Members were unanimous.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew said the School Board has chosen two recipients and will be participating in the Volunteer of the Year Awards Night. The room is also booked.

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Township Manager Carew said he would like the School Board to attend the Council's next meeting to discuss the current school budget for 2009-2010.

Township Manager Carew said the Chief Financial Officer would be at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Tafe asked what kind of budget materials would the Council see from Gerry. He does not want Gerry to talk numbers without having a spreadsheet or a pie chart.

Township Manager Carew said Council would have something to follow when Gerry goes over the budget.

Councilman Nagler asked if Gerry could take the budget work product from November and update to show additional cuts.

Township Manager Carew said that would not be a problem.

Township Manager Carew said the Township Engineer would be at the April 12 meeting. With all of the snow fall she needs to inspect the roads after all the snow melts.

Township Manager Carew said the annual School Basketball Game is on March 26.

Township Manager Carew said that Carolyn informed him today that PSE&G was out while he was on vacation. They went into the basement and installed a device to monitor the power surges.

Township Manager Carew said upon returning from vacation he received a complaint from a resident on Paducha Road. He said the Township has no ownership of private roads.

Township Manager Carew said he would take over maintaining all escrow accounts.

Councilman Nagler asked if they could have monthly escrow reports and asked if he is planning on cleaning up all the old escrow bills. He said if they still have BAN money left in old bonds can they use that to purchase an escrow module.

Township Manager Carew said he could get them a monthly report and he could clean up the old escrow accounts. Mr. Carew said he would speak with the Chief Financial Officer regarding left over BAN money.

Township Manager Carew said the auditors are currently doing the audit for 2009 and did not know whose responsibility it was to audit the Westampton Court. Mike Holt has offered to do it for no extra charge. Westampton's auditors said they would do it as well for no extra cost. Scott said he would reach out to Donna and find out for the future.

Township Attorney Fahey said usually it is the lead agency's responsibility to do the audit.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 25, 2010

January 25, 2010 Closed

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that the January 25, 2010 open and closed session minutes, be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays January 25, 2010 and January 25, 2010 open and closed minutes were approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2010-31 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves to Insufficient Appropriation Reserves

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-31.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-31 was approved.

Resolution R2010-32 Release Performance Guarantee for Sharbell Development for Block 600.01, Lots 1-10, Block 600.02, Lots 1-18, Block 600.03, Lots 1-25 and Block 600.04 Lot 1

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-32.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-32 was approved.

**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:**

Ordinance No. 2010-3 An Ordinance Creating New Chapter 48 of the Township Code Regarding Fire Insurance Claims

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to introduce Ordinance 2010-3 and set public hearing for March 8, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be February 26, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-3 was approved.

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Ordinance No. 2010-4

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Township Code with respect to Penalties for Code Violations

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by NAGLER to introduce Ordinance 2010-4 and set public hearing for March 8, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be February 26, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-4 was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Tax Assessor
- Westampton Court (January)

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by NAGLER to approve the report for Tax Assessor.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, Tax Assessor report was approved.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the report for Westampton Court (January).

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly report for Westampton Court (January) was approved.

Councilman Nagler asked where the Treasurer report was.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into that.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by NAGLER that the February 18, 2010 bill list be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills dated February 18, 2010 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Summer Park Public Art Program (Deputy Mayor Campbell)

This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Township Manager Carew said he would like to send a letter to the Governor regarding Municipal Aid explaining his idea and thoughts.

Mayor Springer said he feels more comfortable seeing the draft letter prior to going out to see if it would become a controversial issue.

Council all agreed they would like to see the draft letter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Parking Regulations (snow and over sized vehicles) (draft)

Township Manager Carew said he would ask Rich Parks for a recommendation regarding how many inches of snow must fall prior to the streets being plowed.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would like them to review the ordinance she provided today for PODS.

- Power surge problems at Manor House and in town

This item was addressed in the Township Manager's Report earlier in the meeting.

- Edmunds Training (February 26)

Councilman Tafe asked who was receiving the Edmunds training.

Township Manager said Doris, Kim, Carolyn and he would receive the training.

- Collecting Old Court Fines

Township Manager Carew said he has not worked on this yet because he just came back from vacation.

- Recycling Cart Program

Township Manager Carew said the Township does not have the money right now for the recycling buckets.

Mayor Springer asked that the item be removed from the agenda.

- Social Networking (Facebook)

Township Attorney Fahey said she would look into this further and speak to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Township Clerk White said she spoke to the computer consultant's it would be a group, and a separate email would be provided.

Councilman Tafe said it is positive to get information out but it shouldn't replace the website.

- Newsletter (still scheduled for March) (notify owners on Knightsbridge to shovel sidewalks)

Township Manager Carew said he would get the newsletter sent out in mid March. He said that Township Clerk White had a good idea to add a paragraph that if residents have old paint or tile they could donate it for the public art program that was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Township Clerk White said she would like to see Tuesday, April 20 School Board Election in the newsletter to make the residents aware.

- Building Construction Fees (comments or questions)

Gene Blair, Construction Official addressed the concerns Council had regarding the fees for pool permits.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to have the Township Attorney prepare an ordinance for introduction on March 8 increasing the building construction fees.

Council Members were unanimous.

### **STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Township Attorney Fahey said Board of Public Utilities is reviewing the Comcast ordinance.

Councilman Tafe asked if the pension deferral was to be paid back in five years.

Township Manager Carew said it would be paid back in four years.

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Township Manager Carew thanked the staff for doing a great job during the snow storm while he was on vacation. He also thanked Township Clerk White for doing a wonderful job in his absence.

Mayor Springer thanked Township Clerk White for all of her help filling in for the Township Manager. He also thanked the Public Works Department for doing a great job during the snow storm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way, asked who the Mayor was, how is the Mayor voted in what is the term and what powers does he have.

Township Manager Carew said the Mayor is nominated yearly at the reorganizational meeting by his/her peers and the Mayor serves for a one year term. The powers are equal and he presides over the Council meetings, signs contracts, ordinances and performs marriages.

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive, said he appreciates the Township posting the snow emergency signs on the light posts.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to adjourn meeting at 9:30 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

Jay Springer

Jay Springer  
Mayor

Approved: March 22, 2010