

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

September 26, 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 Matthew Edson, Council Member Jay Springer, Council Member John Adams and Council Member Anthony Zeno. Also present were: Township Attorney Kevin Riordan, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Eric Schubiger.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Albert Brusco, 4 Butternut Court, mentioned he believes the capping on his street that was fixed was not done properly. He said when it rains the water pools at the end of his driveway. Mr. Brusco said he remembers from a long time ago about “plan the land” and was wondering when all of that development would be happening.

Township Manager Schubiger said the next rainfall he would come out with the Township Engineer to take a look at it.

Mayor Apgar explained the zoning changes that are happening in the Township and how the developers would be utilizing a mixed use at the sites that would have residential and commercial space.

Lori-Ann Tirone, 64 Willowbrook Way, asked when her street will be repaved because she is unhappy with the crack sealing the Township had previously done. She also asked how the one apartment building next to CVS was going to be four stories when we have an ordinance for no more than two stories high.

Township Manager Schubiger said he would look at the Long Range Road Program and let her know where on the list her street is. He also mentioned that paving the roads is based on availability of funds the Township has.

Council Member Adams said they received a variance from the Land Use Planning Board because commercial space will be on the bottom level.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2016-107 Establishing a Tax Sale Date of December 15, 2016

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-107 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-107 was approved.

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Resolution R2016-108 Authorizing Establishment of a Lien for Property Maintenance for Block 1000.13, Lot 25 (2 Worcester Court)

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2016-108 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-108 was approved.

Resolution R2016-109 Award of Contract for 2015 Burlington County Municipal Park Development Grant for Cliver Park Improvements for Parking Lot & Pedestrian Path Expansion Project with Pioneer General (\$117,762.50)

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by ADAMS that Resolution R2016-109 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-109 was approved.

MINUTES:

September 12, 2016

September 12, 2016 Closed Session

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by SPRINGER that the September 12, 2016 Regular and Closed Session 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Police
- Tax Collector
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by ZENO 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, Police, Tax Collector and Treasurer reports were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

There were some questions about various items on the bill list to which Township Manager Schubiger replied that he would get some clarity and report back.

Several Council Members posed the idea of having the PO's available at the meetings as a means of having immediate answers to any questionable expenditures thus eliminating the need for follow-up. Manager Schubiger indicated that he would work on that request for the next meeting.

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:

Council Member Springer reported the Land Use Planning Board meeting was held on September 21st. Lennar (age restricted housing) came in for an informal and they had a short discussion asking for them to produce a few more models for the Board to look at. They plan to come before the Board in October or November for final approval. Fieldstone (former Gregory site) came before the Land Use Planning Board for final approval. Mr. and Mrs. Markley came before the Board for approval to build a home where their previous home burned down.

Council Member Springer reported he attended the School Board meeting and it was the first meeting under a new administration. The Harvest Moon Dance is planned for K-5 grade on October 21st from 7-9 pm. and the PTA will be selling save-a-coupon books.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Schubiger advised the Council that bids are going out for the Police Building for a new roof and replacement windows. He would like to set up a meeting with the Fire Department to discuss use of a shared facility for the police department especially while the bridge is out.

Township Manager Schubiger said the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for September 27th.

Township Manager Schubiger said with the new court decision the Township has met their Affordable Housing COAH obligations, there would be no new obligations for the new developments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Economic Development Initiatives

Mayor and Township Council had a brief discussion regarding some signage for the Township in an effort to boost economic development in the Township. It was suggested that Township Manager Schubiger reach out to Mark Remsa from the County to discuss options.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Attorney Riordan said he is working on a stronger ordinance for foreclosed properties when placing liens.

Township Attorney Riordan said he and Township Manager Schubiger are working on a letter on how to regulate chickens if residents want them.

Deputy Mayor Zeno asked if they could have a quarterly report on the Recreation Trust Fund.

Township Clerk White mentioned some of the recreation events coming up in October; October 6th is the skating party, October 14th is the indoor movie at the school, October 21st is trunk or treating from 6-7pm and bonfire/hayride from 7-10 pm at Buttonwood Park.

Mayor Apgar thanked staff, sponsors and volunteers for having a successful Eastampton Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Resolution R2016-110 Authorizing Executive Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements with AFSCME Negotiations; Matters Relating to Personnel Issues

It was MOVED by ADAMS and seconded by ZENO that Resolution R2016-110 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2016-110 was approved.

The Mayor and Council Members entered closed session at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by EDSON and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 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

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Robert Apgar
Mayor