

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

October 24, 2016
7:30 pm Regular session

Mayor Apgar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2016. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information.

Present were: Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Jay Springer, and Council Member John Adams. Also present were: Township Attorney Kevin Riordan, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger. Council Members Matthew Edson and Anthony Zeno were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia White, 3 Prince William Court, said Mike Sanchez a former EMT/Volunteer Firefighter passed away unexpectedly on October 21st. The Fire Department would be bringing the fire truck to the services and Russo's Pub is having a Memorial event on November 6th from 1-4pm.

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, said he thinks the ghost car the police have was in an accident because it's hard to see.

Nancy Bowker, 1441 Monmouth Road, said she is against the housing development Lennar.

Mayor Apgar explained the process from the time the Master Plan was updated and how developers are heard at the Land Use Planning Board meetings.

John LaPierre, 122 Farmdale Road, said as he was walking around the township campaigning residents were concerned that the deer are being pushed into the neighborhoods and wanted to know if there is a plan.

Council Member Adams said residents are complaining because there are more deer than usual.

Township Manager Schubiger said he has spoken with Burlington County and the deer population this season is extremely high.

Council Member Adams advised Ms. Bowker that she could attend the Land Use Planning Board meeting December and raise her concerns.

Mike Savarese, 4 Woodstone Court, agreed with Ms. Bowker's comments and questioned why a traffic study was done during 7:30 am and 9:30 am and not during rush hour traffic. He asked if a current zoning map could be posted on the website.

Township Manager Schubiger said he would speak with the Township Engineer about getting the zoning map updated and posted to the website.

Mayor Apgar said he knows there are concerns regarding traffic and the traffic impact study engaged professionals to handle the work. He also stated that Burlington County also approved the projects.

October 24, 2016

Page 2

Robert Crotchfelt, 27 West Railroad Ave, said during campaigning residents felt that more updates need to go on Facebook announcing Council Meetings and Land Use Planning Board Meetings.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2016-114 Authorizing Establishment of a Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 1100.09, Lot 7 (5 Woodhurst Court)

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-114 be approved.

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

There being three (3) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-114 was approved.

Resolution R2016-115 Authorizing Rejecting of Bids for 2016 Road Improvement Program

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-115 be approved.

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

There being three (3) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-115 was approved.

MINUTES:

- October 11, 2016

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS that the October 11, 2016 minutes be approved.

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

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

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Engineer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by APGAR that the Engineer report be accepted.

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

There being three (3) ayes and no nays, the Engineer report was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

There being three (3) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved for payment.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council Member Springer said that J&L Amish Furniture will be moving from Columbus on Route 206 to Eastampton on Route 206 and would be done in two phases.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Schubiger said that he has contacted Burlington County to set up a meeting with them to discuss the area of East Mill Creek Road.

Township Manager Schubiger said he is working with Public Works Director Angelaccio to have the buttonwood sign illuminated. He is working with the Township Engineer and the on-call contractor to fix the driveway apron at the recreation building parking lot.

Township Manager Schubiger said he met with the Police and representatives from fire to discuss the police using the building on Woodlane Road while renovations are being done to the Police Building.

Township Manager said after the meeting on October 11th John Lapierre followed up with him regarding his comment offering the police to use the RV building on Smithville Road during renovations. He said he did not know that RV already had something scheduled for that part of the building.

Township Manager Schubiger said there is always more the Township could do with communications. He said currently the Township uses Facebook, email blast and the website to get information out as well as the monthly newsletter.

Township Manager Schubiger explained to the public that the Township has a development process which begins with the Economic Development Advisory Committee taking the initial lead with the developer to make sure it fits within the Master Plan and then they recommend them to come to the Land Use Planning Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. 2016 Best Practices

Township Manager Schubiger went over the 2016 best practices worksheet with the Council and noted that four (4) questions were a "no".

2. Burlington County Freeholders 2016 Municipal Parks Grant

October 24, 2016

Page 4

Mayor Apgar and Council Members discussed possible projects so they could apply for the grant.

Council Members entertained an idea of a dog friendly area in one of the parks and asked if the insurance policy premium would be increased.

Council Members asked Township Manager Schubiger to look at other dog park ordinances.

3. RFP's for 2017 Professionals

Mayor Apgar and Council Members reviewed the list of professionals for 2017 and asked that Planner and Animal Control Officer be removed.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Council Members thanked the Recreation Advisory Board, Public Works, Police and Fire Department on a success hayride/bonfire night.

Mayor Apgar thanked everyone for coming out and bringing up their concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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

There being three (3) ayes and no nays, the motion was approved.

Kim-Marie White

Robert Apgar

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Robert Apgar
Mayor

Approved: November 14, 2016