

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

May 10, 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, and Township Manager Scott Carew. Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nina Smith, 2 East Mill Creek, said people are parking on Mill Creek illegally where the Rancocas Valley fields are. They park there on the weekends and at night because of the soccer games. She does not see police presence to hand out tickets during the nights and weekends.

Township Manager Carew said that he would talk to the Police and let her know what the course of action to correct the problem will be.

Bryan Smith, 2 East Mill Creek, expressed concerns and described what he thought were hazards. He mentioned two crosswalks that he does not think are approved by NJDOT. He also brought up issues with the water retention basin and irrigation system. There was also discussion about the signage plan for that site.

Mr. Smith also asked about any agreement between the Township and Rancocas Valley regarding usage of the facility. He asked about grandstands, a pole barn, a scoreboard, and portable lights. Mayor Springer suggested that some of these items may be from Rancocas Youth Soccer. Township Attorney Fahey suggested that Manager Carew talk to Rancocas Valley to get the details of their agreement with Rancocas Valley Youth Soccer.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew asked Public Works Director Parks to speak about his department's needs for capital requests.

Public Works Director Parks said he needs another truck to plow, a body for an existing truck and a riding mower.

Councilman Nagler asked if the riding mower could be taken from the recreation account.

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Township Manager Carew said they would do one bond ordinance for capital improvements for the truck, the truck body, computer equipment and road improvements.

Township Manager Carew said the Township should receive money from FEMA for the second snow storm. He said they are also waiting on the money from the December storm.

Township Manager Carew said a tree fell on one of the township vehicles at the Police Department. No one was hurt; it was an unmarked police vehicle. Officer Ballinger had minor damage to his own personal vehicle.

Township Manager Carew re-capped the Rancocas Valley budget meeting. All five towns reduced the budget by \$400,000. He said he would contact Bob Sapp to see what it means for Eastampton.

Township Manager Carew said he has scheduled a meeting with the Garden State Municipal JIF to discuss various events with Recreation to make sure everyone has safety training.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 12, 2010

April 12, 2010 (Closed Session)

April 26, 2010

April 26, 2010 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA that the April 12, 2010 open and closed session minutes and April 26, 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 the April 12, 2010 open closed session minutes and April 26, 2010 open and closed session minutes were approved.

**ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance No. 2010-9

Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

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

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Ordinance 2010-9.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-9 was adopted.

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Ordinance No. 2010-10      Ordinance Establishing Township Salary and Wages

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 2010-10.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-10 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:**

Ordinance No. 2010-11      An Ordinance Granting Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast to Construct, Connect, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television and Communications System in the Township of Eastampton, New Jersey

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to introduce Ordinance 2010-11 and set public hearing for May 24, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be May 14, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-11 was approved.

Ordinance No. 2010-12      An Ordinance to Amend the Eastampton Township Code at Chapter A128 “Fees” to Establish or Amend Fess Associated with Tax Sales

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to introduce Ordinance 2010-12 and set public hearing for May 24, 2010.

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be May 14, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-12 was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2010-43      A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton Certifying the Amount Necessary to be Appropriated for the 2010-2011 Budget of the Rancocas Valley Regional High School

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It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-43.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-43 was approved.

Resolution R2010-44                      Introduction of 2010 Municipal Budget

Township Manager Carew said the increase for the taxpayers would be 5.2 cents which equals approximately \$143.00 for the average assessed house in Eastampton. The overall appropriations have been decreased by \$86,421.

Councilman Nagler asked if they could take half a penny from the open space tax to help reduce the taxes.

Chief Financial Officer Mingin said he would do a budget amendment to reduce the open space by half a penny.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-44.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-44 was approved.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to reduce the open space tax rate from 4.26 cents to 3.7 cents for fiscal year 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to reduce the open space tax rate from 4.26 cents to 3.7 cents for fiscal year 2010.

Resolution R2010-45                      Authorize Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2010-45.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-45 was approved.

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**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Construction
- Public Works
- Tax Collector
- Township Clerk
- Treasurer
- Westampton Court

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the reports Construction, Public Works, Tax Collector, Township Clerk, and Treasurer.

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, Tax Collector, Township Clerk, and Treasurer were approved.

The Westampton Court report was omitted from the packets and would be on the next agenda for action.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Tafe said since the Chief of Police is retiring in July a formal ceremony should be given to him.

Township Manager Carew said he would start to work on something for his official Township ceremony.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Parking Regulations (snow and oversized vehicles)

Township Attorney Fahey said she would change the ordinance to reflect plowing would begin once two inches of snow accumulates.

Councilman Nagler said he would like to see an ordinance on for introduction at the next meeting for snow, and they could do a separate ordinance for over sized vehicles at a later time.

- Collecting Outstanding Court Fines

Township Manager Carew said in the meeting he was told that they are trying to steer away from having private companies collect the court fines because it has not gone right. He said there are four levels when someone is delinquent it is considered to be open, which means they are paying their time payments. Half of the people Eastampton has are open meaning delinquent. There are three different stages of delinquent; the last two stages would have warrants put out for them and more fines imposed. A law was passed in March he was told that would allow them to serve jail

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time in lieu of payments and currently the judges are not allowed to do that. He said he would ask for quarterly reports.

- Capital Improvements

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

- Nextel mobile shared services

Township Manager Carew said there is nothing new to report on this subject.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Campbell said the 5K is scheduled for May 22.

Mayor Springer said the rain garden is complete and it is very nice.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way, asked how much less is the Township getting from the State? How much will it cost each homeowner?

Township Manager Carew said \$108,000 less then last year and does not include the extraordinary aide. He said Eastampton's portion is \$129.00 more then last year and Rancocas Valley would be a little higher then last year. He said the net would be approximately \$100.00 more a year based on the average assessed home.

Mr. Leopanto said this is a decent increase for Eastampton and he appreciates Council doing everything they could to decrease the budget when they had opportunities.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 10:15 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*  
Jay Springer  
Mayor

Approved: May 24, 2010