

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
January 12, 2009  
7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Nagler certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Meeting Notice. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times, sent to the Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the Eastampton Township Municipal Building, all on January 10, 2009. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Keith Nagler, Deputy Mayor Jay Springer, Council Member Joseph Maroccia, and Council Member Walter Tafe. Also present were: Township Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew. Council Member Louise Campbell was absent.

Township Attorney Fahey asked that before they continue a roll call vote should be taken for Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Upon review after the January 5, 2009 meeting the nominations were correctly stated and she thought the vote was okay by acclamation, but upon further review she would like the roll call vote.

Council Members Nagler, Springer and Tafe nominated and voted for Keith Nagler as Mayor.

Council Member Maroccia nominated Walter Tafe for Mayor.

Councilman Tafe stated that is exactly how it was done at the reorganizational meeting.

Township Attorney Fahey advised them that the agenda said nomination and election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. It should have said nomination and vote for Mayor and Deputy Mayor. This was so they could do it all in one step.

Council Members Nagler, Springer and Tafe nominated and voted for Jay Springer as Deputy Mayor.

Council Member Maroccia nominated Walter Tafe for Deputy Mayor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew said he had a discussion today with Gina Berg regarding the draft ordinance for the septic system management plan. She is meeting separately with each town. He said that the draft ordinance indicates the towns would be administering the plan. Someone

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would have to be certified to oversee the permit application and give out permits. It would increase the Township cost for this service. He believes that Burlington County should take on this burden.

Mayor Nagler asked if Hainesport, Westampton, Mount Holly, Southampton and Lumberton Municipal Utilities Authority are required to do the same thing.

Township Manager Crew explained that this is coming from the State so it applies to everyone.

Mayor Nagler asked if they could meet with the Municipal Utilities Authority of the sending districts and tell them Eastampton's stance to try and re-direct it to the County to handle based on their qualifications.

Township Manager Crew said he can go to them and ask because he is unclear how many septic systems the other towns have.

Mayor Nagler asked if they could enter into a shared services agreement with the Municipal Utilities Authority to provide the services for Eastampton.

Councilman Tafe asked what was involved in doing inspections.

Township Manager Carew said there are a number of required steps to do an inspection.

Township Manager Crew said he would send the draft ordinance to the Council Members and it could add a layer to the Construction department. It could potentially be time consuming and costly.

Township Manager Carew said Gerald Mingin, the CFO, would be in to discuss the 2009 municipal budget the first meeting in February.

Township Manager Carew said he has a company that would evaluate the phone and internet service for potential savings.

Township Manager Carew said Westampton is now planning on taking on Eastampton and Hainesport for municipal court services. He is working on an outline for the shared services for the Construction Department. He would inform the Council when the outline is done and approved.

Township Manager Carew said he has Gregory Fernbauch coming in to consult on recommendations for the finance department.

Township Manager Carew said a new law will be in effect by January 2010 requiring every township to have a certified recycling coordinator. He and Eileen are investigating shared service possibility and will keep Council informed.

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Township Manager Carew said that Dr. Krastek of the school district contacted him regarding efforts by the school board and administration to investigate the feasibility of merging school districts. The state is pushing this hard and he has invited Dr. Krastek and the board to attend the January 26 meeting to provide Council with an update.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution R2009-17                      Appointment of Municipal Auditor

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2009-17 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-17 was approved.

Resolution R2009-18                      Appointment of Insurance Broker of Record

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2009-18 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-18 was approved.

Resolution R2009-19                      Appointment of Municipal Planner

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2009-19 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-19 was approved.

Resolution R2009-20                      Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Mayor Nagler asked to table this Resolution until the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2009-20 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler

Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-20 was approved.

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Resolution R2009-21                      Award of Contract for Professional Services: Labor Counsel

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2009-21 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
                  Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-21 was approved.

Resolution R2009-22                      Appoint Members to the Economic Development Committee

Resolution R2009-23                      Appoint Members to the Recreation Advisory Committee

Resolution R2009-24                      Appoint Council Representative to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety  
Study Subcommittee

Resolution R2009-25                      Appoint Members to the Eastampton Land Use Planning  
Board

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2009-22 to Resolution R2009-25 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
                  Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-22 to Resolution R2009-25 were approved.

Resolution R2009-26                      Award of Contract for Professional Services for Township  
Engineer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2009-26 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
                  Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-26 was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- ❖ Clerk
- ❖ Court
- ❖ Construction
- ❖ Public Works
- ❖ Tax Assessor

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It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to approve the reports for Clerk, Construction Office, Court, Public Works and Tax Assessor.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Clerk, Construction Office, Court, Public Works and Tax Assessor were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Marriage Fees

Township Clerk White explained the marriage fee process and that an ordinance needs to be established to collect the money for performing marriages. The money would be deposited into the current fund account. The state guidelines fees are between \$10.00 and \$100.00. She asked that the fee be \$75.00.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to have an Ordinance prepared for the January 26, 2009 agenda for a fee of \$75.00 to perform marriages.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to have the Ordinance prepared.

Mayor Nagler said if anyone gets married before the effective date of the Ordinance there would be no fee.

- Tow Services Extension

Township Attorney Fahey said the deadline to renew towing applications is December 31, 2008 and an extension needs to be granted for a towing company. Chief Mingin asked for the extension for the regular towing companies.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to grant a ten day extension from January 12, 2009 for the towing application.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, to grant a ten day extension for acceptance of the towing applications.

Township Attorney Fahey advised the Mayor and Council Members that on the January 26, 2009 agenda there would be an ordinance for introduction regarding zoning changes for Sharbell.

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Mayor Nagler said he would like to have a community event to announce the annual volunteer of the year award. The boy scouts, girl scouts and cub scouts have expressed an interest in being involved with the event. He would like to have the event at the school on March 25, 2009. The boy scouts have asked the Council to judge the annual cake decorating contest. They would use the cakes for refreshments and the girl scouts would do cookies and beverage services. The organizations would offset what Council would spend on the event.

Township Manager Carew said there was a tradition that the volunteer of the year would receive a monetary prize. Considering the state of finances can he eliminate that prize?

Councilman Tafe said he thought that was taken care of last year and they would have their name on a plaque.

All of Council had agreed not to give out a prize based on the financial situations.

Mayor Nagler said if anyone on Council has other ideas please let him know.

All of Council agreed to judge the cake decorating contest.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Follow-up on Mr. Arbocus' letter regarding Zoning

Mayor Nagler said there was a letter from Mr. Arbocus asking that the zone change be contiguous with the rest of the property that is TCM1. The piece of property he currently owns is zoned residential and he owns a business and wishes for it to be the same.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to refer Mr. Arbocus letter to the Landuse Planning Board for recommendation.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
Nays - None

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, refer Mr. Arbocus letter to the Landuse Planning Board.

**COMMENTS:**

Council Tafe said he read in the paper that Eastampton was among several Burlington County municipalities that applied for the PARIS grant and congratulated Township Clerk White on handling the process and getting it all in on time.

Councilman Tafe asked Township Manager Carew what is the status on the retirement of the Chief of Police. The reason he is asking is because they make financial decisions on his pending retirement.

Township Manager Carew said as of today his papers are in for later in 2009. He believes it

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could be July. This is a common practice for fully vested employees to put their papers in and then pull them out within thirty 30 days of the anticipated retirement date. He has to retire at age 65.

Councilman Tafe said he was dissatisfied with the appointments that were made again this year He feels that he and Joe are entering their third year and have not been placed on any committee position within the township. He feels it is wrong and wanted to publicly voice his opinion and stress how wrong it was.

Township Manager Carew apologized to Councilman Tafe for not flying the flags at half mass he forget to have public works to do that.

Mayor Nagler said there needs to be a light on the flagpole.

Township Manager Carew said he would have a light installed on the flagpole.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Maroccia, Springer, Tafe, Nagler  
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

*Kim-Marie White*

Kim-Marie White  
Municipal Clerk

*Keith Nagler*

Keith Nagler  
Mayor

Approved: February 23, 2009