

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

October 27, 2014

7:30 pm regular session

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Rodriguez certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 12, 2014. 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 Ricardo Rodriguez, Deputy Mayor Anthony Zeno, Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Rovenna Overton, and Council Member Jay Springer. Also present were Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White, and Acting Township Manager Chris Muraglia.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, alerted the Council that Holgate Development did not notice properly for the Land Use Planning Board meeting on October 15, 2014 and he had a phone conference with The Department of Community Affairs advising them that there were hours of testimony without proper notification to the residents.

PRESENTATION: Township Engineer Stacey Arcari

- Burlington County Park Grants
- NJDOT Municipal Aid Grants
- Capital Projects
 - Long Range Road Improvements
- Current Engineering Issues
- Eastampton Village I - Update
- Eastampton Village II & III - Council Decisions on Road Ownership and COAH

Township Engineer Arcari discussed projects, grants and engineering issues with the Township Council.

Township Council thanked Ms. Arcari for coming to the meeting and explaining to them about engineering projects.

MINUTES:

- September 22, 2014
- September 22, 2014 Closed Session
- October 14, 2014

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the minutes with the noted changes.

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

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

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Mayor Rodriguez asked if R2014-107 and R2014-110 could be removed from the consent agenda in case any Council Members have questions.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by OVERTON to remove Resolutions R2014-107 and R2014-110 from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Resolution R2014-107 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-107.

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

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

Resolution R2014-110 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with
Sussex Real Estate Services, LLC, for Block 300, Lot 13

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-110.

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

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

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 R2014-106 Authorizing Establishment of a Lien for Property Maintenance for
Block 1100.13 Lot 34, Block 502 Lot 40 and Block 1500 Lot 15

Resolution R2014-108 Setting the Reorganizational Meeting Date for 2015

Resolution R2014-109 Accepting the Improvements at Cliver & Buttonwood Parks

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2014-106, Resolution R2014-108 and Resolution R2014-109.

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Township Clerk

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the report.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Deputy Mayor Zeno asked if the portable toilets could be removed from Cliver Park and put back in March.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said he would speak with the company regarding the removal.

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

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

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said he is in the process of interviewing Police Officers and re-writing some police policies.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia mentioned that the speed trailer is down for repair and once it's repaired they would place it on Student Drive to deter speeders.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said he is awaiting a response from the Burlington County Engineer Livingston regarding the speed limit on Smithville Road. Mr. Livingston was still collecting data from the road.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said the modified curfew hours for juveniles from October 28 through November 2 is 8:00 pm – 6:00 am. During those dates and times juveniles must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

NEW BUSINESS:

- Golf Facility – Evesham

Council Member Apgar said it seems like the Eastampton residents will receive a \$5.00 discount to golf in Evesham in exchange for some advertising which he is okay with but not too keen to about advertising on the township website homepage.

Council Member Springer said he was not opposed to the idea of giving the residents a

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discount to golf. It is a good idea for an additional shared service.

Mayor Rodriguez said he appreciates the discount to the residents but there are golf courses nearby the residents could go to without driving to Evesham.

Township Council discussed that the agreement should have softer language and Township Attorney Fahey offered to reach out to Mr. Czerniecki to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ordinance Abandoned House

Mayor Rodriguez asked Acting Township Manager Muraglia to reach out to Public Works Director Parks and discuss the Ordinance with him and respond back to Council.

- Brush and Leaf Removal

Mayor Rodriguez said he would like to keep this item on the agenda because it is the fall season and wants to ensure the brush and leaves are being picked up on a timely basis.

Mayor Rodriguez asked Acting Township Manager Muraglia to look into an abandoned property on Manchester Road to make sure that the fence is secured because there is a pool in the back yard with no cover.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Rodriguez asked the Council Members to score the Township Manager resumes and provide the scores to Township Clerk White by November 5th. They would discuss the top ten applicants in closed session on November 10th.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked everyone who had a hand in organizing the Hayride/Bonfire.

Mayor Rodriguez mentioned in speaking with Joe Arone, that he is willing to help the Township secure grants for a turf field at Cliver Park for soccer and help with an irrigation system.

Councilman Apgar asked if there was an update on the Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) that was submitted to NJ Green Acres.

Township Attorney Fahey said that former Township Manager Czerniecki would provide a descriptive of the work needed and the Township would receive a few proposals from Appraisers.

Deputy Mayor Zeno asked if they could have one or two vendors participate in the Hayride/Bonfire for 2015.

Council commented on the hayride/bonfire that took place on October 17th. They all had a good time and it was well attended. They said the DJ was very good and Police Officer Ernie Rogers did a fantastic job.

Councilwoman Overton said the holiday tree lighting would be Friday, December 12th at 7pm at

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the Manor House

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Acting Fire Chief Eugene Oberfrank said he would be attending at least one Council Meeting a month. He asked to be included on emails as a department head. He said for better communication he would like to know when the Township events are.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 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

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Ricardo Rodriguez

Ricardo Rodriguez
Mayor

Approved: November 10, 2014