

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

November 24, 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 Acting Township Attorney Armando Riccio, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White, and Acting Township Manager Chris Muraglia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2014-116** Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159-Burlington County Municipal Park Grant)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-116.

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

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

**Resolution R2014-117** Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Notes, in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$1,532,901 Consisting of \$1,418,901 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes and \$114,000 Special Emergency Notes of the Township of Eastampton, in The County of Burlington, New Jersey

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-117.

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

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

**Resolution R2014-118** Authorize Engineering Services for Cliver Park Proposed Path with ERI, Inc.

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2014-118.

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

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

**Resolution R2014-119** Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Evesham Township for Participation in the Evesham Golf Course Municipal Partners Agreement

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-119.

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

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

**Resolution R2014-120** Declare Block 1301.02, Lot 29 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes due from October 27, 2014 (Disabled Vet)

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2014-120.

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

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

**Resolution R2014-121** Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship Regarding the Township Manager Search)

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-121.

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by SPRINGER 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 received a complaint from a resident indicating that the snow emergency ordinance needs to be enforced better by the Police Department. He assured her, that the Police Department would take a much more stringent look at the issue.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said that Burlington County Traffic Engineer Marty Livingston has recommended to the Burlington County Freeholders that the speed limit on Smithville Road be reduced from 45 mph to 40 mph. Mr. Livingston prepared a resolution and

would be on the next agenda of the Freeholders for action. If approved by the Freeholders he will forward the resolution to the municipality and change all related speed limit signs to 40 mph.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said at the last Council meeting there was a council discussion questioning if there are any towns that participated in a Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) shared service agreement. He was able to locate an agreement between Cherry Hill Township and the County of Camden; he made copies for the council members to review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Springer indicated that he likes the new shared service agreement with Evesham for the reduced golfing rate to the residents.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Zeno asked Acting Township Manager Muraglia if a list could be developed of senior citizens who need help with snow removal. He suggested that if residents wish to volunteer and help the seniors, a list should be compiled.

Councilman Springer asked that we advise the residents of the trash collection change for the upcoming holidays.

Deputy Mayor Zeno thanked Acting Township Manager Muraglia for all of his updates and hard work.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked everyone involved in the senior holiday appreciation event.

All of the Council Members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. and proceed into closed session.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved to go into closed session.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 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*

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Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Anthony Zeno*

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Anthony Zeno  
Mayor

Approved: January 26, 2015