

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, July 21, 2014

7:00 pm Executive Session

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.

Executive Session

Resolution R2014-71

Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Related to Litigation, Negotiation & Attorney Client Privilege in Reference to the Redevelopers Agreement with Fieldstone Associates, L.P.)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-71.

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

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

PROCLAMATION:

Central Burlington Knights, 2014 United Girls Softball Association's 12U Freedom Division Championship

Mayor Rodriguez presented the softball team and coaches with a proclamation and congratulated them on their championship win.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR to take a five minute recess to take some photos with the softball team.

(Estimated start time will be 7:30 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

- May 27, 2014
- June 9, 2014
- June 9, 2014 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by APGAR 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.

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- June 23, 2014

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

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, the minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2014-03 Bond Ordinance Providing for Various General Improvements, Appropriating \$403,320 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$383,153 Bonds or Notes of the Township for Financing the Costs for Said Improvements Authorized to be Undertaken in and by the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

Mayor Rodriguez opened the floor for public comment, there being no public in attendance he closed the floor for public comment.

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Ordinance 2014-03.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the ordinance 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 R2014-72 Establishing a New Petty Cash Fund for the Police Department

Resolution R2014-73 Establishing a New Petty Cash Fund for the Treasurer's Office

Resolution R2014-74 Approval of Temporary Street Closure for Block Party (Dawn Drive)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2014-72 to Resolution R2014-74.

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

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

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Resolution R2014-75 Declare Block 1500, Lot 2.01 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes due from June 13, 2014 (Disabled Vet)

Council asked for the amount of taxes that are going to be cancelled.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to table Resolution R2014-75 until the August 18, 2014.

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:

- Clerk
- Construction
- Court
- Engineer
- Police
- Public Works
- Tax Collector

Councilman Apgar asked if all departments were switched over to the new reporting system.

Township Manager Czerniecki said that new reports were being done for Court, Treasurer and Construction. They possibly could include doing a new reporting for Code Enforcement and Zoning if Council desired.

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by SPRINGER 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:

Township Manager Czerniecki said there is an abandoned house on Woodlane Road. He said in order for the house to be habitable and used by the municipality they would need at least \$30,000 for repairs. He said if they could fix it up, they might be able to rent it out as gallery space for artists. He mentioned that the Public Works Director and laborers were taking down the barn behind the house.

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NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Zeno asked what is being done with the old Gregory's building where the façade is falling down.

Township Manager Czerniecki said that he has been in contact with Rich Bernardi and cement barricades have been placed at all the entrances to prevent people from being near the building.

Councilman Apgar said that the parks subcommittee has met and gone over some proposals for improving Cliver Park Playground.

Councilman Apgar said the basin is doing better and would like to expand it in the fall with more plantings.

Councilwoman Overton said the next Recreation meeting is scheduled for August 7 at 7pm and they would be discussing Fun Day.

Councilwoman Overton said that the next two skating events are scheduled for October 9, 2014 and February 12, 2015

Deputy Mayor Zeno said the American Red Cross would be at Fun Day doing a blood drive. It's been posted on the website if anyone wants to sign up. They are hoping to receive thirty to forty pints of blood.

Everyone congratulated the Knights on their championship win.

Mayor Rodriguez said the sports clinics at the summer park program went very well and everyone liked them. He said the zoo bringing some animals to the park was also a big hit. He attended the Burlington County Farm Fair, it was very nice and he enjoyed himself.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for Closed Session and 7:30 p.m. for Regular Session

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Apgar, Overton, Springer, Zeno, Rodriguez
 Nays - None

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

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Kim-Marie White

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Municipal Clerk

Ricardo Rodriguez

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Mayor

Approved: August 18, 2014