

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
December 14, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said the Redevelopment Committee met and are recommending that Council direct us, along with Eileen, to draft a Memorandum of Understanding.

Township Manager Carew said Township Clerk White received the official referendum results from the election. Chief Financial Officer Mingin and he have determined the "value" of the time Public Works spends in the parks to be \$90k/year. We will go retroactive to November 3rd.

Township Manager Carew said the New Jersey League of Municipalities has asked him to author an article for their magazine's February issue. With Council's blessing, I would like to submit an article expressing what we would like to see the new Governor do as it relates to municipalities. Within the article I would touch on unfunded mandates, COAH, equitable state aid, and not using small towns as scapegoats for New Jersey's property tax problems. If I submit an article, I would have to let the League know who the 2010 Mayor is right after re-org so he/she could be listed as a co-author.

Township Manager Carew said Assemblyman John Wisniewski (Middlesex) has a proposed bill that would insulate us from having additional low income housing units thrust upon us. This is a result of the New Jersey League of Municipalities resolution that Council passed.

Negotiations are complete and will be discussed in closed session.

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Township Manager Carew said Rich worked out a deal with Frank Somes of the County Highway Department to purchase road salt now and have it stored at the County facility. He thanked Councilman Tafe for the fantastic idea.

Township Manager Carew said a resident asked about the Township allowing hunting on our property. Currently hunting it is not allowed. The JIF feels very strongly that the liability of allowing it is too high. Towns have allowed it in order to thin herds and lessen the chance of deer related car accidents. He asked for Council's thoughts.

Township Manager Carew said the Township received a \$3,000 grant to cover the purchase of an AED for the new recreation building. Lt. Coppola located the grant opportunity and Patrolman Townsend coordinated the paperwork.

Township Manager Carew said that the free training the Township was told about for Edmunds training is only for webinars. Mr. Carew believes that Gerry and Doris need to have hands on training. The soonest Edmunds can come in and provide training would be the end of January for an hourly fee of \$125.00. Outsourcing payroll would be a waste of Township money.

Councilman Tafe asked how many hours would be spent training and who would receive training.

Township Manager Carew said himself, Gerry, Kim, Doris and Carolyn would receive the training needed and he is not sure how much time would be spent on the training until Edmunds comes in to evaluate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 9, 2009

November 10, 2009 Budget Workshop

November 23, 2009

November 23, 2009 Closed Session

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE that the November 9, 2009, November 10, 2009 Budget Workshop, November 23, 2009 and November 23, 2009 closed session minutes, be approved.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays November 9, 2009, November 10, 2009 Budget Workshop, November 23, 2009 and November 23, 2009 closed session minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE – ADOPTION:

Ordinance 2009-10

An Ordinance Creating New Chapter 39 Entitled "Business Licenses"

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

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It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Ordinance 2009-10.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-10 was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-111 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to approve Resolution R2009-111.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-111 was approved.

Resolution R2009-112 Void Outstanding Current Fund Checks

Mayor Nagler asked why 2007 is not on the list. He asked when he was going to cancel 2008 outstanding checks.

Chief Financial Officer said he does not think he had outstanding checks for 2007. He said he could put the 2008 cancelled checks on the next meeting.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-112.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-112 was approved.

Resolution R2009-113 Cancel Unexpended Appropriations

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2009-113.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-113 was approved.

Resolution R2009-114 Refund Taxes Paid From November 13, 2009 to Current Date and
Cancel Taxes Due for Block 1100.14, Lot 9 (Disabled Veteran)

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It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-114

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, Resolution R2009-114 was approved.

Resolution R2009-115 Adopting Township's Official Citizen Leadership Form

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-115.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-115 was approved.

Resolution R2009-116 Authorize Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-116.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-116 was approved.

Resolution R2009-117 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Agreement for
Contract Amendment with Eastampton Police Lodge # 146 (FOP)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-117.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-117 was approved.

Resolution R2009-118 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Agreement for
Amendment with American Federation of State, County and
Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-118.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-118 was approved.

Resolution R2009-119 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the Burlington
County Bridge Commission for Funding of a Traffic Study of the
Township's Designated Redevelopment Area

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2009-119.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-119 was approved.

Resolution R2009-120 Closed Session

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to approve Resolution R2009-120.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-120 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Construction
- Public Works
- Township Clerk
- Treasurer

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the reports for
Construction, Public Works, Township Clerk and Treasurer.

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

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

- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by SPRINGER 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.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA that the December 10, 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 dated December 10, 2009 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Letter from Sue Viola commending Detective Muraglia and Special Needs Officer Townsend

Mayor Nagler read the letter Ms. Viola sent. He said it is always nice to receive recognition from a resident commending the officers.

- Court report from Westampton (October)

Mayor Nagler said the report is nice to see.

Mayor Nagler asked if in 2010 the Township can hire a collection agency to collect the outstanding court fines.

Township Manager Carew said he could look into it with advice from the Township Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget Workshop

Mayor Nagler asked if Council had any questions on the draft temporary budget.

Township Manager Carew mentioned the police pension would be going down for 2010.

Mayor Nagler asked if the 3% increase for tipping fees was included in the draft temporary budget.

Chief Financial Officer said he did not add that in, but he can always amend the budget to include the 3% increase for tipping fees.

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Mayor Nagler asked if they could add in the Finance budget an extra \$5,000 in operating expenses to cover Edmunds training.

- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said the Deputy Mayor Springer secured a rain barrel to use in conjunction with Sustainable Jersey. The water collected would water the rain garden. It also would keep polluted water from going into the storm drains. The seeds would need to be planted in the spring.

- Economic Development Topics

Township Manager Carew said the Township Attorney would be preparing a Memorandum of Understanding for Eastampton Township, the Chicago Group and Natural Resources.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA directing the Township Attorney to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for Eastampton Township, the Chicago Group and Natural Resources.

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

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

- Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement

Township Attorney Fahey said she needs to circulate the draft ordinance to the Board of Public Utilities.

- Recycling Cart Program/Recycling Bank

Township Manager Carew said there is nothing new to report.

Mayor Nagler asked if Ann Moore can attend a meeting in January to discuss further.

Township Manager Carew said once the carts become available he would ask her to come back.

Township Attorney Fahey said Rob Willis from the MACCS Program would be in contact with the Township to discuss the Recycling Bank opportunity.

- Sinkhole Repairs

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with the Township Engineer and the contractor is coming out to fix the sink holes next week.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

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Township Clerk White wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Campbell said she has learned so much in her first year and it is very rewarding. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Township Manager Carew said that Council did an excellent job this year especially with all the budget details they had to overcome; he commends them.

Councilman Tafe wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Deputy Mayor Springer wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Council Member Maroccia wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mayor Nagler thanked everyone for all their help. He thanked Council Member Tafe for all of his insightful ideas, they have helped the staff and the Township.

Mayor Nagler thanked Council Member Campbell and Deputy Mayor Springer for all their efforts during their first year serving and wished them continued success.

Mayor Nagler thanked Council Member Maroccia for his persistence and it is a good attribute.

Mayor Nagler thanked Township Attorney Fahey, Township Manager Carew and Township Clerk White for keeping him in line and working with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Township Council went into closed session which was motioned by Maroccia and second by Tafe at 9:09 p.m. The Township Council came back into open session to vote on Resolution R2009-117 and R2009-118.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA authorizing Township Attorney Fahey to proceed with a condemnation action for the application for Bozzi Enterprises located on the corner of Hollyville Place and Woodlane Road.

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

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

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn meeting at 10:55 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

Jay Springer
Jay Springer
Mayor

Approved: January 25, 2010