

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
7:30 p.m.

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

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Campbell certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2011. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were: Mayor 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John LaPierre, 124 Farmdale Road had some complaints about the police department. He did an OPRA Request and from January 2010 through December 2010 there were 106 tickets issued. Since January 2011 the increase has gone up 396% or about 400 tickets, which the new policeman has issued. He states that although this is great income for the town the officer doesn't use common sense for issuing tickets. He has issued tickets for having the ez-pass transponders which most drivers have. Last Sunday he made 18 stops and issued tickets on all of those 18 stops. How do the other officers feel about this? Second, Mr. LaPierre has a report from April 13, 2009 from Westampton regarding shared services with the court. The payment was about \$6,100 a month and now it is about \$8,000. He asked for the amended agreement; it couldn't be provided. He went to the Westampton Clerk and she said it was a handshake agreement with our Township Manager and CFO. Township Manager Carew states that they do not have a new agreement in place and will not until both governing bodies agree on it. Mr. LaPierre asked if the payments would be retro-active and Township Manager Carew stated it depends what is in the amended agreement.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew states that an Ad-Hoc committee was formed with him, and the Burlington County Office of Economic Development and they met last week to solidify the schedule of the redevelopment. The redevelopment plan has been written by Mark Remsa's office and is in the hands of the Ad-Hoc Committee and the developers for review. They are collecting comments and once those are collected they will go back to the drawing board with Mr. Remsa and his team to alter the redevelopment plan. Once that is done it will go to council and then be sent to the Land Use Planning Board for their comments and then they will send the

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plan back to council and then it will be passed as an ordinance. They are looking at the middle of January for this to be done.

Township Manager Carew had a meeting with Burlington County and the Township Engineer about the Woodlane Sidewalk Project. There is an issue; about 11 trees need to come down. The county engineer has approved this project and they are just awaiting approval from the Burlington County Shade Tree Commission. There will be an additional cost for the township to have Public Works rent a stump grinder. Mr. Carew stated he understands that the Burlington County Shade Tree Commission is backed up.

Township Manager Carew has also been in contact with the people from the Solar Farm on Route 206. They are moving forward and are almost finished. There has been research done on the BPU and DEP in selling electric to the consumer. They are interested in working with the Mayor and Council which is good because in the past they were not interested.

Township Manager Carew stated that Mayor Campbell and Ms. Arcari are meeting next week to go over the road improvement program. It seems that every week there is another road that has a problem. There is also the issue with the County closing Smithville Road to repair the bridge. If East Railroad Avenue is going to be used as a detour it doesn't make sense to repair it now if it is going to take on increased traffic.

Township Manager Carew states that he received an email of good news. The finance bond was paid off and the new bond council will be about 2% lower which will be a savings of about \$7,000. Also, due to the State Pension Reform about \$26,000 will be saved next year.

Township Manager Carew would like to inform the Township Council that the next meeting will be his last meeting as he has accepted the position of Township Manager in Moorestown, New Jersey.

Township Manager Carew also states that he talked to a resident about the wetlands behind Woodlane Road. and that he is looking into putting this into Green Acres Space. It is possible that improvement can be done on this in the future like a Public Works Office or a place to store equipment, but they would have to get permission from the State once it is in Green Acres.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 27, 2011

July 14, 2011 (Special Meeting)

July 25, 2011

There is one change to be made to the June 27, 2011 minutes which Township Clerk White will make the next day.

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by OVERTON to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011, July 14, 2011 (Special Meeting) and July 25, 2011.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the minutes were approved with changes to June 27, 2011.

**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance 2011-9 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Creating New  
Township Code Chapter 476, Article II Entitled "Five Year Tax  
Exemption Abatement"

Mayor Campbell opened the floor to the public, there being no comments from the public,  
Mayor Campbell closed the floor to the public.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2011-9  
deleting the fee section and set the public hearing for October 11, 2011.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-9 was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2011-100 Authorize Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2011-100

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance R2011-100 was approved.

Resolution R2011-101 Award of Contract to THC Enterprises, Inc. T/A Mid- Atlantic  
Waste Systems for the Purchase of a 20 Cubic Yard Rear Load  
Trash Truck

Township Manager Carew states that this brings another trash truck for in house pick up. They  
would like it in their possession as quickly as possible.

Township Clerk White states how quickly depends on when the agreement is signed and that  
could be about 15 days. Then there would also need to be NJDEP approval, that could be  
another 15 days. It is possible to have the truck in service by early November.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2011-  
101.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-101 was approved.

Resolution R2011-102 Authorize Executive Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship and Matters Regarding Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Resignation of Township Manager and selection process for a new Township Manager.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to enter into closed session.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed for council to enter closed session.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Construction
- Police (August)
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector
- Township Clerk

All agreed to accept the reports for Construction, Police (August), Public Works, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Township Clerk.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Schedule meeting with Eastampton Community School (budget)

Township Manager Carew states that the Superintendent needs to go to the board first. They will look to meet in early 2012.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Shared Service Update

Township Manager Carew stated there is no update at this time.

- Policy on Flag Etiquette for Manor House and Police Station

Township Manager Carew states that he sent out an email today so they will table this until the next meeting. There are new flags at the Police Station and the Manor House. Mr. Parks is aware that they need to be illuminated at night. Township Manager Carew states that there is a wealth of information on proper flag etiquette.

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- MACCS Bills

Township Manager Carew states that Rob Willis declined to come to tonight's meeting because his schedule does not permit it. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to meet to discuss this. Mr. Nagler is concerned because the reports do not mention the tonnage. Township Manager Carew states that he just passes along the information he receives from Doris.

Mr. Nagler and Ms. Overton will be on the subcommittee.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Ms. Fahey, Mr. Springer, Ms. Overton, Mr. Nagler and Mayor Campbell all congratulate Township Manager Carew for his new position as Moorestown Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, asks that since Officer West was sworn in he wanted to know what the savings in overtime was.

Township Manager Carew states that will be available at the October 24, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Sweeney also wants to know who Mr. Willis is and why he is refusing to meet with council.

Township Manager Carew states that saying he declined to meet was not the proper choice of words. He was unavailable. Township Manager Carew states that we entered into a shared services agreement with MACCS and they collect the trash from apartment and condo developments and then those places are reimbursed. It has been a tremendous success and so far has saved the township a lot of money. The township is looking to take it one step further and he is the contact person for this.

Mr. Sweeney states that you would think he would want to meet with the township.

Township Manager Carew states that he has been invited and is always welcome.

With no one else from the public wishing to be heard, the public portion is closed.

The council enters into regular session after closed session to take the following action.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to seek an outside Interim Manager to serve 10 hours per week, to spend one day with Township Manager Carew and to attend the October 24, 2011 council meeting.

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

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There being four (4) ayes and one (1) nay, the motion is passed for the township to seek an outside Interim Manager to serve 10 hours per week, to spend one day with Township Manager Carew and to attend the October 24, 2011 council meeting.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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

There being four (5) ayes and no nays, the meeting is adjourned.

*Kim-Marie White*

Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Keith Nagler*

Keith Nagler  
Mayor

Approved: January 9, 2012