

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 22, 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 the Township website.

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 Kevin Riordan, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Thaddeus Gravely Chief Master Sergeant Civil Engineering
- Boilermakers Local 28 -- Jim Chew

Mayor Apgar presented proclamation to Thaddeus Gravely and Jim Chew.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Rancocas Creek National Water Trail -- John Anderson

John Anderson gave Mayor Apgar and Council Members a brief presentation on the Rancocas Creek National Trail and asked Council for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2016-2 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2010-17 Establishing Police Salaries and Wages to Include a Class II Officer Position

Mayor Apgar opened the floor for public comment, there being no comment the Mayor closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS that Ordinance 2016-2 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2016-2 was approved.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2016-3 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton to Amend the Salary and Wage Ordinance of the Non-Union Employees for Township of Eastampton

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER that Ordinance 2016-3 be approved on introduction and set public hearing for March 14, 2016.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2016-3 was approved on introduction.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2016-39 Appointment and Award of Contract for Animal Control Services with New Jersey Animal Control

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by ADAMS that Resolution R2016-39 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-39 was approved.

Resolution R2016-40 Approval of Township Manager’s Contract

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by EDSON that Resolution R2016-40 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-40 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Engineer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS that the reports be accepted.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Adams said the fire district budget passed and Tracey Geiger was elected as fire commissioner.

Councilman Edson said that the Environmental Commission is going to do an Arbor Day presentation.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said that Art Corisini presented a concept plan to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for Fieldstone.

Councilman Springer said the Land Use Planning Board adopted the reexamination plan. He said that Mark Remsa would work on the zoning ordinance change and send to Council as a draft. He mentioned that the Eastampton Community School Board meeting was well attended and the Board of Education said they would be doing a survey so the residents could participate in the new superintendent search.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Schubiger said he would begin to develop the summer park program with Lumberton again as he had done in 2015.

Township Manager Schubiger said the police have been checking street lights for any outages so it can be reported to PSE&G.

Township Manager Schubiger said he spoke with Chief Muraglia and Lt. Iacovitti and they would have special officers at the girls' lacrosse tournament in July to help with the flow of traffic.

Township Manager Schubiger said the Easter Event schedule for March 11 would be sent out to all social media outlets.

Councilman Adams asked when the Smithville Road Bridge would be closed and how will police be impacted and if renovations the police building could be done at that time.

Township Manager Schubiger said he would look into that and report back. He mentioned that he has not heard back if the Township would be awarded any grant money. He said they submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Historical Society.

Township Manager Schubiger said that he has spoken to the Chief of Police already.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Presentation – Fieldstone Associates, LP

Art Corsini gave a presentation to Mayor Apgar and Council Members on Eastampton Place and Eastampton Place West. Eastampton Place would have 140 units, 5600 square feet of retail space and Eastampton Place West would have 240 unites with 10,000 square feet of retail space. He said that Fieldstone would be looking for long term tax abatement for both properties.

Council Members asked for the numbers to show the benefit to Fieldstone with having a long term tax abatement.

Mr. Corsini said he would have his team run the financials on the projects and provide them to the Township Manager.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Zeno said there is a grant opportunity from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for trails.

Township Manager Schubiger said he has spoke with the Township Engineer already and provide Council with a list of projects.

Township Attorney Riordan said he has been speaking with Fieldstone's Attorney Jim Burns about the redeveloper agreement.

Councilman Springer said on Wednesday morning he would be attendance for the awards presentation from NJ Alliance on the L&D solar landfill project. He would provide the pictures to Township Manager Schubiger so he could put them up in the Manor House.

Councilman Springer asked if the Police Department would be interested in doing Coffee with a Cop.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resolution R2016-41 Authorizing Executive Session (Matters Relating to Negotiation and the Attorney – Client Privilege with Respect to Redevelopment Agreement for Block 900.01, Lot(s) 12.01, 12.05, 12.06 and Block 300, Lot 13; Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements with AFSCME Negotiations; Matters Relating to Pending or Threatened Litigation)

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by ZENO that Resolution R2016-41 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-40 was approved.

The Mayor and Council Members entered closed session at 9:45 pm

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 p.m.

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

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

Kim-Marie White

Robert Apgar

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Municipal Clerk

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Mayor

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