

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
November 28, 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: Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Interim Township Manager George Haeuber.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interim Township Manager Haeuber stated that he is starting to work on the 2012 budget. He would be sending a memo out to the department heads. We are a little behind but we will catch up.

Interim Township Manger Haeuber stated that he will have negotiations with the FOP this Wednesday afternoon.

ORDINANCE - PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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

It was MOVED by SPINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Ordinance 2011-13.

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

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2011-14

An Ordinance Adopting “Eastampton Town Center: Phase Two Redevelopment Plan” For Block 300, Lots 2.02 (Part), 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and Amending Chapter 540 of the Code of the Township of Eastampton

Ms. Fahey states this is the redevelopment plan the Council approved. The Ad Hoc Committee came up with a concept plan. The Council introduced the plan; motion would need to be made to refer it to the Land Use Planning Board. The Board will review it and send it back to Council with their comments. If Council is satisfied with the comments then it will go onto the next meeting.

Mayor Campbell would like to thank the Ad Hoc Committee for their hard work. She thinks it is well written and that area is blight in town since Gregory’s closed. She is surprised the building is still standing. She believes it will be a great benefit for the town if the plans move forward.

Councilman Springer was on the Ad Hoc Committee and would like to thank the Mayor for her kind words. There was a lot of work and they received help from Mark Remsa, the Bridge Commission, Ed Fox and Jason Miller. They met last Monday and changed a little bit of the language and some provisions for the commercials. It has been a long process, but he is happy with the product and it should be wrapped up by the end of the year then we can start realizing the dream of our Town Center.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve Ordinance 2011-14.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2011-14 was approved.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to refer the Redevelopment Plan to the Land Use Planning Board.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, it was approved to refer the Redevelopment plan to the Land Use Planning Board.

Mayor Campbell said the ordinance would be published on December 1, 2011 and the public hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2011-114

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Ms. Fahey states that since Council's last discussion with representatives of the County they had further issues and discussions with our engineer. A resolution is needed to keep on working with the funding for the project.

Mayor Campbell reads into record the letter from Stacey Arcari from ERI that will accompany the resolution.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2011-114.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-114 was approved.

Resolution R2011-115 Special Emergency Resolution Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55
Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Special Emergency Notes, in
an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000 of the Township of
Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2011-115.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-115 was approved.

Resolution R2011-116 Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A.
40A:4-87

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2011-116.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2011-116 was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Campbell questioned the amount for Deborah Hospital Walk-a-Thon. Township Clerk White advised that it was for road closures.

Councilman Nagler questioned why the oil changes are being done at Westampton Car Wash. Acting Township Manager Haeuber said he would speak with the Chief of Police.

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It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve the bill list with Councilman Springer abstaining from the bill to refund \$50 to himself.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention the bill list was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board of Education of the Rancocas Valley Regional High School District Burlington County vs. New Jersey State Board Of Education

John Lapierre, 122 Farmdale Road and Louis Diaz, 16 Nottingham Way stated that they represent the Township on the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Board of Education. There was a letter from the County Superintendent stating that due to the most recent census Eastampton would be losing one seat on the Board and Lumberton would be gaining one seat. They have concerns about this because they have only lost 133 students and they feel having two representatives from the Township on Board is very important. He states that they were told that one of them would have to resign from their seat, but also mentioned that there is an appeal process.

Councilman Springer states that he just happened to be at the meeting last week for other reasons and this is when he learned of this. He stated that it seemed like news to the two boards members. If he had not gone to the meeting he would not have known about it.

Ms. Fahey states that she checked the statutes and even with reallocation the two board members should be able to keep their seats until their terms expire and at some point there will be ten members on the board for a while.

Ms. Fahey states that they have 90 days to appeal from the date of the decision. This brings it to approximately February with an election in April.

Councilman Springer states that to entertain an appeal they will need more information. The Council agrees to make a decision on this at the December 12 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shared Service Update

There is no new information.

- Joint School Board Meeting in 2012

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There will be a special joint council meeting with the School Board on January 17, 2012 to talk about the effect on the schools from the redevelopment plan. Council will send Mr. Tafe to be there to discuss the redevelopment issues.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve a joint meeting with the School Board and for Mr. Tafe to be there to discuss redevelopment issues.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays it was approved to have a joint meeting with the School Board and for Mr. Tafe to be there to discuss redevelopment issues.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Overton states the Recreation Department is having the tree lighting on December 2, 2011. Santa will be there and refreshments will be served.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Audrey Wiggins, 3 Dewberry Court asked when the redevelopment will start at the Gregory's site.

Ms. Fahey states the plan was just introduced tonight and will go to the Land Use Planning Board. They have not started the approval process with the Planning Board and no one knows when construction will start.

Walt Tafe, 8 Cypress Drive asks if the Council has looked into his concerns about the two employees in the Finance Office doing the same job. One was hired as a temporary employee for not more than six months and now he's permanent.

Mayor Campbell states they are just starting the budget process for this coming year. She cannot say this has been looked at in depth, but it is a major item they are looking into during the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by NAGLER to adjourn meeting at 9:51 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.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

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Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

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Mayor

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Re: **Smithville Bridge Replacement**
Resolution of Support Transmittal Letter
Eastampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey

Mr. Joseph Brickley, PE, Burlington County Engineer
Burlington County Engineer's Office
P.O. Box 6000
Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060-6000

Dear Mr. Brickley:

Enclosed, please find three (3) signed copies of the Resolution of Support for the Smithville Bridge Replacement.

On behalf of the Mayor and Township Council, I would like to convey the following concerns regarding the Smithville Bridge replacement:

1. Although East Railroad Avenue is not designated as a detour route on the detour plan, but is shown as a 'Potential detour route'. East Railroad is likely to be utilized as a cut-through from Smithville Road to Route 206 during the bridge construction period. The County has stated that they usually make repairs to roads which are damaged by additional traffic during the detour period. The Township is considering repairs in the Spring of 2012 on the bridge approaches on East Railroad, however it is a concern that damage to the road may be incurred with the additional traffic. The Township is requesting that the County include East Railroad Avenue in their pre-construction review of the roadways.
2. The Police and Fire Departments have expressed a concern regarding access to emergencies during the bridge replacement period. The police department believes they would be severely delayed in supporting colleagues during emergency situations on the opposite side of the township. The Eastampton Fire Department is depending on mutual aid from the Vincentown Fire Department, but the Fire Chief is concerned that he will be delayed in driving to the opposite side of the Township in the case of an emergency. The Township is concerned that these issues were taken into consideration during the decision making process to demolish the entire bridge versus one side at a time.

I look forward to working with you to address these concerns. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me at sarcari@erinj.com.

Sincerely yours,

Stacey Arcari, PE, PP, PTOE, CME
Township Engineer

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cc: Todd Eagleson, Principal Engineer-Bridges, Burlington County Engineer's Office
Kim Marie White, RMC/CMC, Township Clerk
Mayor Louise Campbell and Township Council
Chris Muraglia, Acting Chief, Eastampton Police Department