

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

November 14, 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.

Present were: Mayor Louise Campbell, Deputy Mayor 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 Interim Township Manager George Haeuber.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, asked Township Attorney Fahey if the 200 acres of land that was purchased by the Township is still in litigation.

Township Attorney Fahey responded that there is no litigation pending at this time.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interim Manager Haeuber said he distributed copies of his manager's report and asked if Council has questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 12, 2011

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve the September 12, 2011 regular minutes.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the September 12, 2011 regular session minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2011-10

An Ordinance to Amend the Eastampton Township Code at Chapter 139, Alcoholic Beverages, to Address the Possession and Consumption by Underage Persons of Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property

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

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Ordinance 2011-10.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-10 was adopted.

Ordinance 2011-11 An Ordinance to Amend the Eastampton Township Code at Chapter 145, Animals, to Address Vicious and Potentially Dangerous Dogs

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

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2011-11.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-11 was adopted.

Ordinance 2011-12 Ordinance Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation of \$75,000 Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53 for the Preparation of Tax Maps and a Codification of Ordinances in and by the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

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

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2011-12.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-12 was adopted.

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2011-13 An Ordinance Adopting a Codification and Revision of the Ordinances of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey; Providing for the Maintenance of said Code; Repealing and Saving from Repeal Certain Ordinances not Included Therein; Establishing a Penalty for Altering or Tampering with the Code; and Making Certain Changes in Previously Adopted Ordinances

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Ordinance 2011-13

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-13 was adopted.

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Mayor Campbell stated the publication date of the ordinance would be November 18, 2011 and the public hearing date is set for November 28, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2011-91 Authorizing the Renewal of the MACCS Joint Purchasing System Agreement

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve Resolution R2011-91.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-91 was approved.

Resolution R2011-92 Authorizing the Funding of the Township of Eastampton's Share of the Municipal Apartment and Condominium Collection Services MACCS with AVR Resource Group, Inc.,

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by NAGLER to approve Resolution R2011-92.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-92 was approved.

Resolution R2011-109 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2011-109.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-109 was approved.

Resolution R2011-110 Amend 2010 Road Improvement Program Contract and Approve Change Order No. 2

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2011-110.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-110 was approved.

Resolution R2011-111 Authorizing and Adopting the Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the Insurance Fund

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It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2011-111.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-111 was approved.

Resolution R2011-112 Emergency Resolution Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 (Chapter 169, P.L. 1960) and Authorizing the Issuance of Emergency Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40a:4-51, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$59,000 of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2011-112.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-112 was approved.

Resolution R2011-113 Emergency Resolution Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 (Chapter 169, P.L. 1960) and Authorizing the Issuance of Emergency Notes Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-51, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$118,000 of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to withdraw Resolution R2011-113 from the agenda.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-113 was withdrawn from the agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Tax Collector
- Treasurer
- Township Clerk
- Tax Assessor

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

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

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction, Public Works, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Township Clerk and Tax Assessor were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2011 Road Improvements memo from Township Engineer

Mayor Campbell states that the report cites numerous sinkholes and potholes in town. The issue with East Railroad Avenue regarding the Smithville Bridge Project has not been addressed yet. The County is not planning on using it as a main detour route when the bridge is closed for reconstruction.

Mayor Campbell states the County said they could put in the letter outlining the councils' concerns for emergency vehicles to have access to areas on the other side of the bridge.

Councilman Nagler states that East Railroad Avenue is a problem. His concern is that they are not sure what is going on with the bridge. They need State Historic Preservation Office approval and it depends on Federal funds. The timeline could be into 2013 or 2014.

Mayor Campbell states that the County has asked for a letter of support but they will not help make repairs to East Railroad Avenue and will not allow emergency vehicles to go through Smithville Park. The repairs to East Railroad Avenue will have to be done in 2012 not 2011 as originally hoped.

Councilman Nagler had concerns with detour signs at Route 38 and Smithville Road. He hopes the County will put the signs farther up at the Eastampton line so local people will know to use East Railroad Ave. He suggests that pictures be taken now and East Railroad Ave. be monitored throughout the project to see if the detour affects the road even more.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to complete the necessary repairs to make East Railroad Ave. safe and passable without doing a resurface, and direct the funds to priority one roadways.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, it was approved to complete the necessary repairs to make East Railroad Ave safe and passable without doing a resurface and direct the funds to priority one roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nixle – Acting Chief Chris Muraglia

Acting Chief Muraglia gives a handout to the members of council. He and Township Clerk White have been working on this; it is a free service to the township and the residents. It sends out a mass text message when there is a missing person, bad weather, etc. The residents will register through a secure site, their info will not be sold and there will be no spam messages.

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Westampton does this for their police reports and DUI's and such. They use it on a much larger scale than Eastampton plans to use it.

Township Clerk White states that she got a message when Burrs Rd was closed for an accident a few months ago. It came in very handy. Township Clerk White states that it also works with the Townships Facebook site so residents can be notified of trash and recycling changes, restrictions due to weather (snow) etc. You can also receive emails if you choose to.

Councilman Rodriguez asked how this is different than the one former Township Manager Carew looked into. Acting Chief Muraglia states that is the same. You can also choose to have the resident receive Robo Calls where a voice message is left. The township is not doing this at this point.

Mayor Campbell and Councilwoman Overton stated that at a Recreation meeting a resident had concerns that if one has a family member with an illness like dementia can this be used? Acting Chief Muraglia stated yes, a missing person's alert would be sent.

Councilwoman Overton stated that there were questions about having a database of such persons with a picture also. Acting Chief Muraglia stated that it could be looked into and having a picture on file already is a good idea because a lot of time is difficult getting a picture when a missing persons alert is first issued.

Acting Chief Muraglia stated there is no limit on the number of texts received or those texts going out.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ for Eastampton Township to move forward with the Nixel Program as explained by Acting Chief Muraglia.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, it was approved for Eastampton Township to move forward with the Nixel Program as explained by Acting Chief Muraglia.

- MACCS bills

Council said they had a chance to review the MACCS bills and are satisfied with them.

- Shared Service Update

Interim Township Manager Haeuber states he is just waiting to get the draft for the court amendment.

- Smithville Bridge Project - - Impact on Township

This was discussed under new business.

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- Redevelopment

Interim Township Manager Haeuber states that the Ad-Hoc Committee met last Monday. Rich Renzulli will take former Township Manager Carew's place on the Ad-Hoc Committee. Mr. Remsa has a draft and the council should have something by the November 28, 2011 meeting.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Campbell states that the Recreation Committee is having a swim party on the 19th at BCC and she believes the price is \$5.00.

Township Clerk White stated that she was asked by the employees about having a holiday party on Thursday December 21, 2011 and closing the building early. In the past the council has cooked for them but they feel that having it here at the old recreation building is too much like being in a work setting. They would like to have it off site, possibly at Charlie's Other Brother or John & Mollys.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve closing the building at 2pm for a Holiday Event off site on Thursday December 21, 2011.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, it was approved to close the building at 2pm for a Holiday Event off site on Thursday December 21, 2011.

Interim Township Manager Haeuber stated that he was approached by the Sheriff's Office to have a drop box for Toys for Tots in the building. It is now in the Police Station but all feel more foot traffic will come in and out of this building. Council is agreeable with this as it was done in the past.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Sweeney of 113 Star Drive asked the outcome of the MACCS bills. Councilwoman Overton and Deputy Mayor Nagler had a discussion with Mr. Willis and it seems that the program will be more advantageous and more favorable for the township than they had thought.

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

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

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

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Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

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Mayor