

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

January 12, 2015

7:30 pm Regular session

Mayor Zeno called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Mayor Zeno certified that notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9, 2015. 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: Council Member John Adams, Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Matthew Edson, Council Member Jay Springer, and Council Member Anthony Zeno. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

**PROCLAMATION:**

- Rancocas Valley Soccer Club

Mayor Zeno presented a proclamation to the Rancocas Valley Soccer Club.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Tax Assessor – Property Tax Abatement Pilot Program

Township Tax Assessor Karen McMahon and Deputy Tax Assessor Linda Rogers explained to the Mayor and Council Members what a property tax abatement pilot program is. They gave a handout to the Council Members regarding abatements and exemptions that fall within the program.

Council Member Edson asked if anyone has taken advantage of the property tax abatement program.

Township Tax Assessor Karen McMahon said the answer to Mr. Edson's question was no.

Council Member Adams asked where the redevelopment area is.

Deputy Tax Assessor Rogers said it is usually in the center of town, which would be in the area of Gregory's.

Mayor Zeno thanked them for attending and providing some insight.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Pagenoff, Land Developer for Holgate, 9900 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach Township, NJ said he would like to know if the Council is interested in the cartway (travel way) after they are built. They are connecting Star Drive in Sharbell to Stacy Drive.

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Council would defer to the Township Engineer for recommendation.

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John Pagenoff, Land Developer for Holgate, 9900 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach Township, NJ said he would like to know how the Council is handling the COAH contribution and obligation for Holgate.

Township Attorney Fahey said the RFP's for the COAH Special Counsel would be going out shortly and then she could follow up with the attorney.

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive said that Holgate does not have variance approvals and should wait until after the Land Use Planning Board to make a decision.

**MINUTES:**

- November 10, 2014
- November 10, 2014 Closed Session

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

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Springer, Zeno  
Abstentions - Adams, Edson  
Nays - None

There being three (3) ayes, two (2) abstentions and no nays, the minutes were approved.

Council Member Adams asked if there was a reason why the Council was approving minutes up to two months old.

Township Clerk White said it could take up to a month for her to get them done.

Deputy Mayor Apgar said these minutes are older than the typical ones.

Mayor Zeno said that she is usually behind a month.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Court
- Tax Assessor
- Township Clerk

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by EDSON to approve the reports.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Adams, Apgar, Edson, Springer, Zeno  
Nays - None

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the bills.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Adams, Apgar, Edson, Springer, Zeno  
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved for payment.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Schubiger said he is being brought up to speed on the Township happenings from the Department Heads. He has set up meetings with some professionals. He is reviewing the budget, personal policies, employee contracts, capital projects and met with several recreation members including the senior group. He said everyone has been cooperative and great so far.

Mayor Zeno thanked him for his report and for all of his hard work.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Springer said his neighbor Ted Gourley, 445 Parkview Drive is 95 years old and a World War II veteran, he goes to the school and speaks with the children around Veterans Day and talks about his life. Mr. Springer said he noticed Ted's house is for sale and he should be recognized by the Township Council before he moves out of town. Mr. Springer said he would speak with Dr. Krastek to see if he knows anything because Mr. Gourley is such a treasure in the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

VOICE VOTE:       Ayes - Adams, Apgar, Edson, Springer, Zeno  
                      Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the meeting was adjourned.

*Kim-Marie White*

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Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Anthony Zeno*

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Anthony Zeno  
Mayor

Approved: February 9, 2015