

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

June 28, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Campbell 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: Deputy Mayor Louise Campbell, Council Member Joseph Maroccia, Council Member Keith Nagler and Council Member Walter Tafe. Also present were: Township Attorney Interim David Serlin, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew. Council Member Maroccia arrived at 7:35 p.m. Mayor Jay Springer was absent and Township Attorney Eileen Fahey was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said that the Burlington County Board of Taxation has not struck a tax rate; they are waiting on further budget information. He said as soon as they do the tax bills can be prepared to go out.

Township Manager Carew said he has been made aware that the police officer's do not have ticket books from Westampton again. He said that ticket books are being shared until more are ordered. He said he would be contacting Westampton to find out what was going on and how it would be corrected for the future.

Township Manager Carew said he set a new policy with staff on how to handle anonymous emails.

Councilman Tafe said if the complaint is anonymous or not the question should be answered.

Township Manager Carew said the ad-hoc committee met with Rich Bernardi and unanimously voted on making a recommendation for Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for redevelopment.

Township Manager Carew said Green Acres acknowledged their mistake that the check was short \$50,000 and they would send the remaining money in the next few months.

Township Manager Carew said he has had two meetings since the last Council meeting to discuss taking the employees out of the State Health Benefits Plan and putting them in a health insurance fund through the JIF. He said the Township would have to pay \$6,000 to get the records from the State just to have them reviewed to see if there would be a cost savings.

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Township Manager Carew said that he had a meeting to discuss the growing problems of sink holes in the Township. He has asked the Township Engineer to attend the July 26 meeting to discuss with Council.

Councilman Tafe said he had asked, at a prior Council Meeting, to have the Township Engineer look into repair/repaving the aprons to the intersections.

Township Manager Carew said the Chief Financial Officer is preparing a written request for Council regarding the Capital Improvements projects that Council has verbally agreed to proceed with.

Township Manager Carew asked Ann Moore to provide him with information regarding the next round of available recycle carts. He said depending on the price he suggests bonding for them.

Councilman Nagler asked if they could put a question on the General Election ballot asking the residents if they would like the recycle carts and if they wish to participate in the RecycleBank.

Councilman Tafe said he would like to know how much it would cost prior to adopting the Resolution that would go to referendum.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to have the Township Attorney prepare for the July 26 Council meeting a two part referendum question for the November 2 election asking if residents want the recycling carts and if they would like to join the recycle bank.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

Township Manager Carew asked Council to clarify “no pay” for the cancelled meetings that was discussed during the June 7 Council meeting.

Councilman Tafe said they would not receive one paycheck in July and August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 7, 2010

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that the June 7, 2010 minutes, be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays the June 7, 2010 minutes were approved.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-55

Authorize Presentation of Semi Automatic Pistol to Chief of Police
Gerald Mingin

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-55.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-55 was approved.

Resolution R2010-56

Approval of Corrective Action Plan for 2009 Annual Audit

Councilman Maroccia asked if the general ledger is in the process of being completed.

Township Manager said the general ledger would be completed by December 31.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-56.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-56 was approved.

Resolution R2010-57

Endorsing Application of Omega Materials Recovery Facility

Councilman Nagler said the Landuse Planning Board was divided during the meeting to reach a decision on the application. He said that Council did not receive the proper notes from the Landuse Planning Board to review the application. He said that Omega Materials Recovery Facility came to the Landuse Planning Board as a courtesy because they really only need NJDEP approval.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to table Resolution R2010-57 to the July 26 Council meeting.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-57 was tabled to the July 26 Council meeting.

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Resolution R2010-58 Authorizing Membership in a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2010-58.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-58 was approved.

Resolution R2010-59 Approval of Business License for Absolute Electric, LLC

Councilman Tafe asked what the approval is based on and denial based on. He asked why the Township Council has to approve the business licenses.

Township Clerk White said she would pass the concerns he has onto to the Township Attorney for her comments.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to table Resolution R2010-59 to the July 26 Council meeting.

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

There being three (3) ayes, one (1) abstention and no nays, Resolution R2010-59 was tabled to the July 26 Council meeting.

Resolution R2010-60 Approval of 2010 Business Licenses

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to table Resolution R2010-60 to the July 26 Council Meeting.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-60 was tabled to the July 26 Council meeting.

Resolution R2010-61 Renewal of Liquor License for Mari's Liquor Store

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2010-61.

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

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ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Police
- Westampton Court

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to approve the reports for Construction, Police, and Westampton Court.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction, Police, and Westampton Court were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that the June 24, 2010 bill list be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills dated June 24, 2010 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Nagler asked Township Clerk White to see if the Rescue Squad (Election District 3) could be moved to another district.

Councilman Tafe said that the budget presentation needs to improve significantly. He said the public resident should have a brochure or something that could be given to them.

Councilman Nagler said he would like the Township Manager to reach out to other municipalities to see what materials they use during budget time so the public has an understanding.

Deputy Mayor Campbell asked when the Green Team would have a meeting.

Township Manager Carew said he would set up a meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Nextel mobile shared services

Township Manager Carew said he is still exploring options.

- Solid Waste/Recycling

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed during his Township Manager's Report.

- Reduction Pay for Council Meetings

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed during his Township Manager's Report.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to adjourn meeting at 9:05 P.M.

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

There being four (4) 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: July 26, 2010