

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

January 9, 2012
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Nagler certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2012. 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.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Present were: Council Member Louise Campbell, Council Member 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:

Jennifer Azzarano, 6 Buckingham Drive stated that the house on 1 Buckingham Drive is vacant and is an eyesore. She understands that the Township takes measures to get vacant properties cleaned up but she has been seeing rodents going in and out of the house. She said that the tax collection process for delinquent notices should be better communicated to the property owners as her name was in the paper for delinquent taxes. She also said the street sign on Buckingham Drive has faded letters which is hard to read and asked if it could be replaced.

Mayor Nagler said the Township has an accelerator tax sale every year and by New Jersey statute the Tax Collector must put the list of property owners in the paper.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Council did not have any questions or concerns on the Township Manager's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 11, 2011
October 11, 2011 Closed Session
October 24, 2011 Closed Session
November 14, 2011 Closed Session
November 28, 2011 Closed Session

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve the October 11, 2011 regular and closed session minutes, October 24, 2011, November 14, 2011 and November 28, 2011 closed session minutes.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2012-17

Appointment of Township Manager

Mayor Nagler said it is a great pleasure and honor that we introduce this resolution appointing Thomas Czerniecki as our new Township Manager. Tom, along with his wife Jo Lynn, daughters Sophie and Anna have resided in Eastampton for the past 13 years and many of the Community members and Township staff know Tom. Tom is actively involved in CYO Softball, Eastampton Youth Soccer Association, and Westampton Indoor Soccer and Sacred Heart Catechism education at Sacred Heart Church in Mt Holly. I would be remise if I didn't point out one of Tom's finest qualities, his heartfelt adoration for Eastampton Township, if you know Tom he has a way of talking about our town with a spark in his eye and an inflection in his voice that speaks volumes on how connected he feels to Eastampton. Tom's credentials include Bachelors from Montclair State and a Masters in Public Administration from Kean University and he has completed Graduate work in city and municipal planning from Rutgers. Tom comes to us with vast municipal experience including past Manager of Eastampton for five years; he left to pursue his interest in municipal planning only to be called back to Municipal government and for the past 7 years he has served two large communities Howell NJ (Monmouth County) and Evesham, NJ (Burlington County). Tom is decorated in his accomplishments and has received awards while previously in Eastampton; in 1999 Tom received the Young Professional Award from New Jersey Municipal Management Association and in 2004 New Jersey Smart Future Award from NJFUTURE (on behalf of Eastampton Township). While in Howell, in 2007 Tom received Engineering Award from Rutgers University associated with The New Jersey Comprehensive Strategic Highway Safety Plan Program. This Award was based on Howell's neighborhood traffic safety policy. More recently Tom received the 2010 Outstanding Municipal Manager's Award, New Jersey Municipal Management Association while serving Evesham Township. Now as Tom comes back to Eastampton he sees an opportunity and vision to enhance our community. We know that his learned large town skills and planning experience will bring new incite to our town and this Town Council is excited to get underway. Tom we are happy to have you home again and we look forward to having you as our Township Manager.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2012-17 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-17 was approved.

Tom said he is very emotional right now. He said Eastampton has always been in his heart and he is happy to be home. He said Eastampton has a great vision and the community is wonderful.

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Resolution R2012-18 Release Performance Guarantee for Althea Cleantech Advisors, LLC with Respect to Block 800, Lot 9.02

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2012-18 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-18 was approved.

Resolution R2012-19 Opposing Rate Increase by New Jersey American Water

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL that Resolution R2012-19 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-19 was approved.

Resolution R2012-20 Authorizing the Combination of Several Bond Ordinances for Various General Improvement and Special Emergency (Codification) Purposes and Authorizing the Combined Sale and Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes, in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$974,171 of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL that Resolution R2012-20 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-20 was approved.

Resolution R2012-21 Executive Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney Client Privilege with respect to the Affordable Housing Group and Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements with respect to the FOP Negotiations)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2012-21 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-21 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Court (October and November)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the Construction and Court (October and November) reports.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Construction and Court (October and November) reports were approved.

- Escrow

Mayor Nagler asked what the process is regarding Escrow. The Mayor said that some of the escrow bills date back to 2007 and would like to know how they could be closed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Westampton/Eastampton Municipal Court Agreement expires in March

Township Council discussed and would like to see a volume report and then the Interim Manager could have a meeting with Westampton Manager.

- Use of abandoned house for bloodstain Analysis Class

Township Council discussed whether the structure of the abandoned home is safe.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL that the County responds to the inquiries that Council raised which are notices to community, hold harmless agreement and the schools are notified.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved pending more information.

- Escrow/Bills Review

This item was previously discussed.

- Animal Control Services expired 12.31.11

Township Clerk White said the Independent Animal Control Officer is willing to extend his contract for six months providing the same level of service.

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Mayor Nagler asked if this could go on the January 23 agenda for action.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shared Service Update

Mayor Nagler said they previously discussed this with regards to the volume report from Westampton.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Nagler said that the Volunteer Appreciation night is underway and coming along nicely.

All of Council welcomed Tom and are looking forward to working with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive asked if the Township would be passing a Resolution opposing the sale of Buttonwood hospital. He also asked if Gary Duckworth would be receiving something for his years of service to the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Nagler addressed Mr. Tom Sweeney in the audience regarding his previous question of hiring Officer West fulltime.

Sgt. Iacovetti said hiring Officer West fulltime saved the Township \$21,000 because it helped with the overtime.

Mayor Nagler announced the next meeting dates which are Tuesday, January 17, 2012 @ 7pm in the library (Joint meeting with Eastampton BOE) and Monday, January 23, 2012 @ 7:30 pm (Council Regular Session).

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn meeting at 8:24 p.m. and go into executive session.

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

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

Kim-Marie White

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

Keith Nagler
Mayor

Approved: April 18, 2012