

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

August 27, 2012

7:00 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 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, and Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Township Manager Thomas Czerniecki and Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White. Council Member Jay Springer was absent with proper notification to the Township Clerk.

Executive Session

Resolution R2012-87

Authorizing Executive Session Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney Client Privilege with respect to Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements with AFSCME Negotiations, Land Acquisition and Personnel Matters to Review Township Manager's Performance

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2012-87.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

(Estimated start time will be 7:30 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, asked if the conversion of condominiums to apartments at Sharbell was the same tax rate. He also asked if they need approval from the LUPB to make the conversion.

Township Manager Czerniecki said the tax rate would remain the same and the zoning in that district called for multi-family dwellings so they were able to be flexible with the way the housing market was going.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2012-10 Ordinance Establishing Ranges for Salary and Wages

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Mayor Nagler opened the public hearing. There being no comments he closed the floor for public comment.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Ordinance 2012-10.

ROLL CALL : Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 2012-11 Ordinance to Amend Sign Regulations in R-H Zones

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to approve Ordinance 2012-11 on introduction.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the ordinance was approved on introduction.

Mayor Nagler said that the publication date would be August 31, 2012 and public hearing is scheduled for September 10, 2012.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2012-88 Approval of 2013 Municipal Alliance Grant Application

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by RODRIGUEZ to approve Resolution R2012-88.

ROLL CALL : Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution R2012-89 Approval of Data Backup Policy

Resolution R2012-90 Authorizing Establishment of a Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 502, Lot 5

Resolution R2012-91 Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management Plan (WQM) Plan Amendment Entitled: Burlington County Future Wastewater Service Area Map

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It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolutions R2012-89 through Resolution R2012-91.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the Resolutions were approved.

Resolution R2012-92 Temporary Street Closure for Deborah Hospital Foundation
Walk-a-thon on September 22

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2012-92.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the Resolution was approved.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Review of Personnel Policies Manual

210 – Anti Retaliation Policy

220 – Complaint Reporting Procedure Policy

230 – Whistle Blower Policy

240 – Acknowledgement of Receipt Forms

250 – Access to Personnel Files Policy

260 – Request for Employment Verification and Reference Procedure Policy

270 – Employee Evaluation Policy

280 – Conflict of Interest Policy

290 – Political Activity Policy

300 – Employee Discipline Policy

310 – Resignation Policy

Council reviewed the proposed personnel policies that the Township Manager created.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2012

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

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the minutes were approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

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- Construction
- Court
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector
- Township Clerk (with Business License Report)
- Treasurer

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

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the reports were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Driveway/Zoning Requirements

Township Manager Czerniecki said an ordinance for introduction will be on the September 10th agenda.

- Review of draft ordinance establishing educational requirements for elected officials and meeting attendance policy

Township Manager Czerniecki said an ordinance for introduction will be on the September 10th agenda.

- Accepting resignations from Rich Renzulli and James Shemely from the LUPB

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to accept the resignations from Rich Renzulli and James Shemely.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, and Nagler

Nays: None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Parks and Recreation Committee

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Unexpired	12-31-2012	Anthony Zeno

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to appoint Anthony Zeno to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved.

Land Use Planning Board (LUPB)

<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Unexpired	12-21-2013	Anthony Zeno
Alternate II		

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to appoint Anthony Zeno to the Land Use Planning Board.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Garden Project update

Township Manager Czerniecki gave Council an update.

- Co-op Court Collections of past due fines using a state contracted collection agency

Township Manager Czerniecki said this item can be removed from old business. He does not believe the Township can use the program at this time.

- Student Government-Municipal Government Day in the Fall

Township Manager Czerniecki said he is working on a proposal with Dr. Krastek.

- Ad-Hoc Committee for Parks Committee and Mission Statement

Township Manager Czerniecki said a draft mission statement would be provided for Council review.

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STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Campbell said Fun Day is September 22nd and volunteers are welcome.

Deputy Mayor Overton said the Township saved \$493,000 over the next fifteen years by refinancing the open space debt.

Township Manager Czerniecki said that the Buttonwood Nature Trail dedication would take place on Fun Day. The Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders would be attending and unveiling a dedication sign near the entrance of the trail.

Mayor Nagler said Dunkin Donuts would be opening in the fall.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Walter Tafe, 19 Dunham Lane, asked when Princeton label would be opening. He also has a concern with the mandatory educational courses for Council Members. He said it was not a good idea and not constitutional.

Mayor Nagler said that they had electrical problems that they didn't anticipate. He said they are proceeding internally first and then will begin the outside.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to continue closed session from earlier in the meeting.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved.

The Township Council exited closed session at 9:20 p.m.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve a \$10,000 increase in salary for the Township Manager based on his contract from February. Furthermore the six month evaluation of Mr. Czerniecki was exemplary. The salary adjustment shall start immediately in the payroll of August 30 and spread out against the remaining nine payrolls for the calendar year. The increase is \$1,111.11 extra per payroll check.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the salary increase was approved.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

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VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Campbell, Overton, Rodriguez, 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

Keith Nagler

Keith Nagler
Mayor

Approved: October 22, 2012