

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
October 26, 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:

Victor Krucinski, 8 Jennifer Court, said he attended the September 2, 2009 Special Meeting and was wondering where the minutes are from the September 14 and September 28 meetings.

Township Manager Carew indicated that the minutes are done after the meeting and then approved by Council at a Council Meeting.

Township Clerk White said she is generally a month behind.

Bill Louie, 5 Red Oak Court, asked if closed session minutes are ever publicized.

Township Attorney Fahey said that the closed session minutes remain closed and are not released to the public until the matters discussed are no longer privileged and confidential.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said he gave every member of Council of copy of the one page newsletter that went out to the residents regarding the public question for open space. It is going out in the mail between October 27 and October 29, currently it is at the printers.

Township Manager Carew said that the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and he have been going back and forth with the proposal. He will have something for Council by the next meeting. He said American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (ASFCME) has been a little more behind then the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) preparing a proposal, so he is

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meeting with them tomorrow to help steer them more. He said he would have something in place for January 1, 2010.

Township Manager Carew said that he received a phone call from Rutgers indicating that forty seven towns would be awarded at the ceremony for submitting the sustainable points. They didn't mention whether Eastampton was considered to being certified yet. He indicated that the Township is trying very hard to get the energy audit done, but since it is being done through the bridge commission it would take some time.

Township Manager Carew said they have the money to repair the sink holes, but they do not have any section 20 costs left. The Township Engineer needs to be paid so that is something they need to look into next year.

Township Manager Carew said that Eastampton was sued for not having an ADA compliant building. The case was settled, the JIF paid for the legal fees; the Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) does not pay for section 20 expenses. The Township is on the hook because the changes need to be made, and since the settlement has been agreed it needs to be paid. The Township Engineer's costs for the specifications would be \$10,000. He said since the building is considered historic they need to make the ramps, bathroom and door ADA compliant.

Township Manager Carew said that Kim is taking over the escrow accounts and currently they do not have a module in Edmunds, to get the module would cost \$5,300.

Mayor Nagler asked if there is any money left over in old BANS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 14, 2009

September 28, 2009 (Closed Session)

October 13, 2009 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA that the September 14, 2009, September 28, 2009 closed session minutes and October 13, 2009 closed session minutes, be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the September 14, 2009, September 28, 2009 closed session minutes and October 13, 2009 closed session minutes were approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-103

Declaration of Compliance with Regulations of Local Finance Board

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2009-103.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-103 was approved.

Resolution R2009-104 Approval of Corrective Action Plan for 2008 Annual Audit

Councilman Tafe said the corrective action plan presented was worthless and the Chief Financial Officer's explanation answers nothing. There needs to be an effective corrective plan and it needs to be more of an explanation in the action plan.

Mayor Nagler said he has three years of audits and finds major inconsistencies between the audits.

Mayor Nagler said that Holman and Frenia should come in and explain the findings in the audit.

Mayor Nagler said that every year it is the same findings from the Finance office. He is asking That the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer be present at the next meeting to discuss the audit.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to table Resolution R2009-104.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-104 was tabled to the November 9, 2009 Council Meeting.

Resolution R2009-105 Closed Session

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2009-105.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-105 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report
- Treasurer Report (September)
- Police Reports (August & September)

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It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the reports for Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report, Treasurer Report (September) and Police Reports (August & September).

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Treasurer Quarterly Budget Report, Treasurer Report (September) and Police Reports (August & September) were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Maroccia asked why spot lights are so expensive for the Suburban's. On page ten two are \$1,093.00.

Deputy Mayor Springer asked why one was cheaper.

Township Manager Carew said he would get back to them.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER that the October 22, 2009 bill list be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved dated October 22, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cliver Park Baseball Field

Township Manager Carew said that the school has decided to build their own field on their property.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed in his Manager's report.

- 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 the information she has can't be discussed in open session.

- Recycling Cart Program

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

- Updating existing Recycling Ordinance

Township Attorney Fahey said she spoke with Rob Willis and he has the same concerns she has. Rob Willis was going to speak with Ann Moore and get back to her.

- Determination of Redevelopment Needs Study prepared by Mark Remsa, Burlington County Economic Development and Regional Planning

Township Attorney Fahey said she asked Nancy and Fred if they were having the public hearing on this on December 7, 2009. She said they told her they would try. Mark Remsa would need to be present for the meeting.

- Sinkhole Repairs

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed in his Manager's report.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Attorney Fahey said that the Tax Collector indicated by memo that no bids were received for the tax lien properties.

Councilwoman Campbell gave them an update on the Senior Program.

Councilman Tafe asked if the Chief Financial Officer knows what Council is looking for at the November 10 budget workshop session.

Township Manager Carew said all of the information would be coming from him with the input from the Chief Financial Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

After closed session Council came back into regular session.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to have Township Manager Carew send a letter to Markeim Chalmers indicating a letter of interest for the Greogory's site.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to have Township Manager Carew send a letter to Markeim and Chalmers indicating interest in the Gregory's site.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPELL to adjourn the open session meeting at 9:00 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

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Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

Keith Nagler
Mayor

Approved: November 23, 2009