

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

March 26, 2012

7:30 p.m.

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

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Nagler certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on February 20, 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.

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

ROLL CALL: Ms. Campbell, Ms. Overton, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Springer and Mr. Nagler

PRESENTATION: Community Garden Project by Eastampton School Students

The Eastampton Community School 8th Students presented a project to partner with the Township to create a community garden that would benefit the community and local farmers.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the garden project at the Manor House.

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

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

Township Council thanked them for working so hard on the project and looks forward to working with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none agenda items only)

Residents that live on Monmouth Road spoke about how dissatisfied they have been with the Contractor who installed the sidewalks.

Mayor Nagler asked for a five minute recess. All of Council consented.

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2012-47 through Resolution R2012-49 was approved.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Budget Review

Township Manager Czerniecki gave a presentation of the municipal budget. He said the budget would be 4.76 million an increase of \$123,000 or a change of 2.66%. The tax increase is 1.99 cents or \$48.00 on an averaged assessed home.

All of Council thanked Mr. Czerniecki for working so hard on the budget and commended him.

Township Manager Czerniecki

- Revisions to the Economic Development Ordinance

Township Manager Czerniecki said that he would like to make some changes to the EDC Ordinance and would work up a draft for Council to review.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Tax Collector
- Township Engineer
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to accept the department reports.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Canceling April 9 and April 23, 2012 Council Meetings (new meeting date April 18)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to make the changes to the Council's Meeting Schedule.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Section 125 Plan

Mayor Nagler said the discussion on the Section 125 Plan would take place in May.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Council Member Campbell said all the recent recreation activities are posted on the townships website.

Township Manager Czerniecki thanked Council Members Campbell and Rodriguez including a few department heads for picking up seven bags of litter along Woodlane Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Buck, 12 Chelsea Road, asked if the Township would be undergoing a revaluation.

Township Manager Czerniecki said there are pluses and minuses to do one and once the budget is adopted he would give a presentation to Council so they could debate it.

Walter Tafe, 19 Dunham Lane, said the budget presentation was very professional and applauds the fact that they are looking five years into the future. He asked if the in house trash savings of \$75,000 includes the two full time employee's health care benefits. He asked what the percentage of reductions equates to for the tax appeals that were filed with the Township.

Township Attorney Fahey said she doesn't have the figure with her.

Don Graham, 2 Westover Court expressed his concern regarding how quickly the Township would lay police officers off due to the budget restraints.

Township Manager Czerniecki said that there were valuable resources looked into and next year could be worse for the Township and thanked the FOP for making additional concessions.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

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Mayor

Approved: June 25, 2012