

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

April 25, 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 Township Manager Scott Carew.

**PROCLAMATION:** Arbor Day - - April 29, 2011

Mayor Campbell read the proclamation for Arbor Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew said he had a FEMA meeting this morning to see what they would be reimbursed regarding the December 2010 snow storm.

Township Manager Carew said that Acting Chief Muraglia is on vacation and Sgt. Sawyer is in charge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

March 28, 2011

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by NAGLER to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the March 28 minutes were approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2011-51                      Approval to Amend the 2011 Municipal Budget

Township Clerk White read into the record the amendment to the 2011 budget.

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

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by NAGLER to approve Resolution 2011-51.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-51 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-47                      Adoption of 2011 Municipal Budget

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

Chief Financial Officer Mingin said Total General Appropriations will increase by \$210,236, (4.7%) from \$4,426,642 in 2010 to \$4,636,878 in 2011. This increase results from the following:

Salaries and Wages are up \$ 110,009, Debt Svc. Down\$19,023.00, Capital Improvement Fund – is up \$13,500, Out-of-Cap Deferred Changes are up \$43,400.00, Statutory Exp are up \$226,980.00, Social Security is up \$14,705, Pension is up \$61,014, In-cap Deferred Changes is up \$7,841.00, General operating is down \$175,594.00, Health is up \$37,239, Reserve for uncollected taxes is up \$3,122.50 and the total is \$210,236.

- Tax Levy presently calls for an increase of \$166,607 (4.9%) from \$3,342,393 in 2010 -to- \$3,509,000 this year.
- This translates into a Local Purpose Tax Rate of .677, an increase of .037 cents (5.78%) over the 2010 rate of .640.
- This equates to \$1,864.07 in taxes on the 2011 average assessed home value of \$275,344 an increase of \$101.86 per year, or 8.48 per month over last year's local purpose tax of .640.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution 2011-47.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-47 was adopted.

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Resolution R2011-53                      Resolution to End State Diversion of Municipal Revenues and Demand Compliance with State Laws

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-53.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-53 was adopted.

Resolution R2011-54                      Supporting A-3412 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds

Township Manager Carew said he would like the Tax Assessor to attend the next Council meeting so they could discuss assessment options.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-54.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-54 was adopted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Court
- Escrow Report
- Police
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve the Court, Escrow Report, Police and Treasurer reports.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Court, Escrow Report, Police and Treasurer were approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Deputy Mayor Nagler said last month the Animal Control Officer Wes Goodfellow was paid a large sum of money for past due billing. He asked why the Township is paying him for 2009 services.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into that and speak with the Township Attorney

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to come to a possible solution for an interim replacement for an Animal Control Officer.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON that the April 21, 2011 bill list be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills dated April 21, 2011 was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Policy to Recognize Community Service Projects

Mayor Campbell said she would like to allow groups who need to do community service projects safely to use the township facilities.

Township Manager Carew said he would put together a proposal and review it with the Township Attorney.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said he would like the Eastampton Township welcome signs to be replaced because there are all rotting. He said the shutters on the building need to be fixed before the Memorial Day Celebration.

Township Council discussed the need to see sample ordinances from other Townships enforcing no trailers, boats, commercial vehicles or recreational vehicles parked on the streets overnight.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Shared Service Update

Mayor Campbell said she has no update.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Township Attorney Fahey said approximately fifty (50) tax appeals were filed.

Mayor Campbell said the movie being played this year on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of June 17<sup>th</sup> would be "Return of the Swamp Thing".

Councilman Springer thanked Mayor Campbell for doing the proclamation for Arbor Day.

Mayor Campbell thanked everyone for all of their efforts and support during a very tough budget and proud they are within the two percent cap.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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Mayor Campbell said the next meeting is Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn meeting at 9:00 P.M.

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

Nays - None

*Kim-Marie White*

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Municipal Clerk

*Louise Campbell*

Louise Campbell  
Mayor

Approved: May 23, 2011