EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES

Monday, January 6, 2014
7:30 P.M.

Township Clerk Kim-Marie White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

VERIFICATION OF NOTICE OF MEETING:

Township Clerk Kim-Marie White certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on November 14, 2013. 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: Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Overton, Council Member Ricardo Rodriguez, Council Member Jay Springer, and Council Member Anthony Zeno. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Tom Czerniecki.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Township Clerk White asked if there was a nomination on the floor for Mayor.

Councilman Springer nominated Ricardo Rodriguez for Mayor.

Councilwoman Overton second the nomination.

Township Clerk White asked if there were any further nominations for Mayor.

Township Clerk White said hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays Ricardo Rodriguez is Mayor for 2014.

Freeholder Aimee Belgard administrated the Oath of Office to Mayor Rodriguez.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Rodriguez asked if there was a nomination on the floor for Deputy Mayor.

Councilman Apgar nominated Anthony Zeno for Deputy Mayor.

Councilwoman Overton second the nomination.

Mayor Rodriguez asked if there were any further nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Rodriguez said hearing no further nominations, nominations are now closed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays Anthony Zeno is Deputy Mayor for 2014.

Freeholder Aimee Belgard administrated the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Zeno.

CONSENT AGENDA: ***The items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Eastampton and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.***

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2014-01	Temporary Municipal Budget
Resolution R2014-02	Schedule of 2014 Township Council Meeting Dates
Resolution R2014-03	Appointment of Township Auditor, Township Attorney, Bond Counsel and Labor Counsel
Resolution R2014-04	Appointment of Insurance Broker of Record
Resolution R2014-05	Designation of Signatories on Purchase Orders
Resolution R2014-06	Designation of Official Newspaper
Resolution R2014-07	Designation of Depository for Municipal Funds
Resolution R2014-08	Appoint Municipal Tax Search Officer (Doris La Vacca)
Resolution R2014-09	Appoint Municipal Assessment Search Officer (Kim-Marie White)
Resolution R2014-10	Set Interest Rate and Grace Period and Year End Penalty
Resolution R2014-11	Refund Overpayment of Taxes
Resolution R2014-12	Cancel Property Tax Balances Under $10.00
Resolution R2014-13	Authorize Real Property Assessment Appeals
Resolution R2014-14	Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer
Resolution R2014-15	Establish Hours of Operation for Township Departments

Resolution R2014-16	Approving Resolutions of Consent
Resolution R2014-17	Re-Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Resolution R2014-18	Appointing Volunteers/Officials for the Calendar Year 2014 to Various Board and Commissions

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR that Resolution R2014-1 through R2014-18 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2014-1 through R2014-18 were approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Term	Expiration	Appointee
1 year	12-31-14	Mark Remsa (Class A)
1 year	12-31-14	Jay Springer (Class B)
1 year	12-31-14	Walter Tafe
3 year	12-31-16	Thomas Czerniecki (Class C)

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by OVERTON appointing Mark Remsa, Jay Springer, Thomas Czerniecki and Walter Tafe to the Economic Development Advisory Board.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee

Term	Expiration	Appointee
1 year	12-31-14	Rovenna Overton
3 year	12-31-16	Dolores Murphy
3 year	12-31-16	Doris Berdugo-Hernandez

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR appointing Rovenna Overton, Dolores Murphy and Doris Berdugo-Hernandez to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

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

Land Use Planning Board

Class	Term	Expiration	Appointee
III	1 year	12-31-14	Anthony Zeno
Alt II	1 year	12-31-15	Thomas Sweeney

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER appointing Anthony Zeno and Thomas Sweeney to the Land Use Planning Board.

Township Council Members all voted in the affirmative.

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

Manager's Appointments

Township Engineer	Stacey Arcari from Environmental Resolutions
Deputy Tax Collectors	Gerald Mingin and Carolyn Farrow

Township Manager Czerniecki appointed the following:

Township Engineer	Stacey Arcari from Environmental Resolutions
Deputy Tax Collectors	Gerald Mingin and Carolyn Farrow

PUBLIC FORUM: None

COMMENTS:

Stacey Arcari, ERI Resolutions, Inc. thanked Council and Township Manager Czerniecki for reappointing her firm as Township Engineer and she looks forward to another great year.

Mayor Rodriguez, thanks Freeholders Aimee Belgard for swearing him and the Deputy Mayor in.

Township Attorney Fahey thanked Mayor and Council for her reappointment as Township Attorney and looks forward to the New Year. She congratulated Ricardo and Anthony on their positions.

Township Manager Czerniecki congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and said he is looking forward to watching them grow.

Township Clerk White congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and said she is looking forward to another great year.

Council all congratulated Ricardo Rodriguez and Anthony Zeno on the positions and wished them best of luck in the New Year. They also thanked Rovenna Overton for her service as Mayor for 2013 and thanked the staff.

Mayor Rodriguez said "I would like to start by thanking the members of Township Council for selecting me to serve you as the Mayor of Eastampton for 2014. It is a humbling experience knowing the tremendous responsibility that comes with being Mayor, and to me it is a great honor to represent the citizens of Eastampton. I would like to personally thank Rovenna Overton for serving as Mayor in 2013 and her guidance on Council has always been very much appreciated. I would also like to welcome Anthony Zeno as our Deputy Mayor and I look forward to working closely with Mr. Zeno and the entire Council during 2014. Lastly, I want to thank the entire Eastampton Township Staff, Council, and our professionals for helping us achieve some of the projects in 2103 such as the completion of the First Phase of the Powell Road pedestrian path; the repaving of the Buttonwood Park parking lot, along with its landscaping; and the rehabilitation of our park's tennis courts (which are expected to be completed in the Spring of 2014). While I remain optimistic of our nation's economic outlook for this year, we also need to be reminded that we have felt the impact of our nation and state's economy in recent years in Eastampton, as well as in our personal lives. Through these difficult economic times though, Eastampton has remained strong and resilient without having to sacrifice some of our most essential services such as our Police and Public Works Department, which are second to none, and we thank them for all they do. My goals for 2014 are to continue to build on some of the foundations established by the existing council, along with the following:
For our Economic Development program we will continue to work closely with owners, developers, professionals, and municipal staff to coordinate and implement previously approved plans for redevelopment agreements with Fieldstone (for the redevelopment of the property adjacent to CVS), the redevelopment of the Gregory's site, and the Princeton Label Company which is planning on re-locating to the GSELL property in the near future. We also need to continue to search for new economic development opportunities for our town, and for that, we have an outstanding Economic Development Advisory Committee in place that we can depend on tremendously. We also need to continue our long-term Economic Development strategic plan to bring sewer services closer to our commercial corridor in the Compass Lane area that can eventually be extended to Route 206, in order to encourage commercial development in this area.
In the area of Infrastructure, we are currently planning for the second phase of the Powell Road pedestrian path that will eventually provide safe pedestrian accessibility to the historic Smithville Park. We will continue to upgrade deteriorated sidewalks and curbs, as well as repaving our municipal roadways. Lastly, we need to evaluate facilities and identify long-range options to develop appropriate workspaces for a modern municipal workforce.
We also plan to improve in the area of Technology since this year we will be committed to creating a new municipal website; one that can be regarded as the best possible website for a community of our size. The goals of this new website will be to improve the functionality for our residents, as well as to utilize the website as a branding and marketing tool of our community.
During the many years, that I have been an Eastampton resident there is nothing that I appreciate most from Eastampton than the quality of life of our town. Maintaining this quality needs to remain as one of our top priorities and in order to accomplish that we need to develop or enhance

our programs in the area of Recreation. We are currently working to develop new recreation programs to enhance the quality of life for a broad range of residents; we would like to enhance the Township's Summer Park Program through greater programming options; and lastly, this year we plan to complete the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the future recreational development of our parks and open spaces. Financially, we need to continue to be fiscally responsible watching our municipal spending and maintaining a balanced budget. We will also continue to be vigilant and explore any additional shared service opportunity with surrounding towns to add to our list of shared services. One of the characteristics that make Eastampton unique is the interest and willingness of our residents to volunteer their talents and time, combined with the openness of our Council and township staff to listen and incorporate these ideas. Therefore, I encourage all of you to take part in our community, participate in our meetings, or volunteer to one of our committees. As Mayor I am committed and look forward to working with our staff, professionals, residents, and volunteers to continue to make Eastampton a wonderful place to live in".

Mayor Rodriguez thanked his family for supporting him.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez
Nays - None

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

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Ricardo Rodriguez
Mayor

Approved: February 10, 2014

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. (closed session) and 7:30 p.m. (regular session)