

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 9, 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: Acting Township Attorney David Serlin, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Alec Nagler-Zoccali Eagle Scout Project

Mayor Zeno presented Alex Nagler-Zoccali with a proclamation for his Eagle Scout Project. Alec constructed and installed dugouts in Cliver Park which will benefit the community for years to come.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2015-1 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for the Calendar Year 2015 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to approve Ordinance 2015-1 on introduction and set public hearing for February 23, 2015.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Ordinance was approved on introduction.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2015-22 Approval to Defer School Taxes

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS to approve Resolution R2015-22.

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

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

Resolution R2015-23 Authorize Engineering Services for the Evaluation of Long Range Road Improvement Program with ERI, Inc.

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It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-23.

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

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

Resolution R2015-24 Award of Contract for Powell Road Phase II with Ocean
Construction, LLC (\$62,850.00)

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-24.

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

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

Resolution R2015-25 Amend 2015 Temporary Municipal Budget

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-25.

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

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

Resolution R2015-26 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves to Insufficient Appropriation
Reserves

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2015-26.

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

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

Resolution R2015-27 Appointment of Township Planner

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-27.

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

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

Resolution R2015-28 Authorize for Aerial Larval Mosquito Control

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS to approve Resolution R2015-28.

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

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

Resolution R2015-29 Award of Professional Service Contract for Township Engineer with ERI

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-29.

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

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

Resolution R2015-30 Award of Professional Service Contract for Township Attorney with Eileen K. Fahey, Esq.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-30.

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

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

Resolution R2015-31 Award of Professional Service Contract for Township Auditor with Bowman & Company, LLP

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ADAMS to approve Resolution R2015-31.

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

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

Resolution R2015-32 Award of Professional Service Contract for Labor Counsel with Armando Riccio Esq., LLC

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2015-32.

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

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

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Resolution R2015-33 Award of Professional Service Contract for Bond Counsel with John Hudak

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-33.

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

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

Resolution R2015-34 Award of Contract for Towing Services with Flynn's Towing, Mark Allen's and Risoldi's

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-34.

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

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

Resolution R2015-35 Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Related to Negotiation and Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Potential Redevelopment Projects; Matters Related to the Employment Relationship and Matters Related to Negotiation and Attorney Client Privilege – for Professional Appointments)

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-35.

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

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

MINUTES:

- November 24, 2014
- November 24, 2014 Closed Session

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER 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.

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- December 8, 2014 Special Meeting
- December 8, 2014 Closed Session
- December 15, 2014
- December 15, 2014 Closed Session
- January 5, 2015
- January 12, 2015

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

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction (December and January)
- Court
- Engineer
- Police (September and October)
- Public Works (December and January)
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector

Mayor Zeno said he saw in the Township Engineer's report that \$100,000 is needed for repaving for Nottingham Way.

Township Manager Schubiger said he spoke with the Township Engineer and the Chief Financial regarding Nottingham Way. Chief Financial Mingin indicated there was approximately \$108,000 in a 2014 Capital Ordinance.

Township Manager Schubiger said since there is money left over in a prior capital bond ordinance that the Township Engineer could use to get some of the miscellaneous repairs around town done. He will ask her to provide some proposals for the Council to review.

Mayor Zeno asked on the Tax Assessor's report if it is possible for them to go back a few years and include on their report to whether the value of the Township went up or down.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ADAMS 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:

Councilman Edson said that there is a bill for \$412.00 for a backhoe battery. He would like clarification that the departments are receiving the best prices.

Township Manager Schubiger said he would speak with the Public Works Director.

Mayor Zeno said that bill list was very long because they pay bills once a month and a meeting needed to be cancelled due to inclement weather. He would like the Township Manager to see if a bill list could be prepared for every Township Council Meeting.

Township Manager Schubiger said he had already spoken with the Finance Department and they would implement a date to start paying bills at every Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Apgar said some items on the bill list were already paid.

Township Manager Schubiger said there were very few items that were paid because the Township would be in a very adverse position not to pay them. He said other taxing entities need to be paid by certain dates.

It was MOVED by ADAMS 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:

Mayor and Council are very pleased with the support materials that he provides them and they would like him to continue.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Cliver Park Proposed Path Status Update

Township Manager Schubiger said he sent out a memo on this subject and he would like Council to walk with him and the Township Engineer so they could show them the proposed path layout.

2. Powell Road Phase II NJDOT Grant

Township Manager Schubiger said the bids came in lower than expected and with the remaining money they should consider connecting the two paths.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilman Edson thanked Township Manager Schubiger for doing a wonderful job.

Councilman Apgar said he attended the seminar that the Township Auditor's, Bowman and Company, had and found it to be very interesting and helpful. During the seminar, he was made aware that the Township could answer yes on at least one of the best practice questions if they

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were to create a Finance Committee and do a Resolution having policy on Ethics training.

Councilman Adams commended Township Clerk White for getting all the minutes finished.

Mayor Zeno said the Township Manager has been doing a great job during the snow storms and for helping out with shoveling the senior citizens out along with Councilman Edson.

Mayor Zeno thanked Township Clerk White for all of her hard work and for helping out the Township Manager.

Mayor Zeno thanked the Council Members for reviewing their packets and bringing questions and comments to the table.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, mentioned that he appreciated the Council looking at the bill list carefully because they are taxpaying residents as well.

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. and proceed into closed session.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved to go into closed session.

Council came out of closed session at 10:11 pm and took the following action.

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER to have a letter sent to Mr. Kent Pipes indicating the Township Council is not supporting his letter.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved to send the letter to Mr. Kent Pipes.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

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

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

Kim-Marie White

Anthony Zeno

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Anthony Zeno
Mayor

Approved: March 9, 2015