

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

April 12, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, asked what the COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) requirements were for Sharbell and how many units are in excess. Peter asked when the pension deferral would be paid off from receiving the extraordinary aide money last year.

Township Manager Carew said they have 16 units in excess of the COAH (Council on Affordable Housing). Laws change all the time so right now it is hard to know what the formula would be from round to round. Mr. Carew said the pension deferral would be paid in four years.

Nancy Jamanow, Township Engineer explained what the COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) requirements were for Sharbell according to the round they were in at that time.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said Chief of Police Gerry Mingin would be retiring as Chief of Police effective July 1, 2010. He passed out the resignation letter to Council. He would continue to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for Eastampton Township. Mr. Carew said Jack Bruno could train Gerry on the general ledger for \$7,500 for six months. Gerry's salary for six months would be \$7,500 as Chief Financial Officer then he would receive \$15,000 a year.

Councilman Tafe asked what the transitional period is for the Chief Financial Officer as discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Tafe said his salary should be negotiated.

Township Manager Carew handed out an excel sheet as directed by Mayor Springer with dashboard scenario's to show Council different scenarios for where the budget is currently, at the levy cap, with the Governor's suggested increase of 2.5 and no increase in taxes. Mr. Carew suggested cutting at least a \$135,000 from the budget which would be a 6.2 cents increase.

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Councilman Tafe asked if Township Manager Carew could use a little of each scenario to help to cut the \$135,000.

Township Manager Carew said that is certainly an option.

Township Manager Carew said they could introduce the budget at the next Council meeting on April 26.

Township Manager Carew said he would ask Nancy Jamanow to speak about the conditions of the roads.

Nancy Jamanow, Township Engineer gave an update on the road inventory memo based on her, and one of her engineers, driving around town to look at the conditions of the roads. Her recommendations are in the memo regarding what roads need to be improved.

Councilman Tafe asked if she could see if the intersection/entranceways could be done instead of redoing the whole road.

Township Engineer Jamanow said that one of her engineers suggested that as well, and she would be looking into that.

Council suggested doing a bond for \$150,000 to improve the roads and \$25,000 for section 20 costs.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to introduce a bond ordinance for \$175,000 for the April 26 Council meeting.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays a bond ordinance for \$175,000 would be introduced on April 26.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 22, 2010

March 22, 2010 Closed Session

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

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays March 22, 2010 and March 22, 2010 closed session minutes were approved.

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ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2010-5 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40-3 Building Construction Fees

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

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2010-5.

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

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2010-6 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 39 of the Township Code with respect to Business Licenses

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to introduce Ordinance 2010-6 and set public hearing for April 26, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be April 16, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-6 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2010-7 An Ordinance Amending the Township Code at Article IV Section 103 Regarding General Zoning Regulations to Address the Use of Portable Storage Units (PODS)

It was MOVED by MAROCIA and seconded by NAGLER to introduce Ordinance 2010-7 and set public hearing for April 26, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be April 16, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-7 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2010-8 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 73 “Road Openings”

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to introduce Ordinance 2010-8 and set public hearing for April 26, 2010.

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Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be April 16, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-8 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-39 Accepting Bid for Tax Lien for Block 300 Lot 3

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-39.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-39 was approved.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to grant them one extension on the tax lien.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to grant one extension.

Resolution R2010-40 Closed Session

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-40.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-40 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Tax Collector Annual Report (tabled from 3.22.10)
- Police (February and March)
- Township Clerk

Councilman Nagler asked if they could table the Police March report because the mileage entered was incorrect.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER to table the Police March report for clarification on mileage.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved to table the Police March report.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to approve the reports Construction, Police (February), Public Works, Tax Collector, and Township Clerk.

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

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

Township Manager Carew said the Tax Collectors rate was correct from the last meeting.

- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by TAFE 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Township Engineer -- Road Conditions

This item was discussed during the Township Manager's report.

- Burlington County Solid Waste/Recycling

Township Attorney Fahey asked that this subject be discussed in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parking Regulations (snow and over sized vehicles)

Township Manager Carew said he has nothing new to report.

- Power surge issues

Township Manager Carew said PSE&G came out and asked questions and saw the data the Township has been recording. Mr. Carew said he would reach out to the Board of Public Utilities.

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- BAN Balances

Township Manager Carew said he would have an update for them at the Council meeting on April 26.

- Escrow Report for January/February

Township Manager Carew said he would have the reports to them for the April 26 meeting.

- Collecting Outstanding Court Fines

Township Manager Carew said he has a meeting scheduled with Doug Townsend for May 4.

- Newsletter

Township Manager Carew thanked Township Clerk White for her help in getting the newsletter out quickly. He also thanked the Mayor for his letter to the residents and Councilman Nagler for the community fundraiser information regarding Kiersten's Cause. Mr. Carew said the next newsletter is scheduled to go out in August.

Councilman Nagler said the Employee Volunteer night is April 14 from 7:00-8:30 at the school. Mr. Nagler said the community fundraiser for Kiersten's Cause is Friday, April 16.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Clerk White said that she and Carolyn would be at a registrar class all day April 13 in Monroe Township.

Mayor Springer said Public Works has started the rain garden.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to adjourn meeting at 9:50 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 meeting and proceed into closed session.

The Township Council came out of closed at 10:20 p.m. and took action on the following:

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to direct Township Attorney Fahey to seek injunctive relief regarding the Burlington County Recycling and Solid Waste Agreement.

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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 authorize Township Manager Carew to retain an investigator for the litigation lawsuit.

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 10:25 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

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Jay Springer

Jay Springer
Mayor

Approved: May 10, 2010