

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, April 28, 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:**

- Volunteer of the Year – Doris Hernandez Berdugo
- Employee of the Year – Zachary Gsell
- Arbor Day – April 25, 2014

Mayor Rodriguez honored and read the proclamation to Volunteer of the Year – Doris Hernandez Berdugo.

Mayor Rodriguez honored and read the proclamation to Employee of the Year – Zachary Gsell.

Mayor Rodriguez said he was at the school for Arbor Day on Friday, April 25 and read the proclamation.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR to take a fifteen-minute recess to clear out the room from the presentations.

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

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

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by OVERTON to continue with the Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2014-52                      Amending 2014 Municipal Budget

Township Clerk White read the Budget Amendment in full.

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It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2014-52.

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

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

Resolution R2014-53            Authorize Reading Budget by Title Only

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-53.

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

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

Resolution R2014-41            Adoption of 2014 Municipal Budget

### **Public Hearing on Budget**

Mayor Rodriguez open the floor to the public; being no public commented on the budget, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-41.

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

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

### **MINUTES:**

April 14, 2014

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.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

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

Township Manager Czerniecki said that there would be no tax increase for the residents this year. The Township was able to maintain a steady budget with no decrease in services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Township Manager Czerniecki said that William was in the audience and he would be obtaining his Eagle Scout Attainment. He is in the audience wanting to learn about the budget and the Township's spending plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Township Manager Czerniecki said that a letter was sent from the Township Engineer to Mr. Sanchez from 15 Meadow Lane addressing his concerns.

Council Member Apgar asked how the Manager was making out with the grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Township Manager Czerniecki said he has a meeting set up with the Township Engineer so they could review possible options. He said the Township Council could discuss in more detail at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Township Manager Czerniecki said he would be discussing the survey results from the Park and Recreation Master Plan Meeting with Council at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Rodriguez said that the Memorial Day Celebration would be held on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. and they would discuss the details at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Mayor Rodriguez asked for a report from the Recreation Director on a monthly basis.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said that the American Red Cross would be at the Fun Day doing a blood drive.

Township Clerk White said that she would be sending out information on the Financial Disclosure Statements along with instructions on how to apply online.

Council Member Overton said she would be talking to Tom and Adam about preparing for the Summer Park Program.

Council Member Springer said there are owl's nests on the trail at Buttonwood Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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: May 12, 2014