

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

December 17, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Mayor Nagler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

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.

Present were: Mayor Keith Nagler, Deputy Mayor Rovenna Overton, Council Member Louise Campbell, Council Member Jay Springer and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Township Manager Thomas Czerniecki and Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White.

Executive Session

Resolution R2012-121

Authorizing Executive Session
Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship Regarding 2013
RFP's

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2012-121.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

(Estimated start time will be 7:30 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2012-122

Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2012-122.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

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Resolution R2012-123 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-123.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution R2012-124 Appointment and Award of Contract for Animal Control Services

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-124.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

Resolution R2012-125 Approval of Policies and Procedures Manual

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2012-125.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 26, 2012

November 26, 2012 Closed Session

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the minutes.

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

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

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve the reports.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by RODRIGUEZ and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the bills.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed the Volunteers of the Year and indicated that their choices would be Ken Hofbauer and Phil Polios due to their excellent emergency management during Hurricane Sandy.

OLD BUSINESS: None

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Council Member Campbell thanked the Council and staff for the experience of working with them all for the past four years.

Mayor Nagler read a letter that will be attached to the minutes.

Council Members Overton, Springer and Rodriguez thanked Keith and Louise for their dedicated years of service and said they are excited to begin with a new council for 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, thanked Mayor Nagler and Council Member Campbell for their services.

Council continued closed session at 8:22 p.m. it was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, Springer and Nagler
Nays: None

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

Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Rovenna D. Overton

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Mayor

Approved: February 25, 2013

Eight years ago if I had ever thought I was going to have to write this I would of said only time will tell. Well time has told, and believe me it is surreal. I am going to try to say what is on my mind without becoming maudlin.

I want to say first thank you to my wife, Maria Elena and my son, Alec for putting up with me while I have been in the public spot light over these years, it has proven to be a challenge, especially when residents would approach my wife and ask here questions about various township matters.

It has been an honor and a pleasure that the residents of Eastampton have chosen to put me into office. I have worked with some great people and have had the opportunity to get to know some wonderful residents in the process. As I wind down my final days and this being my last council meeting, I would like to reflect on my time of Eastampton Town Council.

Some words of wisdom to the new council members (Anthony and Robert), come to this table (in January) with an open mind, you will not change the word but you will make a difference; take the information that is provided and listen to your professionals; lead with your heart because your decisions affect your constituents and your families.

There were times when government seemed to work at a snail's pace; we didn't seem to get much accomplished but looking back we have accomplished quite a bit. Acquisition of the Tabas property keeping another 100 plus homes from being developed behind Buttonwood Park, this would lead to renaming-now Buttonwood Nature Preserve and with the counties help a new walking trail. Final approvals, ground breaking and construction of the Sharbell property (unfortunately the housing market declined after the samples opened). Voter referendum approval, construction of our Community School. The approval and construction of Aquatic Gardens later to become the Pipefitters headquarters and Training Center. The Hollyville Town Center taking shape with phase two just finishing. The Beneficial Bank closing and the recent opening of Dunkin Donuts and the approval and constructions phase of Paris Labeling. The construction of Altheatec Solar farm.

There were Fun Days, never rained out, Memorial days in the heat and sun, Arbor Day tree plantings at the school, 5 K's, Volunteer Appreciation Nights, Smithville Park trail dedication and the opening of Smithville Woods and the refurbishing of the Smithville Mansion. The Governors town hall meeting an a Pedestrian study grant that eventually lead to the planning of our Monmouth Road sidewalk and there were roads to be paved and will be guidance in the coming years for other pedestrian and traffic based projects.

I have shared these council chambers with some great minds and I would like to thank Don Hartman, Richard Renzulli, George Paneque, Kate Russamano, Walt Tafe, Joe Marroccia, Louise Campbell, Rovenna Overton, Ricardo Rodriguez and Jay Springer. I would also like to thank George Johnstone who befriended me 11 years ago as we worked together on the school CAC committee which lead to the opportunity to win a seat on council.

Our township staff is second to none to the entire Eastampton PDW staff, thank you for making my time on council wonderful you guys do a great job for our residents. To our Police Department I know you are the premiere law enforcement agency in the county I am proud to of had the opportunity to work with you. To the Manor House staff, Construction, Tax Collection, Tax Assessor you all have done a great job for our residents and I beam with pride when a neighbor or friend say great things about Manor House team.

To all our professional thank you for the years of support and guidance your insight has allowed me to process and make the decisions that are contented. Eileen, a personal thank you for always being there for my silly questions and panicked phone calls and for being the voice of reason especially when tough decisions had to be made.

Finally, Carolyn thank you for being the bright face that our residents see day in and day out, thank you for proof reading my letters and for giving all you give to our Residents. Kim, I would be lost without you, keeping me straight and making the years in office go smoothly. Tom, I can't say enough, my first month in office and the orientation to the township you provided allowed me to jumpstart my time on council and the last 11 months in office have been such a pleasure, I am glad you came back, you are the heart of Eastampton a professional, a neighbor and a friend.

I know that years will erase the time I spent here but I am taking away great insight, great acquaintances and a warm feeling that I did the best I could do with information I had on behalf of the residents of Eastampton and again I thank each and every one of you for you vote of confidence.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, may you all enjoy your family friends and Neighbors.