

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 8, 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, Council Member Keith Nagler, and Council Member Walter Tafe. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey arrived at 7:40 p.m., Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said he invited a local photographer Meredith Hauser, who has taken some beautiful pictures of Smithville Lake. He said Meredith Hauser contacted Township Clerk White about using them on our website. There has been no discussion of compensation, but the pictures are nice enough that he wanted to share them with everyone prior to doing anything. He invited Meredith to share her photos with Council.

Township Clerk White said she spoke with the Township Attorney and an agreement could be done so Meredith could retain the copyrights to her pictures.

Council Members stated her pictures were beautiful and would be very happy to display in the Manor House and on the website.

Township Manager Carew said he invited the Construction Official Gene Blair to the meeting to speak to Council regarding increasing the construction fee schedule.

Construction Official Blair said the fees have not been increased in years and they have been making numerous trips out to inspect and barely are covering the costs of the department. He would like to make sure all the fees are the same in each of the towns he works in, which are Westampton and Hainesport.

Council said they would look at the fees and get back to him with any questions.

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Township Manager Carew said he was going to hold off on going to the BPU regarding the power surcharge problems at the Manor House and in town. He has spoken to Mike Coyle from PSE&G. Mike told him that Kevin Meara will be investigating the problem for PSE&G. He said he would wait to see the results of their internal investigation before taking another step, assuming it doesn't take too long.

Township Manager Carew attended a meeting with about 12 Managers and Administrators of Burlington County municipalities. They are considering the creation of a formal group that would meet (monthly or bi-monthly) to discuss opportunities to share costs or services, share ideas and to potentially serve as a sounding board against state policies that are unfair to the townships. This is an evolving topic that I will keep you abreast of.

Township Manager Carew said that Township Clerk White has been talking to Kathy Hoffman about doing a shared service for the electronic file retention system. He said he would let Kim discuss this matter.

Township Clerk White said in earlier discussions she briefed Council about an opportunity for a shared service with Evesham Township. Since those discussions Evesham Township Manager can no longer devote the time necessary for the shared serve opportunity. Kim White said she was contacted by Kathy Hoffman, Township Manager from Mount Holly Township asking if the Township would be interested in a shared service opportunity for document imaging. The shared service would include the five sending districts and would provide a scanner or server and a part-time person who would work five hours a day for one week in each town. The equipment would not be Division of Archives Records Management (DARM) certified the Township would eventually become Division of Archives Records Management (DARM) certified. The Township could opt out at anytime. Mount Holly would be the lead agency and submit the grant application on behalf of the five sending districts. Council agreed that it was a good idea by a motion by Councilman Nagler and seconded by Councilman Maroccia.

Township Manager Carew said he is enabling everyone on the township's payroll (including Council members) to enroll in the ABCO Credit Union. They are located in Willingboro and allow government workers and teachers to enroll. Everyone on our payroll will be able to obtain virtually any service that they receive from a bank with the potential of better rates and customer service. There is no cost to the township for this. Mr. Carew said when he comes back from vacation he will have a meeting with them to discuss how to get it started so the employees could take advantage of the program.

Township Manager Carew said Public Works has acquired a new truck, although to say it is new is misleading. We purchased a 1995 GMC 3500 Dump Truck from the Burlington County Highway Department for \$1.

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with Dave Brown regarding the property on Jacksonville Road and they are willing to buy the lien for \$20,000.

Township Attorney Fahey said there must be a bid process and she would speak with the Tax Collector to find out when they could advertise and accept the bids.

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with Sue Seiboldt from Green Acres and it was discovered that the total amount of the reimbursement the Township could expect to receive is about \$1.2 million dollars. The Township is eligible to receive half of 9.9 million dollars instead of half of 7.4 million dollars which means the Township is owed 1.2 million dollars for open space. He also asked Sue to put it in writing. Mr. Carew said that the former Township Manager gave out the wrong numbers for the formula and that is how the error was noticed.

Township Manager Carew said they had a snow storm over the weekend and Public Works did a fantastic job with five guys. Some Council Members did a ride along with Public Works during the snow storm and they were very impressed to see how detailed the routes were planned. A significant storm is forecasted for Friday night, through Saturday. Public Works is as prepared as they can be.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 4, 2010 Reorganizational

January 11, 2010

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA that the January 4, 2010, and January 11, 2010 minutes, be approved as corrected.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays January 4, 2010, and January 11, 2010 minutes were approved as corrected.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2010-1 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 85 of the Township Code
Entitled “Stormwater Management” to Address Private Storm
Drain Inlet Retrofitting

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

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2010-1.

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

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

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

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2010-2.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-29 Appointment of Special Class II Officer to Eastampton Township Police Department

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-29.

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

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

Resolution R2010-30 Determination That Delineated Area be Designated an Area in Need of Redevelopment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-5.

Township Attorney Fahey said the rule is that if DCA does not respond within 30 days it is deemed approved.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-30.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-30 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Township Clerk

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve the reports for Construction, Public Works and Township Clerk.

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

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction, Public Works and Township Clerk were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Springer said he would like to start social networking for the residents of Eastampton. Mayor Springer asked if Eileen and Scott could look into that for the next meeting.

Council Members discussed the pro's and con's with social networking. Council Members said Facebook may be the best one to get additional information out to the residents. Mr. Carew said once he and Kim learn how to do the notification alert on the website they could use that as a social tool.

Township Manager Carew said it was brought to his attention that a salary ordinance was never done for FOP for the current contract that was approved in December 2008. He said that one big salary ordinance would be done for all employees.

Township Attorney Fahey said in the ordinance she would add a paragraph that mentions the FOP salaries are retro back to January 2008.

Deputy Mayor Campbell said the Memorial Day service would be held on May 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Campbell said the Recreation Board discussed having the Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall to Eastampton. All of Council thought having the Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall would be great. She said she would go over the details with Scott when he comes back from vacation.

Township Manager Carew said he would be doing a newsletter to be mailed out in March. In that issue he would mention the ordinances that have been adopted by the Township Council this year and also that the residents on Knightsbridge Road need to shovel the sidewalks behind their homes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Ordinance for Fire Insurance Claims (draft)

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. She said she would have the ordinance ready for introduction at the next Council meeting.

- Proposed Ordinance Code Violation Penalties (draft)

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Chief Financial Officer asked that an ordinance be done to bring the current code violations up to the maximum. She said she would have the ordinance ready for introduction at the next Council meeting.

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

Council Members asked how many inches need to be on the ground for Public Works to start plowing the roads.

Township Attorney Fahey said she has circulated some drafts for Council to review. The Chief of Police has asked to have a statement 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 said she can't find any ordinance that mentions weather forecasts in order to determine whether vehicles need to be removed or not.

Mayor Springer said he would like to see an amount regarding inches of snow in the ordinance.

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 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. She said she would print Westampton's ordinance and provide to the Council to review and discuss at the next meeting.

- 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)

Township Manager Carew said everyone would be retrained using Edmunds to the fullest ability. The training for the general ledger would be done separately. The training would take place the day of February 26. Training would include Scott, Doris, Gerry, Kim and Carolyn.

Councilman Nagler asked if the Edmunds training would address the reconciliation issues in the finance department.

Township Manager Carew replied yes it would be the main purpose of the training.

- Bill list question from 1-25-10 (Columbus Veterinary)

Township Manager Carew said he has not followed up on this.

- Collecting old Court Fines

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- Recycling Cart Program

Township Manager Carew said the tipping went up and not sure if the Township can afford the recycling carts at this time.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Manager Carew said the Ad-Hoc Committee for Redevelopment would meet on February 16 with Eileen, Mark Remsa; and Erik Rucker would be present at the meeting.

Council complimented Public Works on a great job during the snow storm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to adjourn meeting at 9:25 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: March 8, 2010