

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
Tuesday, October 13, 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 Members Louise Campbell, Joseph Maroccia, and Walter Tafe. Also present were: Township Manager Scott Carew, Township Attorney Eileen Fahey and Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Campbell, Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Springer, Mr. Tafe and Mr. Nagler

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive said he hopes to see everyone at the bonfire on Friday, October 23.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said that based on the Deputy Mayor's suggestion at the last meeting, he is attending a meeting with the Burlington County Bridge Commission regarding "Greenbacks to go Green".

Township Manager Carew said that the FOP should be responding to him about re-opening the contract, he should have a response for Council next meeting.

Township Manager Carew said that he, the Mayor and Township Clerk have met with the US Census Bureau representatives about how the township can help "partner" with them next year.

Township Manager Carew said he attended his COAH training, it went well and he is the Municipal Housing Liaison and would be responsible for maintaining the reports.

Township Manager Carew said Mark Remsa's office provided us with the final draft of the redevelopment report for the landfill.

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Land Use Planning Board needs to have a public hearing.

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Township Manager Carew said Louise, Officer Townsend, and he met to discuss the details on how we will implement this new policy.

Township Manager Carew said he received quotes from Nancy to repair two sinkholes that we have at 46 Manchester Road and 7 Red Bud Court. The total to repair both sinkholes is \$10,476. I will check with Gerry to determine if we have money left in our Road Improvement Program to pay for the repairs.

Township Manager Carew said he is preparing the newsletter, the big item being our referendum. I want to make sure that all 5 Council members support the referendum so I can say that in the newsletter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 2, 2009 (Special Meeting)

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER that the September 2, 2009 special meeting, be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the September 2, 2009 special meeting minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION:

Ordinance 2009-8 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending the Township Code to Add New Chapter 5 Requiring Criminal Background Checks for Recreation Employees and Volunteers

Mayor Nagler opened the public hearing, there being no comments he closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2009-8.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-8 was adopted.

Ordinance 2009-9 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 88 of the Township Code Entitled “Subdivision of Land and Site Plan Review” to Incorporate Fees for Informal or Conceptual Reviews

Mayor Nagler opened the public hearing, there being no comments he closed the public hearing.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Ordinance 2009-9.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-9 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-98 Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note in the Amount of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$153,995.00) with Respect to Capital Improvements by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 2008-12

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2009-98.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-98 was approved.

Resolution R2009-99 Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note in the Amount of Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$73,150.00) with Respect to the Purchase of a 13 Yard Trash Compactor by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 2006-08

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-99.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-99 was approved.

Resolution R2009-100 Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note in the Amount of Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,720.00) with Respect to Financing the Purchase of a Generator by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 2005-19

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-100.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-100 was approved.

Resolution R2009-101 Issuance of Special Emergency Note in the Amount of Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) with Respect to Financing the Cost of the Revision and Codification of Various Township Ordinances by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 2008-11

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-101.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-101 was approved.

Resolution R2009-102 Closed Session

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-102.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-102 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Clerk's Office
- Construction Office
- Public Works

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to approve the reports for Clerk's Office, Construction, and Public Works.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Clerk's Office, Construction, and Public Works were approved.

- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE to approve the report for Tax Assessor.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, Tax Assessor report was approved.

- Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report

Mayor Nagler said this is the first report produced after the budget has been added in and would like to ask why accounts are in the negative.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to table the Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report until the next meeting.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report is tabled until October 26, 2009.

- Treasurer Quarterly Escrow Report

Township Manager Carew said Kim would be taking over the Escrow Accounts until Jill feels comfortable working with the system.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the Treasurer Quarterly Escrow Report.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, Treasurer Quarterly Escrow Report was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Updating existing Recycling Ordinance

Township Manager said that the Public Works Director went to a meeting and Burlington County is pushing updating the existing recycling ordinances on the municipalities.

Township Attorney Fahey said she went over the ordinance and they are pushing sorting on the facility picking up the recyclables. She has sent a copy to Rob Willis from MACCS to get his opinion.

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Mayor Nagler asked that this be put under old business for the October 26 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said he is having a Green Team meeting this month.

- Economic Development Topics

Township Manager Carew said this can't be discussed in open session.

- Codification

Township Clerk White said nothing new to report

- Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement

Township Attorney Fahey said she has spoken with the Board of Public Utilities Authority and Jim Mallon from Comcast. The Board of Public Utilities Authority documents do not contain anything that says Comcast has not kept with their bargaining contract. The complaints are not sufficient for breach of contract. Council needs to decide whether to renew or not. The technology grant would be given if the Council goes with a contract for more than 15 years with a 10 year renewal.

Council decided to go with a short term contract.

Township Attorney Fahey said she would speak with Nancy Wolfe at Board of Public Utilities Authority and get back to Council.

- Recycling Cart Program

Township Manager Carew said they can discuss this next year. If the referendum passes then can discuss whether they are opting for the spring of 2010.

Councilman Tafe said when the budget workshop sessions are held, he is hoping they see something from the Chief Financial Officer. He would like to see handouts, money from bonds that have not been spent, what they are working with and what they plan on doing with what they have. He would like to see a professional presentation especially for the public.

Mayor Nagler said by November 2 he would like to see, by the department heads, where they are this year versus last year. He would also like to see an updated bonds and anticipated list, what payments are due and what Gerry's anticipated transfers would be.

Councilman Tafe asked that Gerry give them alternatives to look at if Council only wants a five cents increase without the state aide, show them the other option so they can decide how to proceed.

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Councilwoman Campbell asked if the recreation building has a street address to and have the address put on the building so people can see it.

Mayor Nagler asked if the old Township sign can be used at the recreation building.

Township Manager Carew said that he would ask Rich Parks to put the sign in.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Campbell advised Council on all the activities the seniors are having.

Township Clerk White advised the Council that the 2008 audit came in and is in their boxes. Council would be voting on the 2008 audit at the October 26 meeting. Gerry would provide the corrective action plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way asked for an explanation of the referendum.

Township Manager Carew explained in detail why the referendum is on the general ballot and how it would affect the residents.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Campbell, 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: November 9, 2009