

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

March 14, 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 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, Deputy Municipal Clerk Kijona Thompson, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

- Jay Sellers -- Eagle Scout Project

Mayor Apgar said he would postpone the proclamation until the end of the meeting to see if Mr. Sellers arrives.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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

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 2016-3 be approved.

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

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

**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:**

**Ordinance 2016-4** An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton to Amend the Township Code at Section 540-19 –“Zoning” In Particular, the Provisions of Section 540-19.1 Planned Retirement Community (R-PRC) Residential District

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by SPRINGER that Ordinance 2016-4 be approved on introduction and set public hearing for March 28, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Adams, Springer, Zeno, Apgar  
Nays - Edson

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) nay, Ordinance 2016-4 was approved on introduction.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2016-42** Authorizing Shared Services Agreement for Brine Solution with Medford Township (2016-2019)

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-42 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-42 was approved.

**Resolution R2016-43** Appointing Kijona Thompson as Deputy Municipal Clerk

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by EDSON that Resolution R2016-43 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-43 was approved.

**Resolution R2016-44** Approval Supporting the Creation and Establishment of the Rancocas Creek National Water Trail: A Water Trail in Southern New Jersey that Runs from the Pine Barren Headwaters to the Delaware River Tidewaters that Inspires Exploration, Enhances Understanding of Americas Heritage and Elevates the Stewardship of the Natural Treasure that is the Rancocas Creek

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by ADAMS that Resolution R2016-44 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-44 was approved.

**Resolution R2016-45** Approve Temporary Street Closure for Smithville Road and West Railroad Avenue Intersections on April 9, 2016 for a 5K Race

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-45 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-45 was approved.

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**MINUTES:**

- January 11, 2016
- January 11, 2016      Closed Session

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

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

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

- January 25, 2016
- January 25, 2016      Closed Session

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ZENO that the January 25, 2016 minutes be approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes, one (1) abstention and no nays, the minutes were approved.

- February 8, 2016
- February 8, 2016      Closed Session

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS that the February 8, 2016 minutes be approved.

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

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

- February 22, 2016
- February 22, 2016      Closed Session

The February 22, 2016 regular and closed session minutes were tabled to the March 28, 2016 meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Construction
- Court
- Police
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector

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- Treasurer

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

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Construction, Court, Police, Public Works, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer reports were approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER 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 Recreation Committee secured Star Wars and Minions for Movies in the Park.

Councilman Edson said the Environmental Commission met and they are in the process of putting together a Arbor Day event. He said that the girl scouts would work with the Environmental Commission on the rain garden at Buttonwood Park. He also mentioned that they would like to rose bushes and flowers planted at the Recreation Building.

Deputy Mayor Zeno said the economic Development Advisory Committee met and discussed a zoning change recommendation. He said they discussed the redevelopment plan to make sure it matched the reexamination plan.

Mayor Apgar said he attending the Fire Commissioners Meeting and swore in the new Fire Commissioners. He said that there next meeting is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Schubiger welcomed Kijona Thompson to the team and said it's been a pleasure working with her.

#### **MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS:**

- Deputy Tax Collector - - Kijona Thompson

Township Manager Schubiger said having Kijona as a Deputy Tax Collector would allow the Township to collect taxes all day instead of having set hours.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Capital Improvements

Mayor Apgar said having capital improvement money would allow them to work on some of the roadways in town along with money set aside for the police building renovations.

2. Township Motto/Slogan

“Welcome Home”

“Preserving our Past and Planning our Future”

“A Little Town with Big Character”

“Proud of our Past and Committed to our Future”

“A Great Place to Call Home”

Mayor Apgar and Township Council discussed the slogans and asked Township Manager Schubiger to put out a notice and another survey asking the residents to choose one of the five or come up with their own slogan and they would revisit it.

3. E-waste

Mayor Apgar and Township Council said that a Resolution supporting E-waste would be on the March 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

4 2017 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Funding

Mayor Apgar said there is April 22 deadline for applications and that Township Manager Schubiger is going to work with the Township Engineer.

Township Manager Schubiger will be pursuing a grant for gateways planning focusing on a form of traffic calming that also builds sense of place.

Mayor Apgar and Township Council Members said that they would like to see measures for traffic calming in the Township.

**STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Deputy Municipal Clerk Thompson thanked Council for having her on board.

Mayor Apgar said the Easter Magic Show took place on Friday, March 11 and the event was well attended. Mayor Apgar thanked the staff and the Recreation Members for all they did for a successful event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Sweeney, 113 Star Drive, said as a tax payer he is asking Mayor Apgar and Township Council Members to be careful with decisions regarding tax abatements.

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**Resolution R2016-46** 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)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ADAMS that Resolution R2016-46 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-46 was approved.

The Mayor and Council Members entered closed session at 8:38 pm

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by EDSON to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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*

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Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Robert Apgar*

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Robert Apgar  
Mayor

Approved: March 28, 2016