

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
WORKSHOP SESSION MINUTES
Monday, June 15, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Mayor Nagler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 9, 2009. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information. The meeting location change notice was also published on June 5, 2009 in the Burlington County Times to accommodate the public attendance for the discussion regarding Economic Development Topics including the Township's Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Study.

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: Economic Development Workshop

- Urban Engineers – Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Study
- Overview of Economic Development by the Township Manager and the Burlington County Economic Development Director

Dave Cox of Urban Engineers presented the most recent draft of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Study they have been working with the township on for over a year. Having a public hearing on the plan is the last part of the process to create the final product. Township Manager Carew stated that once the town is presented with the final product, he would like to see the plan incorporated into the township's Master Plan.

Mr. Cox explained the various components to the plan using maps to highlight sections of the town. The plan calls for components that will make traveling to Rancocas Valley Regional High School safer from all sections of town. It was explained how the proposed components also tie in Smithville Park to the rest of town. Mr. Cox also explained how the entire plan allows for safe passage for pedestrians and bicyclists to go between any two points in town.

Township Manager Carew pointed out how the proposed components will serve the township's aesthetic needs, especially along Woodlane Road, enhancing the town's economic development. It was explained how elements of the plan along Woodlane Road were designed with the township's economic development goals in mind.

Township Manager Carew stated that implementing the entire plan would cost more than \$10,000,000 and that the township has already begun searching for funding. Township Manager Carew pointed out that Township Engineer Nancy Jamanow had recently applied for a small NJDOT grant that would help fund the installation of bike paths along Powell Road as called for

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in the plan. He added that it was unlikely that the funding would become available to implement the entire plan all at once, and that the more likely scenario would be to piece meal portions of the plan as funding becomes available.

After the presentation, there was a short recess to allow Council and the public to take a closer look at the plans.

When Council came back from the recess, the floor was opened to public comment.

Victoria Kratzer, 52 Manchester Road, expressed her concern that incorporating this plan would not solve her issue that RVRHS's had discontinuing the bus route that takes her daughter to and from school. Township Manager Carew explained that the township has no authority to force RVRHS to reinstate that bus and that the goal of the project with Urban Engineers was to look at the entire township as per the guidelines of the grant that paid for the study.

Shirley Graves, 54 Kensington Drive, said that she appreciated what the township did and that the residents who were unhappy with the discontinuation of the Carriage Park bus route could use this study to go to RVRHS and try to reinstate the bus route.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were addressed as part of the presentation.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-76 Renewal of Liquor License for Clark's Tavern

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2009-76 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-76 was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by CAMPBELL that the June 4, 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 June 4, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business items to report for this meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

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

Township Attorney said that the public hearing is still scheduled for July 13, 2009. Jim Mallon from Comcast would be present at the meeting. Township Manager Carew said that the survey notice went home with the students, has been posted on the community sign and the website for the residents.

- Public Question General Election (Green Acres)

Township Attorney Fahey addressed the questions Council had on the green acres public question. She said that she would have the Resolution prepared for Council action on July 13, 2009.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by MAROCCIA to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 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

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Mayor

Approved: July 13, 2009