

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 9, 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, and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew. Council Member Jay Springer arrived at 8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Braun, 874 Powell Road, expressed a concern with the Omega Material Recovery Facility coming to Eastampton.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said Omega came to a Land Use Planning Board Meeting last year as a courtesy as they are not required to get approval from the township only the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Nagler asked that the August 12, 2010 letter to the County be included in the minutes. Mr. Nagler urged him to attend the public meeting that the County is having on May 11, 2011.

George Paneque, 6 Mahogany Court, expressed a concern regarding how much water Omega would be using which would impact the residents that have well water.

Joe Incudine, 858 Powell Road, expressed a concern regarding the additional traffic going to and from the Omega facility. He asked that members of Council also attend the County meeting to represent them.

Township Manager Carew said he would reach out to Marty Livingston regarding the traffic issue.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

- Police Officer Stephen Cittadini

Mayor Campbell said Stephen Cittadini was raised in the Borough of Woodlynne (Camden County) where he spent a good portion of his life. He attended Collingswood High School and graduated in 1991. He departed for the United States Air Force in September 1992 and served his tour at McGuire AFB assigned to the 305th Supply Unit and eventually promoted to supervisor ensuring aircraft had the supplies needed for wartime missions. He completed his obligation in the Air Force in January 1996 and attended the Camden County Police Academy. He started his

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career as a Police Officer for the Borough of Woodlynne in January 1996. As a Woodlynne Police Officer he served as the Community Police Officer and spokesperson for the department. During his tenure at Woodlynne he was presented with numerous commendations for his interaction with the community and two heroism awards. He then began employment with the Township of Lumberton in May 2003 during which time he was recognized as the first Township Employee of the Year in addition to being awarded the Mayor's plaque for outstanding service. He currently is a resident of Hammonton (Atlantic County). He is married and has a son Stephen Jr. and a baby on the way.

Township Clerk White swore in the new police officer Stephen Cittadini.

PRESENTATION: Nixle

Township Manager Carew apologized and indicated that Nixle would not be coming to a Council Meeting to make a presentation.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Karen McMahon, Tax Assessor and Linda Rogers Deputy Tax Assessor

Tax Assessor McMahon and Deputy Tax Assessor Rogers spoke about the current tax appeals, rolling reassessments and having the school and fire districts share the burden in tax appeals. They said 56 appeals were received this year which was doubled from last year. They would be inspecting every property this year for the tax appeals.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said they need to bond for the road program, codification, computer equipment, building repairs and maintenance, lighting rods, township signs, the garbage truck, police building repairs and recreation building repairs.

Township Manager Carew asked if Council would like him and Acting Chief Muraglia to investigate a possible shared service for police services with another township that had a failed referendum on April 27, 2011.

Council said it is worth investigating a shared service as long as Eastampton is the lead agency.

Township Manager Carew said that Beneficial Bank was liquidating furniture and the township took advantage of some additional furniture at no cost.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2011-58 Authorize Executive Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Matters Relating to the Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Princeton Label Pilot Program and Potential Redevelopment Project

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution 2011-58.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution 2011-58 was adopted.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor
- Township Clerk

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rancocas Valley Defeated School Budget

Township Manager Carew said Rancocas Valley Regional High School's budget was defeated and the towns would be having a meeting to discuss if cuts need to be made.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to have Mayor Campbell and Deputy Mayor Nagler represent and attend the meeting with the other towns to discuss the defeated budget. There would be a special meeting for Eastampton Township Council on May 18, 2011 6:00 p.m.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said he was in one of Eastampton's convenience stores and saw on the counter in plain view smoking accessories and asked if the police could look into it.

Mayor Campbell said the Township received a letter from Burlington County indicating all township vehicles could be brought to them to be washed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Shared Service Update

Township Manager Carew said they discussed this topic earlier in his manager's report.

- Replacing Township Signs

Township Manager Carew said he is currently getting some pricing.

- Manor House Repairs

Township Manager Carew said the repairs will start next week.

- Update on Sidewalk Project

Township Manager Carew said the Township Engineer is working on the sidewalk repair project.

- Recreation Building Repairs

Township Manager Carew said that the Public Works Director would work on this.

- Sample Parking Regulation Ordinances regarding trailers in the streets

Township Council Members have concerns with recreation vehicles and commercial vehicles parked on the streets overnight. They discussed various options.

Township Attorney Fahey said she could get a draft ordinance together for the next Council meeting. She also mentioned that someone needs to enforce the violation.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Council Member Springer thanked Mayor Campbell for attending the Arbor Day Celebration.

Council Member Overton said the 5K run/walk is May 21, 2011.

Mayor Campbell said a walking club would be started for the residents to enjoy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Drumm, 854 Powell Road said he plans on attending the County meeting and asked if buffers and setback would be required for Omega.

Deputy Mayor Nagler said buffers, sound walls and setback would be required.

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It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m. and go into closed session.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed into closed session. Township Council came back into open session to adjourn the meeting.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn meeting at 10:30 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.

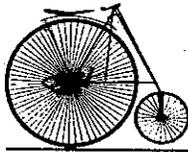
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Approved: June 13, 2011



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August 12, 2010

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Re: Omega Material Recovery Facility
Eastampton, New Jersey

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write on behalf of the members of Eastampton Township Council in response to the request of owners of the proposed Omega Material Recovery Facility ("Omega") for endorsement of their project. Omega seeks to develop the site, located on Route 206 near the intersection of Woodlane Road in Eastampton, making it a material recovery facility that will accept up to 600 tons of construction waste per day to be recycled.

While the project is not subject to Township review or approval, the developer met with the Township professionals and appeared before the Eastampton Land Use Planning Board to explain its proposal and to discuss potential impacts the development could have on the community in the immediate vicinity. In the course of the discussion some issues were identified that need to be studied or addressed in the development process.

As you know, the approval and regulation of this facility rests with DEP and the County. The Township urges the County to consider the following items in its review of the proposal. Omega has expressed its willingness to work with the Township on these issues. We believe that resolution of these issues will lead to a better community asset that serves the long-term needs of the community at large. These issues are as follows:

1. Landscaping Buffer. The plan as proposed provides little if any landscape buffering along the site's frontage. Given the height of the proposed fence around the site (as required by DEP regulations), it is hoped that some softening could be achieved through increased landscaping on the Route 206 frontage of the site.

2. Location of Fence. Under DEP regulations, an 18' high fence is required to be installed around the perimeter of the site. The fence is designed to attenuate sound which is generated by trucks and operations at the site. While the purpose is laudable, the Land Use Planning Board expressed concern over the location of the fence on the Route 206 boundary. It is hoped that the fence could be moved back off of Route 206 to give some sight relief to the facility.
3. Adequacy of Septic Facilities. Given the proposed number of employees at the facility, the Township questions whether the existing sanitary facility, a septic system designed to meet the needs of a residential home, will be adequate. If not, there is concern that there is not sufficient area on the site to accommodate an enlarged septic system. It is understood that this is primarily a County issue.
4. Stacking On and Off-site. The applicant explained in some detail the ability to stack trucks on-site, even at peak times. Nonetheless, there is concern, given the ever increasing demand on Route 206, that major stacking problems could be experienced if trucks waiting to enter the facility back-up onto Route 206. The state highway does not appear to be ready for the queuing which could occur at peak times during a particularly heavy day.
5. Acquisition of Additional Lands. There appears to be lands available both to the north and south of the site which could assist the development and functionality of the site. The additional land might reduce the need for an 18' sound barrier and eliminate stacking concerns on the property and Route 206. Additional lands would also address the need for land to service the septic system. Omega seemed amenable to such an acquisition if reasonably priced and available.
6. Truck Route. Although Route 206 seems an appropriate roadway to service the proposed truck traffic using Omega's services, to the Land Use Planning Board, additional improvements, such as a traffic light and left hand turn lane to handle left hand turns seems appropriate. Some of the traffic will reach the site from the south and as such needs to turn left into the entrance. Given the increasing traffic on Route 206, some improvement to the left hand turn movement seems appropriate. Further, Eastampton has spent a great deal of time, energy and money in planning and developing our new Town Center. It is believed that a sizeable portion of trucks being serviced at the site will use Woodlane Road and Monmouth Road right through our Town Center area. This would materially and negatively effect the development of the Town Center. The Township suggests that a truck route be established to re-route trucks for the facility around the designated Town Center.
7. Wetlands Area. It is clear that any by-product of the recycling operation will be handled on-site. However, the site is close to Powell Run, a tributary of the Rancocas Creek, with a downward slope of 15 feet from the edge of the developed site. Concern should be taken with the site's development to ensure

that the water quality of Powell Run not be adversely affected by the site's development.

8. Post Approval Appearance. After all approvals for the development of the site have been obtained, the Township asks that Omega reappear before the Township Land Use Planning Board informally, so that the Board is made aware of the final version of the development plan. Therefore, the Board can act as community liaison to the public regarding the scope of operations at the site.

Should the Freeholder Board require any additional information for its review, or have any questions on the proposed facility, please do not hesitate to contact me. Eastampton commends and conditionally endorses Omega on its efforts and thanks the County for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Springer, Mayor

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