

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 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 Acting Township Manager Chris Muraglia.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to amend the agenda to add Resolution R2014-98.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin and Melanie Preston, 21 Lancashire Drive, said they have been living in Eastampton for one year and love the community. They noticed that the streets on Nottingham Way and Suffolk Court are very dark. They want to know if PSE&G can come out and check the light poles. Kevin said that the basketball rim is missing from the park. He asked if the roads in the Vistas were going to be re-paved and mentioned that the Vista sign is overgrown and the light is not bright enough.

Mayor Rodriguez said that the Township Engineer is working on the roads that need road repairs and/or re-paving.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said he would look into all of the items.

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 R2014-94

Authorize Engineering Services for Powell Road Multi-Use Path Phase 2 – 2013 Municipal Aid Program with ERI Resolutions, Inc.

Resolution R2014-95

Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2015 Municipal Aid Program for Linden Tree Lane from Smithville Road to Willowbrook Way

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Resolution R2014-96 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 2015 Municipal Aid Program for Lakeview Drive from Woodlane Road to Monmouth Road

Resolution R2014-97 Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Powell Road Shared Use Path Project - Phase III from the Woodcrest Drive/Powell Road Intersection, or A Distance of 0.40 Miles, through the County Park Property to the Smithville Mansion

Resolution R2014-98 Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Related to Litigation, Negotiation and Attorney Client Privileged regarding 12 Melody Court) (Matters Related to Collective Bargaining Negotiations)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ZENO to approve Resolution R2014-94 through Resolution R2014-98.

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:

- Township Clerk
- Assessor

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR 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:

Mayor and Council said that Acting Township Manager did a great job on the Manager's Report and at future Council Meetings, they prefer him to elaborate on his report for public that may in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- RFP's due back November 7, 2014 for 2015 Professionals

Township Clerk White asked if they want to include Township Planner in the RFP.

Township Council agreed to include Township Planner in the RFP.

- Abandoned House Ordinance – Evesham

Township Attorney Fahey said it is a good ordinance to have and the one Evesham did is very nice and to the point. She suggested having the Zoning Officer or Code Enforcement Officer come to the next meeting and speak with Council regarding doing something similar.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Apgar asked if the County has approved the Township's request to reallocate the funds for Cliver Park Improvements

Township Clerk White said she would check first thing in the morning and send them an email because she believes that was taken care of already.

Mayor Rodriguez asked to add to the next meeting agenda brush and leaf removal. Council mentioned that they had some complaints and wants to make sure that the brush and leaves are being picked up. Council asked for a report from Mr. Parks.

Township Clerk White said that they pick up brush and leaves and the schedules are on the website under the public works page. She said if a resident calls, requesting a pick up, the Public Works Director would accommodate them.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Springer said he had a great time at Fun Day. It was represented well with staff and Council attending.

Councilwoman Overton said Fun Day went very well and the event was well attended.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said the American Red Cross blood drive collected 16 pints of blood and the blood will save 48 lives. They would like to come out to Eastampton again.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said as a Township he would like to help the little girl in the Township who has down syndrome and leukemia. He is not sure what they could do but would like to help in some way.

Mayor Rodriguez said he read the Constitution Proclamation over the loud speaker at the school and visited classrooms. He enjoyed the kids asking questions about his duties as Mayor.

Mayor Rodriguez said Fun Day went very well and thanked all of the staff for helping. He gave blood as well and said it was nice to have the American Red Cross present. The demonstration with the K-9 dog was amazing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by OVERTON to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 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 OVERTON that there is insufficient information to support an adequate understanding of the transitional housing program that would allow a benefit to the community and deny the request for 12 Melody Court.

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 SPRINGER to appoint Councilman Springer and Deputy Mayor Zeno to a subcommittee for FOP contract negotiations.

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 OVERTON and seconded by APGAR to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 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

Ricardo Rodriguez

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Ricardo Rodriguez
Mayor

Approved: October 27, 2014