

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, September 28, 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.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Campbell, Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Springer, Mr. Tafe and Mr. Nagler

PRESENTATION: Maureen Kanka from the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation

Councilwoman Campbell introduced Mrs. Maureen Kanka to give a presentation about a program called "Check Em Out".

Mrs. Maureen Kanka gave a detailed presentation regarding the program. The "Check Em Out" Program for towns was developed by the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation to offer a one-time grant funding opportunity to municipalities who pass an ordinance requiring non-profit sport and volunteer organizations to do fingerprinting background checks on their coaches, managers and volunteers that supervise children. The program would pay for the costs of the fingerprinting for the first year.

Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. Kanka for coming and giving a very informative presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, asked why two Council Members voted no to approve state funding for the Township.

Township Manager Carew said there were changes made to the introduced budget.

Councilman Tafe said he voted no to the amendment because they had to defer \$163,000 in police pensions in order to receive the \$250,000 in extraordinary aide.

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Councilman Maroccia said that option A affected option B so why would he vote on the amendment to turn down the adoption of the budget.

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way, said he thought that vote had an effect on raising the taxes.

Township Manager Carew said if they did not do the budget amendment which did lower the tax rate, based on the introduced budget the tax rate would have been fourteen percent. Since they did the amendment, the tax rate was reduced from fourteen cents to six cents.

Superintendent Dr. Krastek, thanked the Township Council for the Patriots Day Proclamation and said the event was a success. He also thanked Deputy Mayor Springer for being in attendance.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Township Manager Carew said he met with Dr. Krastek about a group of students from the school that are taking on a green challenge. He said that the current green team would work with them to come up with a project that will provide additional Sustainable Jersey certification points.

Township Manager Carew said Dan Kennedy called to tell him that the Axelrod Farm has been taken off their acquisition list and that it was a mistake in the first place.

Township Manger Carew said Ann Moore from the Burlington County Recycling office has suggested waiting until next year to implement the new recycling buckets due to the tight time line until the spring.

Township Manager Carew said the Construction office will remain open Monday's and Thursday's from 4-8 eliminating the Wednesday call in hours. The department's savings for 2010 would be \$20,000 and \$8,000 for the remainder of 2009.

Township Manager Carew said we are going to finally rectify a nagging issue that has always bothered me – the fact that the Clerk's Office cannot be locked. It can't be locked due to the fact that it provides access to the back stair case as a secondary exit. To solve the problem, Construction is going to take the large room on the third floor; Kim is going to move to the Construction Office and her current room will become the employee lounge/conference room. This will take place as soon as Department of Public Works could coordinate it with the offices involved.

Township Manager Carew said that the Chief Financial Officer has come up with a four year plan to pay off the pension deferral.

Councilman Tafe asked if that spreadsheet can be given to them when they sit down for the budget workshops for the payment of the pension and all the debt the Township has.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 2, 2009 (Closed Session)

September 14, 2009 (Closed Session)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by TAFE that the September 2, 2009 and September 14, 2009 closed session minutes, be approved.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the September 2, 2009 and September 14, 2009 closed session minutes were approved.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2009-8

An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending the Township Code to Add New Chapter 5 Requiring Criminal Background Checks for Recreation Employees and Volunteers

It was MOVED by CAMPBELL and seconded by TAFE to introduce Ordinance 2009-08 and set public hearing for October 13, 2009.

Mayor Nagler said the publication date on the ordinance would be October 2, 2009.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-08 was approved.

Ordinance 2009-9

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 88 of the Township Code Entitled “Subdivision of Land and Site Plan Review” to Incorporate Fees for Informal or Conceptual Reviews

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to introduce Ordinance 2009-09 and set public hearing for October 13, 2009.

Mayor Nagler said the publication date on the ordinance would be October 2, 2009.

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

Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2009-09 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2009-94

Appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison

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Township Manager Carew will be appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison. This person is responsible for filing reports with COAH yearly.

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-94.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-94 was approved.

Resolution R2009-95 Affirmative Marketing Plan (part of COAH)

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-95.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-95 was approved.

Resolution R2009-96 Calling Upon the State Legislature to Address the Inequity
in the Court Decision of Homes of Hope v. Township of
Eastampton

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve Resolution R2009-96.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-96 was approved.

Resolution R2009-97 Closed Session

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve Resolution R2009-97.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2009-97 was approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- Treasurer (August)

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by CAMPBELL to approve the report for the Treasurer.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the monthly report was approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE that the September 24, 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 September 24, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2010 Budget workshops scheduled for November and December 2009

Mayor Nagler said he would like to schedule two budget workshops to discuss the 2010 budget. The budget workshop in November would require the Township Manager Carew to provide a spreadsheet indicating what their budget was and the anticipated need for 2010. The two proposed dates would be November 10 and December 15 at 7:30 p.m. No action would be taken at the meetings.

Councilman Tafe said he would like to see a complied list from the Chief Financial Officer including any unused funds from old bond ordinances.

Mayor Nagler asked Township Manager Carew how they are going to communicate the general election ballot question to the voters.

Township Manager Carew said he is sending out a fall newsletter and can put it on the website and the township sign. The target date of the fall newsletter would be the third week in October. He said he can give the Burlington County Times a press release.

Deputy Mayor Springer said he heard and read about the NJ Energy Audit and thinks it is worth looking at.

Township Manager Carew said he would look into it.

Councilman Tafe said to help reduce police overtime would they consider a shared service agreement with Mt. Holly and Westampton to back up the police when needed.

Township Manager Carew said he believes the bargaining unit would have a problem with that. He said he would speak with the Labor Attorney.

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Councilman Tafe said that the Council meetings and Landuse meetings should be advertised on the sign.

Township Attorney Fahey said since they are reopening the contract maybe they could talk about the Class II officers for overtime issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Leaf Composting Program with Britton Industries, Inc.

Township Manager Carew asked for this to be removed since they have not heard from the company.

- Sustainable Jersey

Township Manager Carew said nothing new to report.

- Economic Development Topics

Township Manager Carew said he spoke with Tom Troy from Sharbell and he does not think he will be able to do the commercial building until he has forty percent occupied on the other properties.

- Codification

Township Clerk White said nothing new to report.

- Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement

Township Attorney Fahey said this would be discussed in closed session.

- Recycling Cart Program

Township Manager Carew said if they want to do it this year they have a lot to do in a short period of time.

- RFP/RFQ's for 2009
Publish in newspaper and on the webpage (October 13)
Receiving RFP/RFQ's (November 5 @ noon, distribution to members on November 9)

Township Clerk White said one electronic version and six hard copies would be submitted. She said that she would distribute them all on November 9.

- Court report from Westampton (June, July and August)

Township Clerk White said she would scan and email what the Township Manager has received from Doris regarding the Court reports that are sent with the checks.

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Mayor Nagler said the only thing it does not show is where they are from last year to this year.

Township Attorney Fahey added they also do not know how many hours are spent on Eastampton.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Manager Carew said that Fun Day was wonderful and Louise did a wonderful job.

Councilman Maroccia said Fun Day was great.

Councilwoman Campbell thanked all the volunteers and vendors for a wonderful event.

Deputy Mayor Springer said Fun Day was great.

Mayor Nagler said Fun Day went very smoothly and was fun.

Mayor Nagler said that Staples is on state contract and would like to make sure the Township has an account.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Peter Ulyett, 19 Chelsea Road, said in the Township Manager's report he mentioned having a meeting with Green Acres to discuss the 35 acres of land near Woodlane Road to incorporate in the program.

Township Manager Carew said it is part of that. The property was bought for nine million dollars and the funding was from Green Acres. Mr. Carew said when Mr. Ulyett comes in, he would see the appraisals that the Township went out for.

Biagio Leopanto, 36 Willowbrook Way, asked if a resident pulls a permit does the assessment automatically go up.

Township Attorney Fahey commented and said it depends on the scope of the project.

It was MOVED by MAROCCIA and seconded by TAFE to adjourn the open session meeting at 9:40 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.

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Kim-Marie White

Kim-Marie White
Municipal Clerk

Keith Nagler

Keith Nagler
Mayor

Approved: November 9, 2009