

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

February 23, 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 Attorney Eileen Fahey, Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White and Township Manager Scott Carew.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Township Manager Carew said last week he prepared paperwork to see if Eastampton could get some stimulus money.

Township Manager Carew met with Mark Remsa last week to discuss the County's position for developing Route 38.

Township Manager Carew said he is still looking into a possible savings with phone service.

**PRESENTATION:**

- Chief Financial Officer Gerald Mingin on the 2009 Municipal Budget

Chief Financial Officer gave a detailed report on the 2009 Municipal Budget. He addressed all of the concerns the Township Council had. He is hoping the budget can be introduced by the end of March.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

January 12, 2009

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that the January 12, 2009 minutes were approved with the changes Deputy Mayor Springer made.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, January 12, 2009 minutes were approved with the changes.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to have a five minutes recess.

All of Council agreed.

**ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance 2009-01** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter A128 of the Township Code to Establish a Fee for Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies and Amend Certain Other Municipal Fees

Mayor Nagler opened the public hearing.

Carol Brown-Layou, asked what fees were increased.

Municipal Clerk White advised her that seventy-five dollars would be charged to perform marriage ceremonies, the certified copy fee was increased and the food handler permits were increased.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER that Ordinance 2009-1 be adopted.

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

There being four (4) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-1 was adopted.

**Ordinance 2009-02** An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton to Amend the Township Code at Section 103 – “Zoning” in Particular, the Provisions of Section 103-90 Addressing the Town Center District

Mayor Nagler opened the public hearing. There being no comments the public hearing was closed.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that Ordinance 2009-2 be adopted.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-2 was adopted.

**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:**

**Ordinance 2009-03** Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits  
and to Establish a Cap Bank

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to introduce Ordinance 2009-3 and set  
public hearing for March 23, 2009.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-3 was approved on introduction.

Mayor Nagler said the publication date on the ordinance would be February 27, 2009.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution R2009-41** Refund Taxes Paid From January 1, 2009 to Current Date and  
Cancel Taxes Due for the Second Quarter of 2009  
for Block 1001, Lot 2

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that Resolution R2009-41 be  
approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, Resolution R2009-41 was approved.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Court
- Police
- Tax Assessor
- Tax Collector/Treasurer

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve the reports for Court,  
Police, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector/Treasurer.

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

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There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly reports for Court, Police, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector/Treasurer were approved.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE that the February 19, 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 February 19, 2009.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Strategic Planning

Council Member Tafe said he wanted to get Council's opinion on having a quarterly meeting to discuss the budget, future resolutions and agreements.

Mayor Nagler said it is a very good idea and would like to have workshop session agendas on the first Monday meeting of the month and the second meeting of the month action would be taken.

Township Attorney Fahey said because there are only two meetings a month Council may have to act on important issues on the first Monday meeting of the month.

Mayor Nagler said that the Township's Manager's report would be heard once a month at the second meeting of the month.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to have workshop sessions on the first Monday of the month with March 9<sup>th</sup> being the first one.

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

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

Mayor Nagler asked Township Attorney Fahey if Gerry has \$25,000 left over in the improvement bond can they proceed on the Creek properties.

Township Attorney Fahey said this has to be a closed session topic due to attorney/client privilege.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Follow-up on Mr. Arbocus' letter regarding Zoning (Pending LUPB meeting 2.18)

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Mayor Nagler said that Mr. Arbocus and the residents need to be present at the meeting to provide testimony to support the change of the zoning. A letter is going out to all of the residents who signed the initial letter and they could be heard on March 18, 2009.

- Letter to Burlington County municipalities by Township Manager Scott Carew -- Septic Plan

Township Manager Carew said the letter regarding the Septic Plan to the sending districts would be done in addition to the whole County. He indicated this has not been sent out yet.

- Shared Services with Westampton for Court and Construction

Township Manager Carew said this is currently moving forward. He has additional comments but are closed session topics.

- Volunteer Day

Mayor Nagler said they had planned volunteer night for March 25<sup>th</sup>, but that has been called off. He will be out of town on business and is asking that they change the date to Thursday, March 26.

Council Member Tafe said he may be able to make part of it, but he has a conflicting appointment on that night.

#### **STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Campbell said since the Township will have a new sign can another Township benefit from our old one for a fee.

Mayor Nagler said that the Township Engineer may have a municipality that is interested in buying the old sign.

Township Manager Carew said during the discussion regarding the budget he wanted to make sure that everyone knows that the financial situation Eastampton faces is a revenue problem and not a spending problem.

Mayor Nagler indicated that he would not be at the meeting on April 27, 2009.

Mayor Nagler said he, Deputy Mayor Springer and the Township Engineer had the pleasure of meeting with Congressman Adler on Saturday, February 21, 2009 to discuss the economic stimulus package and terms of the money. He said that staff was given twelve hours to prepare for the meeting and everything was put together very nicely.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Closed Session:        Resolution R2009-42                      Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds with respect to Village Center Property, Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney – Client Privilege regarding pending litigation on tax liens and shared services, Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship regarding Consultant Organization Study

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2009-42 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-42 was approved.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to come out of closed session and back into open session.

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 MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to adjourn the open session 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

*Keith Nagler*

Keith Nagler  
Mayor

Approved: April 13, 2009