

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES

May 11, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2009 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE that the April 13, 2009 closed session minutes were approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the April 13, 2009 closed session minutes were passed.

April 27, 2009 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL that the April 27, 2009 closed session minutes were approved.

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

There being four (4) ayes and one (1) abstention, the April 27, 2009 closed session minutes were passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-52 Adoption of 2009 Municipal Budget

Public Hearing on 2009 Municipal Budget

Council Member Maroccia asked if the Introduction and Adoption of the budget titles could be worded differently in the future.

Mayor Nagler said the public hearing would be tabled until the May 26 meeting. The Township is waiting to hear from the State if the extraordinary aide was approved.

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It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER to table Resolution R2009-52 to the May 26 meeting.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-52 was approved.

Resolution R2009-59 Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Wal-Mart

Township Manager Carew said there is \$200,000 available from Wal-Mart for Sustainable Jersey. He spoke with the professionals and they put together a \$10,000 grant to see if Eastampton could get the grant money to do landscaping around the recreation building.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2009-59 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-59 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Poems from Students

Council Member Campbell said she spent the afternoon reading and separating the poems based on the criteria for submitting. Ms. Campbell said she would like to put a book together to memorialize the poems. She would like the Council Members to get back to Kim with the winners they have chosen by Monday May 18. The three winning poems will be read by the student at the Memorial Day celebration.

- Comcast Franchise Renewal

Township Attorney Fahey discussed the letter she sent to Council. She said she could contact the Board of Public Utilities to see if any complaints have been filed and pass them along to the Council. She asked if there was a need for a second peg channel through Comcast. She said that sometimes Comcast would give money to the Township for a technology grant, but it depends on how long the term of franchise is for. She reminded them that the Comcast Franchise Renewal does not include internet service, just basic cable. She suggested that the residents should have the opportunity to comment on their cable service.

Council has agreed that the problems they are experiencing with Comcast are: service issues, equipment, Comcast employee technicians, outages and response times.

Mayor Nagler asked Township Manager Carew to send the Comcast survey home with the students on the last day of school, post notice on the community sign and notice on the website.

- Introduction of Ordinance for Learning Lane 5/26

Township Attorney Fahey said that Learning Lane has two different names, one of the tax map and one of the 9-1-1 map. Council would need to adopt an ordinance; the 9-1-1 map needs to be changed and is the school paying for the map change. Township Attorney Fahey said she is waiting on an estimate from the Township Engineer.

- Open Space Referendum

Mayor Nagler said that the voters passed an open space referendum in 1998 where they set aside a maximum of twenty one cents to acquire open space which was estimated at 1100 acres of land. The Township is done requiring open space and have been receiving their payments from Green Acres. The length of the referendum ends in 2021, and since the acquisition part is concluded he was wondering since the Public Works Department has to maintain a good portion of the 1100 acres, could they seek another referendum in November to change the acquisition regarding maintenance of the open space. It would help to offset the public works costs in the municipal budget. The interpretative statement needs to be clear and concise for the public.

Municipal Clerk White will contact the Burlington County Clerk's Office to find out the deadline dates to submit a public question and if there is a cost to the township for placing a question on the ballot.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Follow-up on Mr. Arbocus' letter regarding Zoning (Cost Review)

Township Manager Carew said Council does not want to rush into this. He said he would speak with Gerry again once he receives Nancy's proposal.

Mayor Nagler said the Township Engineer indicated at the last Land Use Planning Board meeting that the zoning ordinance for Mr. Arbocus would be under \$1,000.

Township Attorney Fahey wanted to make sure Council knows that the zoning map would have to change as well as advertising the ordinance change and codification of the ordinance change.

- Code Codification

Municipal Clerk White said nothing new to report.

- Website

Township Manager Carew said that Kim and I have training this week and are working as quickly as possible to get it up and running.

- Leaf Composting Program with Britton Industries, Inc

Township Manager Carew said nothing new to report. Council Member Tafe asked if the township is paying for the fencing around the lot. Mr. Carew indicated he can try and negotiate that, but he thinks the Township is paying for the fencing.

- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said this was addressed in the beginning of the meeting.

- Liens/Open Space

Township Attorney Fahey asked when Council would like to move forward on the tax lien sale. Based on the information that Doris needs to compile and the notices that need to be published her soonest date would be July.

- Workshop Sessions

Township Manager Carew said in speaking with Council Member Tafe the first workshop session should be focused around economic development. Mr. Carew said one of the guys that Mark Remsa introduced him to is a redeveloper and he is interested in the Erickson sod farm for workforce housing. It is not COAH housing it is a step above with school age children.

- COAH Compliance

Township Manager Carew said he received an invitation to attend indicating that we are COAH compliant. Mr. Carew said Barbara Fegley has one small change to make then COAH would be completed for this round.

- Economic Development Topics

Township Manager Carew said that Mark Remsa is still lining up the money people. The gentlemen that wanted to do the workforce housing after being told no seems still interested.

Mayor Nagler said that Erickson went from a fixed unit rate to customizing according to your income.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Manager Carew wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Council Member Tafe asked how the new senior group was doing.

Council Member Campbell said it is coming along very nicely.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Lane asked what work force housing is.

Township Manager Carew said it provides affordable housing for the blue collar workforce.

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Resolution R2009-60

(Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation and the Attorney – Client Privilege regarding pending Municipal Court litigation)

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2009-60 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-60 was approved.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn the open session meeting at 9:30 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: July 13, 2009