

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, May 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.

PRESENTATION:

- Gary Levenia from the Burlington County Bridge Commission

Mr. Levenia said he is the Director of the Improvement Authority and he is going to visit all 40 municipalities in Burlington County to let them know what the Improvement Authority has to offer. His office offers bonding for municipalities and a professional grant writer who writes grants for municipalities. His office also provides in-kind services, feasibility studies, shared services, economic development projects and cooperative purchasing for legal notices.

Township Manager Carew said he had a prior meeting with Urban Engineers and the township wants to do pedestrian safety improvements. The total project would be \$10 million dollars. The Township does not have special expertise to write the grant.

Mr. Levenia asked Township Manager Carew to write a letter when they are ready explaining the situation and they could take a look at it. They receive so many requests to write grants they do not write all of them.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Levenia for coming and speaking with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said he and Kim received the training on the website and the new website is being completed as fast as we can manage.

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Township Manager Carew said Council Member Tafe brought in Senator Phil Haines to meet with Urban Engineers, Mark Remsa, Marty Livingston and myself to see the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Study. Senator Phil Haines said he would support the plan.

Township Manager Carew said he put Nancy in touch with Urban Engineers to determine if there are any aspects of the plan that we should be looking at for Municipal Aid. If there is a worthy project, Council will have to pass a resolution at the next meeting as the applications are due June 12.

Township Manager Carew said Gerry and he met with Tina Zapicchi of the DLGS. They were told that there was not much else we could be doing and that she would recommend that we receive an award this year for Extraordinary Aid.

Township Manager Carew said he looked into the referendum ideas to take the open space money that now is for acquisition and apply it to maintenance. He sent Tina Zapicchi of the DLGS an email on Friday and later to spoke to her and she thought it was a good idea. She did point out at the meeting that it would require a levy cap adjustment. In looking at the numbers there are two ways to look at the effect on the township. They could definitely see a tax benefit of about \$96,000. He had the Public Works Director work out figures to see how much time is spent doing maintenance of the open space, and \$96,000 is what they would take from the open space. They would not have to raise any additional money in the trust account because there is enough money in there to pay off the bond obligations. He said the problem that Gerry has with this is it would make the levy cap a problem next year since when the adjustment is made the levy would be increased by \$96,000. Gerry suggested that if Council is worried about the tax adjustment then they could adjust the open space tax. Township Manager Carew said he disagrees with Gerry, and it would be an added benefit to free up \$96,000 in the budget. Mr. Carew said he wants to make sure they do not have to make the adjustment every year. He would like to find out from DLGS prior to them moving forward.

Township Manager Carew said Eileen, Nancy and he met with Mark Remsa and Mark Everett to come up with a plan for the landfill.

Township Manager Carew said the Township Engineer provided her quote of \$2,500 for the zoning change for Mr. Arbocus. She also provided a quote of \$5,000 to complete the zoning change for TCC, the last section of the town center district to be codified. The Township does not have this money this year to pay her.

Township Manager Carew said there is a gentleman that is interested in purchasing a smaller lien (worth about \$2,200 with interest). He wants to come in next week to pay Doris cash. He will also bid on the big Jacksonville Road piece.

Township Manager Carew said Council Member Campbell did a great job and the Memorial Day ceremony went very well.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 13, 2009

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that the April 13, 2009 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 minutes were passed.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2009-4 COAH Development Fee Ordinance

Township Attorney Fahey said she would need to be tabled until the Township Planner has a chance to find out where it should be placed in the code.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to table Ordinance 2009-4 to the June 8, 2009 meeting.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-4 was approved to be tabled.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2009-5 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton to Change
Street Name to Learning Lane

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER to introduce Ordinance 2009-05 and set public hearing for June 8, 2009.

Mayor Nagler said the publication date on the ordinance would be May 29, 2009.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-52 Adoption of 2009 Municipal Budget

Mayor Nagler said the public hearing would be tabled until the June 8 meeting. The Township is waiting to hear from the State if the extraordinary aide was approved.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to table Resolution R2009-52 to the June 8 meeting.

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

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

Resolution R2009-61 Authorized Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that Resolution R2009-61 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-61 was approved.

Resolution R2009-62 Authorize Application for 2008 Recycling Tonnage Grant

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2009-62 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-62 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Clerk's Office
- Construction Office
- Police
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor

Council Member Tafe asked if the Township Manager knew anything regarding the assault by a handgun which was in the Police Report.

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Township Manager Carew said he did not know and the Gerry does not tell him until after the investigation is completed.

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

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, Police, Public Works, and Tax Assessor were approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL that the May 21, 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 May 21, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Block Party – Woodcrest Drive

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL that the Woodcrest Drive block party be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Woodcrest Drive block party was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Township Manager Carew said this was discussed in the Manager's report. Mr. Carew said he would send a letter to Mr. Arbocus.

Mayor Nagler said this item could be removed from future agendas.

- Leaf Composting Program with Britton Industries, Inc

Township Manager Carew said nothing new to report.

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- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said nothing new to report.

- Liens/Open Space (Date for Bids)

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

Township Attorney Fahey said if they pass a Resolution on June 8 for the liens, bids could be accepted on July 13, 2009.

- Workshop Session Date

Township Manager Carew asked Council if they would like to have a workshop session on June 15 to discuss economic development issues.

- COAH Compliance

Mayor Nagler said he received a certificate indicating that we are now COAH compliant.

- Economic Development Topics

Township Manager Carew said the Economic Development Topics would be discussed at the June 15, 2009.

- Comcast Franchise Renewal (Public Hearing 7-13-09)

Township Attorney Fahey said she has spoke with the Board of Public Utilities and they do not have any complaints on file. Township Attorney said the trailer parks percentage portion does go to the Township. She has looked into all of the concerns that Council has and will later address them in a memo.

- Public Question General Election (Green Acres)

Township Attorney Fahey asked if Scott can get his questions answered from DLGS. Do they wish to proceed, because Council would need to read and revise the interpretative statement.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Municipal Clerk White said since there would be a meeting on June 15 the liquor license renewals would have to go on that agenda because of the summer meeting schedule. All liquor license renewals need to be approved prior to June 30.

Municipal Clerk White said that she has received the first editorial analysis from General Code for the re-codification. She and Township Attorney Fahey would review and submit back to

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General Code.

Mayor Nagler thanked all of Council for a successful Memorial Day Celebration.

Mayor Nagler asked Township Manager Carew how fast they could pull the town hall meeting together, maybe before school closes.

Township Manager Carew said he may be able to tie it into the workshop session June 15. He said he would reach out to Mr. Gardner, RV School district, Eastampton School District and Mount Holly.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive, asked about the phone line for the recreation building. He said when the survey goes home with the children make it a color so it stands out.

Township Manager Carew said he would ask Rich Parks what was happening with it.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 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