

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

July 26, 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: None

PRESENTATION:

- Charles Callari -- American Traffic Solutions to discuss red light cameras

Charles Callari from American Traffic Solutions gave a presentation on red light cameras that provide digital video solution to support enforcement of illegal right on red violators, reduce contested violations and provide a live view of the intersections. Mr. Callari described how the program would work and what benefits the Township could receive from installing the system. Mr. Callari answered all of the Council Members' questions.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to have American Traffic Solutions install temporary red light cameras at the following intersections: Route 206 and Woodlane Road, Woodlane Road and Smithville Road, Monmouth Road and Woodlane Road and Smithville and Monmouth Road and upon conclusion provide the data to Council.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, Maroccia, Nagler, Springer, Tafe

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays the motion passed.

- Nancy Jamanow -- Road Improvement Issues

Township Engineer Jamanow gave an overview on the road improvement issues in the Township. She indicated she would be going out to bid to repair piping under the roadway of West Railroad Ave.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by CAMPBELL to have the Township Attorney and Township Engineer work together to prepare an ordinance for new developers to video storm drains.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays the motion passed.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said the Township has been receiving complaints from residents regarding the work that PSE&G is doing in the neighborhoods. He contacted Board of Public Utilities and the problems are now be addressed by PSE&G.

Township Manager Carew said Burlington County has not struck their tax rate and bills can't be sent out yet. He said he would put a message on the sign and the website to explain to residents what is going on. He said once the bills do come in they would be sent out along with the recycling calendar, storm water letter and the pie chart.

Township Manager Carew said the Green Team met and they have completed the work for the Sustainable Jersey grant and came in under budget. He is waiting for confirmation from Sustainable Jersey on what the extra money could be used for. He is thinking about doing more rain gardens.

Township Manager Carew said he sent a memo to the staff asking them not to spend money unless it is essential to the operation of their department. The goal is to have funds left over at the end of the year to transfer to surplus.

Township Manager Carew said that Jack Bruno is working with Gerry on the general ledger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 17, 2010 Special Meeting

Mayor Springer asked that the minutes go on the next meeting agenda because he did not see them in the packet materials.

June 28, 2010

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that the June 28, 2010 minutes, be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention the June 28, 2010 minutes were approved.

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ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2010-14 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending Chapter 72 of The Township Code to Amend the Program for the Recycling of Designated Recyclable Materials and Modify for Violations Thereof

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be July 30, 2010.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2010-14 and set public hearing for August 23, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-14 was adopted.

Ordinance No. 2010-15 A Bond Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Providing for Road Improvements, Purchase of a Public Works Dump Truck, Computers/Office Equipment, and Building Improvements/Maintenance Repairs by the Township of Eastampton and Appropriating Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$277,000.00) Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes in the Amount of \$263,150.00

Mayor Springer said the publication date on the ordinance would be July 30, 2010.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to approve Ordinance 2010-15 and set public hearing for August 23, 2010.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2010-15 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2010-57 Endorsing Application of Omega Materials Recovery Facility

Township Attorney Fahey and Council have discussed not moving forward on the above Resolution and doing a letter of support with the conditions listed.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to rescind Resolution R2010-57 and do a letter of support instead.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

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

Councilman Tafe asked that this be tabled from the previous meeting because he feels that Council should not be approving the licenses and the authority level is placed lower with the Township Clerk.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to rescind Resolution R2010-59.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-59 was rescinded.

Resolution R2010-60 Approval of 2010 Business Licenses

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to rescind Resolution R2010-60.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-60 was rescinded.

Resolution R2010-66 Approval to Place Public Referendum Question on the General
Election Ballot Regarding Optional Recycling Programs
(November 2, 2010)

Council discussed the idea of going out to referendum or waiting to see if they could bond for the recycling containers. Council decided this was not the right time to go out for referendum especially with the new two percent cap for the 2011 budget.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to rescind Resolution R2010-66.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-66 was rescinded.

Resolution R2010-67 Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel
with Dave Serlin

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2010-67 be approved.

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

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-67 was approved.

Resolution R2010-68 Amending the 2010 Capital Budget

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2010-68 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-68 was approved.

Resolution R2010-69 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a
Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of
Transportation for the Monmouth Road Pedestrian Safety
Improvements Project From Woodlane Road to the Mount Holly
Township Boundary

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2010-69 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-69 was approved.

Resolution R2010-70 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a
Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of
Transportation for the Powell Road Shared Use Path Project from
Smithville Road to Woodcrest Drive

Township Engineer Jamanow asked if letters of support could accommodate the applications. She asked that they all be addressed to the Township Clerk and have them all turned in by August 6, 2010.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2010-70 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-70 was approved.

Resolution R2010-71 Authorizing Cancellation of Unexpended Balance of
Improvement Authorization for Bond Ordinance 2007-13

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It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2010-71 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-71 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Clerk's Office
- Construction
- Public Works
- Westampton Court

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve the reports Township Clerk, Construction, Public Works, and Westampton Court.

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

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

- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL 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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that the July 22, 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 July 22, 2010 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Status of PSEG Service Upgrade

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

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- Block Party – Cambridge Court
- Block Party – Dawn Drive

Council asked if the Township Clerk could approve the block parties.

Councilman Nagler said he thinks the Council has to approve them in order for the police to take any action if a car goes through the barricade.

Township Manager Carew said he would speak to Acting Chief of Police Muraglia.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER that the Dawn Drive and Cambridge Court block parties be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Dawn Drive and Cambridge Court block parties were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Nagler said the Master Plan needs to be updated to include the walking plan.

Councilman Tafe said that more information needs to be on the Township sign to include all meetings for Board of Education, Fire and Rescue and Council Meetings.

Mayor Springer asked Township Clerk White how the email notifications on the website were going.

Township Clerk White said it is going okay and would like more residents to sign up.

Councilman Nagler said the Township should be in the social network world.

All of Council agreed the facebook was a good idea to start the social network.

Township Clerk White said she would create a page and monitor it closely for negative feedback.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Campbell thanked Township Clerk White on a good audit from the State of New Jersey for Bids and Contracts.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, said a Resolution was passed in March calling upon the State Legislature and the Governor's Office to address the inequity and unfairness in the current funding formulas for State Aid for municipalities and would like to know if anything has been done.

Township Manager Carew indicated that nothing has been done yet.

Peter Ulyett, asked for an update on the open space acquisition of the 35 acres on Woodlane Road.

Township Manager Carew said he would follow up with Peter regarding the open space acquisition.

Peter Ulyett asked Township Attorney Fahey why his OPRA Request was denied for 2009 closed session minutes.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would look into that for him because the topics may still be in litigation.

Leon Jones, Jr., 4 Worchester Drive, said the tiling on the Recreation Building looks nice. He said he would like to see Council discuss the responsible contractor ordinance that the County just adopted.

It was MOVED by NAGLAR and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 11:00 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: August 23, 2010