

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

Township Clerk Kim-Marie White called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Township Clerk Kim-Marie White certified that the meeting was published in Burlington County Times on December 17, 2010. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Township website. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Present were: Council Member Louise Campbell, Council Member Keith Nagler, Council Member Rovenna Overton, Council Member Jay Springer and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew.

READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION BY: Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White

Municipal Clerk White stated that the certificates of election would be handed to the new Council Members at the conclusion of the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY:

The Honorable State Senator Shirley K. Turner

To the Elected Members of Township Council:

ROVENNA D. OVERTON

RICARDO J. RODRIGUEZ

State Senator Shirley K. Turner read the Oath of Office to the newly Elected Members of the Township Council.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Township Clerk White asked if there was a nomination on the floor for Mayor.

Councilman Springer nominated Louise Campbell for Mayor.

Township Clerk White asked if there were any further nominations for Mayor.

Township Clerk White said hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays Louise Campbell is Mayor for 2011.

The Honorable State Senator Shirley K. Turner administrated the Oath of Office to Mayor Campbell.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Campbell asked if there was a nomination on the floor for Deputy Mayor.

Councilwoman Overton nominated Keith Nagler for Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Campbell asked if there were any further nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Campbell said hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays Keith Nagler is Deputy Mayor for 2011.

The Honorable State Senator Shirley K. Turner administrated the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Nagler.

The Honorable State Senator Shirley K. Turner thanked them for inviting her and said it was her first time ever to swear in four people in one night.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to take a five minute recess.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2011-01 Temporary Municipal Budget

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2011-1 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-1 was approved.

Resolution R2011-02 Appointment of Township Auditor

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by NAGLER that Resolution R2011-2 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-2 was approved.

Resolution R2011-03 Appointment of Insurance Broker of Record

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2011-3 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-3 was approved.

Resolution R2011-04 Appointment of Township Planner

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2011-4 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-4 was approved.

Resolution R2011-05 Appointment of Township Attorney

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2011-5 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-5 was approved.

Resolution R2011-06 Appointment of Labor Counsel

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON that Resolution R2011-6 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-6 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

<u>Resolution R2011-07</u>	Designation of Signatories on Checks
<u>Resolution R2011-08</u>	Designation of Signatories on Purchase Orders
<u>Resolution R2011-09</u>	Designation of Depository for Municipal Funds
<u>Resolution R2011-10</u>	Designation of Official Newspaper
<u>Resolution R2011-11</u>	Schedule of 2011 Township Council Meeting Dates
<u>Resolution R2011-12</u>	Appoint Municipal Tax Search Officer (Doris LaVacca)
<u>Resolution R2011-13</u>	Appoint Municipal Assessment Search Officer (Kim-Marie White)
<u>Resolution R2011-14</u>	Set Interest Rate and Grace Period and Year End Penalty
<u>Resolution R2011-15</u>	Refund Overpayment of Taxes
<u>Resolution R2011-16</u>	Cancel Property Tax Balances Under \$10.00
<u>Resolution R2011-17</u>	Authorize Real Property Assessment Appeals
<u>Resolution R2011-18</u>	Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer
<u>Resolution R2011-19</u>	Establish Hours of Operation for Township Departments

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2011-7 through R2011-19 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-7 through R2011-19 were approved.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR:

Land Use Planning Board

<u>Class</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
I	1 year	12-31-11	Ricardo Rodriguez
II	1 year	12-31-11	Gene Blair
III	1 year	12-31-11	Keith Nagler
Class IV	4 year	12-31-14	Deanna B. Drumm
Class IV	4 year	12-31-14	Ralph Talyor
Class IV	4 year	12-31-14	Mark Searfoss

Environmental Commission

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
3 year	12-31-13	Bryon Wright
3 year	12-31-13	Patrick Flannery

Route 206 Corridor Study Liaison

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 year	12-31-11	Scott Carew, Twp. Manager
1 year	12-31-11	Louise Campbell, Mayor

Emergency Management Council

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 year	12-31-11	Ken Hofbauer, Coordinator
1 year	12-31-11	Richard Parks, Public Works
1 year	12-31-11	Louise Campbell, Mayor
1 year	12-31-11	James White, Eastampton Community School
1 year	12-31-11	Sgt. Steve Sawyer, Eastampton Police Dept
1 year	12-31-11	Michelle Augustino, EMS Chief
1 year	12-31-11	Phillip Polios, Deputy Coordinator
1 year	12-31-11	Eugene Oberfrank, Fire Chief
1 year	12-31-11	Scott Carew, Township Manager
1 year	12-31-11	Keith Nagler, Mayoral Rep
1 year	12-31-11	Gene Blair, Eastampton Construction Rep

As needed:

Nancy Jamanow, Township Engineer
 Lloyd Price, Communication Expert
 Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

1 year term expiration 12-31-11

Historic Preservation Commission

<u>Class</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Class A	1 year	12-31-11	Tarquini Organization
Class B	1 year	12-31-11	Kathryn Jones

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Economic Development Advisory Board

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 year	12-31-11	Keith Nagler
3 year	12-31-13	Mike Marinelli

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by OVERTON appointing Keith Nagler and Mike Marinelli to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the appointments were approved.

Recreation Advisory Committee

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
3 year	12-31-13	Helen Wahl
3 year	12-31-13	Jessica Coy
3 year	12-31-13	Anthony Zeno
3 year	12-31-11	Tom Drumm (unexpired term)

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON appointing Helen Wahl, Jessica Coy, Anthony Zeno and Tom Drumm to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the appointments were approved.

Land Use Planning Board

<u>Class</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Alt I	2 year	12-31-12	James Shemely
Alt II	2 year	12-31-11	Richard V. Renzulli (unexpired term)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON appointing James Shemely and Richard Renzulli to the Land Use Planning Board.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the appointments were approved.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Study Sub-Committee

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
1 year	12-31-11	Louise Campbell

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON appointing Louise Campbell to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Study Sub-Committee.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the appointments were approved.

Manager's Appointments

Township Manager Carew appointed the following:

Township Engineer	Nancy Jamanow from Environmental Resolutions
Deputy Tax Collectors	Scott Carew, Gerald Mingin and Carolyn Farrow

PUBLIC FORUM: None

COMMENTS:

Township Attorney Fahey congratulated the new Council Members and the Mayor. She thanked them for re-appointing her and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Township Engineer Jamanow congratulated the new Council Members and the Mayor. She thanked them for re-appointing her and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Township Auditor Holt said the year will be challenging and difficult financially. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed thanks for the re-appointment.

Armando Riccio, Labor Counsel wished everyone a Happy New Year and was looking forward to working with the Township.

Township Manager Carew congratulated the new Council Members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Municipal Clerk White congratulated the new Council Members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Springer congratulated the new Council Members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Rodriguez said he looks forward to serving as a Council Member and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Overton said she looks forward to serving as a Council Member and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said his goal as an elected official is community service. He sits on the Council to do right by the tax payers and his intention is to serve them. He congratulated the new Council Members and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Campbell said "I want to thank members of council for appointing me Mayor for 2011. It is a great honor to represent the citizens of Eastampton. It is also a humbling experience to know that many talented people have sat in this seat and guided our wonderful township through fair and stormy times. I want to also recognize the sacrifices my husband, Allan, has made so that I may serve as a member of township council. Thank you for all your patience, forbearance, and just being by my side and pitching in. Thank you to our daughter, Katherine, for being supportive and willing to share our limited time together. Last year at this time we were unsure of what to expect from the newly elected governor and legislature. We knew that New Jersey was facing a tidal wave of massive debt and debt service. Trenton had been playing on the beach far too long and moving the money from one sand castle to another. Well, the tidal wave broke and the castles have been washed out to sea. Municipalities were given a score card to fill out to determine if they would receive the full amount of "promised" state aid; state aid that had already been included in municipal budgets and approved by Trenton. "Shared services" were suddenly the new buzz words in Trenton, but they were not new to Eastampton. Our council and township staff had much experience in this area with shared tax assessor services, shared municipal court services, shared garbage collection, and shared snow plowing services with our school district. With our history of keeping costs under control, scrutinizing where the dollars go and knowing full well where the dollars come from, your elected council, township staff and professionals will continue the good fight in 2011. Again "less" is the operative word. Eastampton is very proficient in doing more with less. Our township staff, professionals and your council are gearing up to persevere through the continued waves of state aid cuts from Trenton, and to show that the steadfastness, spirit and heart of the greatest small town in New Jersey will not be diminished. Our township character will remain undimmed, our festivals will continue, our police officers will continue to protect our families, homes and businesses, our public works department will continue to plow our roads, keep our parks clean and well tended, pick up our leaves and chip our branches. Our citizens will continue to volunteer their time and talents to make Eastampton the envy of the Garden State. It is through citizen involvement, award winning open space planning and smart growth initiatives that Eastampton will continue to be in the favor of developer and business interests that want to locate here. Building on the firm foundation begun last year by Mayor Springer in Eastampton 2020: A vision for a decade, you will begin to see the sturdy building of new investment in our township. The Town Center Development by Sharbell is well under way. A solar farm has been approved and is to be built on Route 206. A successful business is growing and planning to relocate to the Gsell site, bringing new jobs. The Gregory's site has been sold and plans are being made for residential and commercial buildings.

Growmark, a fertilizer company, located on Route 206 is well established. The Boilermakers Union has relocated its' state headquarters to Eastampton. A new restaurant John and Molly's opened on the Clarks site. Planning continues on building a very large solar farm on the Eastampton portion of the closed landfill along Route 38, with a potential to bring significant energy saving to Eastampton and its residents. All of these changes have been planned or are in the planning process. Foundations have been well laid because of the interest and willingness of citizens to volunteer their talents and time, the openness of council and township staff to listen and incorporate these ideas into development planning, into festivals, into recreation programs, into parks and public works and keeping us safe in our homes and on our streets. It is now in these challenging and difficult times that the efforts of citizens, township staff and township professionals are needed even more. 2011 will be an exciting year and an exacting year for all of us. I look forward to working and planning with the citizens, council, staff and professionals of our Great Eastampton Township."

Mayor Campbell stated that the next meeting is January 10, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Nagler, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer, Campbell
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

Louise Campbell
Louise Campbell
Mayor

Approved: February 28, 2011