

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, March 10, 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 Township Manager Tom Czerniecki.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- ❖ Read Across America – March 3, 2014

Mayor Rodriguez said he was at the Eastampton Community School on Friday March 7, 2014 and read the proclamation over the loud speaker. He also received a letter from Dr. Krastek that he read into the record. He said he enjoyed going to the school; it was a humbling experience.

**MINUTES:**

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February 10, 2014 Closed Session

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the minutes were 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 R2014-37** Appointment and Award of Contract for Animal Control Services

**Resolution R2014-38** Authorizing the Funding of the Township of Eastampton Share of the MACCS Contract with Central Jersey Waste Recycle, Inc., for Basic Services Solid Waste and Republic Services of Mount Laurel for Bulk Collection

**Resolution R2014-39** Authorizing Self-Examination for 2014 Municipal Budget

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**Resolution R2014-40**            Closed Session (Matters Relating to the Purchase or Lease of Real Property with Public Funds with Respect to 3 Compass Lane)

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-37 to Resolution R2014-40.

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:**

- Court

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ZENO 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:**

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER 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:**

Township Manager Czerniecki said that this is the third consecutive snowstorm with no accidents on Township roadways that border County roads. He said the Council made a good investment with purchasing a brine applicator for the roads and having plows installed on the suburbans.

Township Manager Czerniecki said the Department of Community Affairs is pushing municipalities to introduce and adopt their municipal budgets on time. He will have the budget ready for Council's introduction on March 24.

Township Manager Czerniecki said he has been getting a decent response from the recreation and master plan surveys that he sent out through Constant Contact.

Township Manager Czerniecki said that Council adopted a policy on use of fields for baseball and softball teams. He said the policy needs to be revisited to modify the price for head coaches that live in the Township. He said they could accept equipment in lieu of payment as well. He would keep Council informed when the changes need to be made.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

❖ Departmental Reports

Township Manager Czerniecki said that this is going to be an ongoing project for a little while.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Rodriguez said that he had the pleasure of seeing the play Seussication and Romeo at the Eastampton Community School and the children did an outstanding job.

All of Council commented on a job well done by Public Works plowing the streets during the recent snowstorm.

Councilman Zeno thanked Township Manager Czerniecki for quickly adding the Senior Event to Facebook and the Township sign over the weekend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. (regular session)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 p.m. and proceed into closed session.

VOICE VOTE:       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 SPRINGER to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 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

*Ricardo Rodriguez*

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Ricardo Rodriguez  
Mayor

Approved: March 24, 2014