

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Monday, June 22, 2015

7:30 p.m. 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, Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

**PRESENTATION:**

- Thomas Scangarello, Planner

Planner Scangarello discussed his thoughts and recommendations on potential zoning and planning modifications within the Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Gillespie of Parker McKay, said he was attending the meeting and speaking on behalf of the owners of the Gregory's Property. He said that they have a potential buyer for the site and would like to stay with the current high-density development plan.

**ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance 2015-5**

An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Related Expenses and Appropriating \$370,000 Therefor and Providing for the Issuance of \$351,500 in Bonds or Notes of the Township of Eastampton to Finance the Same

Mayor Zeno opened the public hearing. There being no comment from the floor the public comment was closed.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Ordinance 2015-5.

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2015-80** Rescind R2015-12 and Require Council Approval to make any Adjustments of Real Property Tax Accounts and Refunding Duplicate and Erroneous Payments in Excess of \$10.00

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-80.

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

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

**Resolution R2015-81** Approval of 2015 Refund of Tax Overpayments

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-81.

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

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

**Resolution R2015-82** Establishing a Tax Sale Date of December 10, 2015

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2015-82.

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

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

**Resolution R2015-83** Approval of Temporary Street Closure for Block Party

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR to approve Resolution R2015-83.

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

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

**Resolution R2015-84** Approval of Declaratory Judgment Complaint

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2015-84.

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

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

**Resolution R2015-85** Executive Session: Matters Related to Negotiation and Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Potential Redevelopment Projects; Farmland Assessments and Council Procedures

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by EDSON to approve Resolution R2015-85.

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Court
- Police (May)
- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER 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:**

Council Member Edson questioned why the Chief of Police was being refunded over \$3,000.00

Township Manager Schubiger said the Auditors had picked that up when they were doing the audit. He said that when Chief Muraglia was revisiting his insurance policy he noted he was charged for prescription coverage although he did not sign up for the coverage. Mr. Schubiger said he was very happy the Auditors found the error so it did not go on longer.

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by APGAR 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 that under discussion is the long range road improvements program which the Township could modify year to year, and for the short term road repair he

would like to start crack sealing some of the roads in the Township. He received a quote and it's roughly seventy cents per linear foot.

Township Manager Schubiger stated that the new playground for Cliver Park is in the State of New Jersey and being held in a trailer until Public Works completes the leveling of the playground. He said as soon as that is finished the playground equipment would be installed.

Township Manager Schubiger said that he would like to schedule Property Pilot to come out and give a brief presentation to the Mayor and Township Council so they could see the benefits the service could provide to the residents of the Township.

Township Manager Schubiger said the tonnage weight on Smithville Bridge has been changed from 15 tons to 6 tons it would affect the fire trucks and garbage trucks from using the bridge.

Township Manager Schubiger said that Lennar met with the Economic Development Advisory Committee for an age restricted housing community. He said Lennar showed them a concept plan and it was very well received.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Long Range Road Improvements Program -- Final

Mayor Zeno said the Township Engineer revised the plan based on the discussion that took place at the last Council Meeting.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ADAMS to accept the long range road improvement program plan.

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

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

#### **STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Zeno said he received a letter from Rich Renzulli resigning from the Economic Development Advisory Committee. He read the resignation letter to the Council.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by EDSON to accept the resignation of Rich Renzulli.

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

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

Council Member Edson said he was speaking with Township Manager Schubiger regarding whether residents are permitted to have chickens on their property. He would like it to be

revisited since it's a positive trend, people like to have fresh eggs.

Township Manager Schubiger said he spoke to the Zoning Officer and the codebook states it's not a permitted use in the zone.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would research chicken ordinances from other towns and provide her recommendations and findings to the Council.

Council Member Adams said Fun Day is moving along. He has been in contact with the Recreation Chairperson. He indicated that they would like a stage for the demonstrations.

Mayor Zeno said he was pleased to see that the playground is underway. He is excited about having a plan in place for future budget years for fixing some of the roadways within the Township. He mentioned that fixing the cracks in the roads is very positive for the residents.

Mayor Zeno said he is happy that the Powell Road path is underway because it will make the community more bike-able and walk-able.

Mayor Zeno asked if they could use the Clean Communities Grant to have some cleanup events in the Township.

Township Manager Schubiger said he is familiar with the Clean Communities program and the Township could have two clean up dates and have volunteer groups participate.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nina Odunlami, 2703 Union Ave, Pennsauken, Rancocas Creek Watershed Ambassador came to the meeting to observe the Mayor and Township Council Members. She said she is working on a paper and would like to ask some questions of Mayor and Council Members.

Township Clerk White suggested that Ms. Odunlami send her the questions and she would forward them on to the Council Members.

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by EDSON to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 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.

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

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by ADAMS to direct the Township Manager to get back in touch with Lennar to inform them that the Township Council supports the revised plan they presented to the Economic Development Advisory Committee and are encouraged to move ahead with a formal concept plan.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes - Adams, Apgar, Springer, Zeno  
Nays - Edson

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) nay, the motion was approved.

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER 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*

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Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Anthony Zeno*

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Anthony Zeno  
Mayor

Approved: August 17, 2015