

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

December 15, 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, Acting Township Manager Chris Muraglia and Council Member Elects Matthew Edson and Council Member Elect John Adams.

OATH OF OFFICE:

- Swearing in ceremony for Police Officer Jeffery Thomas Perro, Jr.

Mayor Rodriguez swore in the newest member of the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2014-122 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-122.

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

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

Resolution R2014-123 Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2014-123.

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

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

Resolution R2014-124 Approval of the Cash Management Plan

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2014-124.

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

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

Resolution R2014-125 Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship Regarding 2015 RFP's and Matters Regarding Collective Bargaining Agreements Regarding Current Negotiations with Fraternal Order Police FOP Lodge #146)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-125.

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

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

Resolution R2014-126 Appointment of Township Manager

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-126.

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:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector
- Township Clerk

Council Member Elect Edson asked how many farmland applications were sent to the Tax Assessor. He asked if the Tax Assessor was following up and inspecting the farmlands prior to approving them and sending them to the County.

Acting Township Manager Chris Muraglia said he would speak to the Tax Assessor.

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

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

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

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 Muraglia said he is working with Special Officer Class II Rodgers for a snow removal service to assist certain senior citizen residents who may be unable to remove snow from their front sidewalks. He said there are around twelve seniors that could use assistance.

Council Member Springer thanked Council Member Overton and Mayor Rodriguez for their four years of service.

Council Member Overton wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the staff and professionals for their due diligence and kindness.

All Council members wished everyone happy holidays.

Deputy Mayor Zeno thanked Council Member Overton and Mayor Rodriguez for all the input over the past two years.

Mayor Rodriguez said he had a wonderful four years and he learned a lot. He thanked the staff for all of their hard work. Mayor Rodriguez said the tree lighting was excellent and thanked the volunteers, recreation members and public works for all of their hard work in making it such a successful evening.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Senior Citizen Snow Removal (Volunteer List)

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said this was discussed during his manager's report.

- RFP for COAH Special Counsel

Mayor Rodriguez said he spoke with Township Attorney Fahey and there is a need for COAH Special Counsel. In her memo to Council the RFP's would be back mid January.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 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.

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It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 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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Municipal Clerk

Anthony Zeno

Anthony Zeno
Mayor

Approved: February 9, 2015