

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2014

7:00 pm Executive Session

7:30 pm regular session

Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Executive Session

Resolution R2014-89

Authorizing Executive Session (Pending contract negotiations and matters falling within the attorney- client privilege regarding the Fieldstone and Sussex Real Estate redevelopment projects) (Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege and matters involving the employment, appointment, terms and conditions of employment and compensation of the position of Township Manager) (Matters relating to the use of public funds for the purchase or lease of real property and matters related to attorney-client privilege regarding potential relocation of the Police Department)

It was MOVED by OVERTON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2014-89.

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

Nays - None

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

Township Council proceeded into closed session at 7:02 p.m. and came out at 7:29 p.m. and took action on the following item.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by OVERTON to reject the request for a long-term tax abatement from Fieldstone.

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

Nays - None

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

(Estimated start time will be 7:30 pm)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive, was just following up from his comment at the August 18th Council Meeting regarding the speeders on Student Drive.

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Acting Township Manager Muraglia said he would look into that for him and report back.

Mayor Rodriguez said the traffic light at Student Drive was –readjusted back to the way it was.

PRESENTATION:

- Proclamation for Constitution Week (September 17-24, 2014)

Mayor Rodriguez said he would be reading the proclamation over the loud speaker at the school and visiting the classrooms.

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 R2014-90

Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Notes in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$646,276 Consisting of \$616,276 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes and \$30,000 Special Emergency Notes of the Township of Eastampton of Eastampton in the County of Burlington, New Jersey

Resolution R2014-91

Amendment Award of Professional Service Contract for Labor Counsel with Armando Riccio, Esq.

Resolution R2014-92

Authorizing a Review of Compliance with Prior Annual Continuing Disclosure Obligations and Participation in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by OVERTON to approve Resolution R2014-90 through Resolution R2014-92.

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:

- Construction
- Police (July)

It was MOVED by APGAR 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.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said that he had a locksmith come out and re-key the shed at Cliver Park. He took an inventory of who had new keys and created a master list.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said a resident complained about a bees nest on the walking path by the school. He went out there and could not find a beehive but there were a lot of bees. He has not received any comments about children being stung.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cliver Park Proposal from Township Engineer

Councilman Apgar said it is his understanding that former Township Manager Czerniecki had requested that the \$75,000 be reallocated and was waiting on Burlington County's approval.

- NJDOT 2015 Municipal Aid and Bikeways Grants (deadline 10/14)

Township Clerk White said that Township Engineer Arcari is working on the grants and they would be listed on the next Council Meeting.

Township Clerk White said that Township Engineer Arcari is working on a list for roadway repairs and it would be forwarded to Council for their review when completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brush Removal Policy

Mayor Rodriguez said with fall coming up he wanted list this item on the agenda to ensure that the brush is picked up timely. He asked that Acting Township Manager Muraglia follow-up with Mr. Parks.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said they received numerous complaints between Thanksgiving and Christmas last year that the brush pickup was lacking.

Deputy Mayor Zeno confirmed that Township Attorney Fahey is attending the Green Acres meeting with the State and Tom Czerniecki on September 9th.

Councilman Apgar said he had started the basin planting program and it is time to expand the plantings and lay down some seed and in the spring add some plug-ins. He would prefer that Mike Haberland be in touch with Public Works Director Parks directly to coordinate.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said that Police Officer Horn was appointed for a second term as the schools Resource Officer.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said that Police Officer West resigned from the police department to pursue a career with the NJ State Police.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said the police department is in the process of updating their baseball cards. It was a huge hit years ago and they want to bring them back.

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Mayor Rodriguez said he has heard from parents that they are very pleased that there is a school Resource Officer in the school and the kids really like her.

Mayor Rodriguez said he would like the K-9 dog visit the summer camp next year and come to a future council meeting.

Acting Township Manager Muraglia said the dog is awesome and the dog's handler works very well with Nekko and he is pleased with the progress.

Councilwoman Overton said Fun Day is September 20th and has invited everyone to come out and enjoy the fun. She said they are still in need of some volunteers. She asked if the big wooden sign can be placed on Woodlane Road.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said the blood drive is at fun day on September 20th so come out and donate blood.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said the RV soccer club has collaborated with Eastampton and Cliver Park has been packed with kids playing soccer and would like more presence of police in that area.

Mayor Rodriguez said that people are enthusiastic about the soccer programs.

Mayor Rodriguez welcomed Chris aboard and appreciates him taking on the challenge.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeffrey Douglass, 37 Woodcrest Drive said his property backs up to Cliver Park and would not like for the township to not install permanent lights while redesigning the playground for Cliver Park.

Walter Tafe, 19 Dunham Lane, said the speed limit on Smithville Road by the pedestrian crosswalk needs to be lowered. He asked if this could be looked into.

Walter Tafe, 19 Dunham Lane, said Public Works is doing a great job with brush removal in the community and he commends them.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ZENO 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 OVERTON and seconded by ZENO to compensate Acting Township Chris Muraglia with a \$250.00 a week increase retroactive to September 1, 2014.

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

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

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It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by APGAR to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 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

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Ricardo Rodriguez

Ricardo Rodriguez
Mayor

Approved: October 14, 2014