

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
May 8, 2006, 7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag.

Everyone participated.

Opening Statement

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2006. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Renzulli, Mr. Nagler, Ms. Russomanno, and Mr. Hartman.

Absent: Mr. Paneque.

Also Present: Township Manager, Scott Carew, Township Solicitor Eileen Fahey, Township CFO, Gerald Mingin and Acting Township Clerk, Linda Peryer

Township Manager's Report

Mr. Carew stated the last couple of weeks were spent with school budgets. He has also been dealing with resident complaints which he cannot disclose until the investigation is complete. Also there are some land use issues that are in the works.

Public Comments

Mayor Hartman opened to the public at 7:33 p.m.

John Geary - Mr. Geary asked Councilman Renzulli, since he knew everyone at the public meeting relative to the school board, who the people were that were present. Councilman Renzulli stated that there were two employees of the school, one spouse of an employee and the rest were the general public. Councilman Renzulli stated that Walter Tafe was in opposition and the rest were concerned citizens. Mr. Geary asked if the meeting was stacked. Mr. Renzulli stated that he did not want it to be stacked.

Approval of Current Year Minutes

Motion by Councilman Nagler seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to approve the following Minutes:

- April 24, 2006 Regular Session

All voted in the affirmative.

2006 Defeated School Budgets

Eastampton Township Local School Budget

Mr. Carew stated that there was a public hearing last Tuesday and the most important part of the discussion was that Marion Smith, after submitting her budget, had received mandated costs to educate special education students at the cost of \$160,000 which is a cost that the school has no discretion on. Mr. Frenia could have hit some cuts that he was shooting for, but after the new information was received, it was determined that the new amount far exceeded the cuts. Councilman Renzulli stated that there were approximately 14 members of the public present for that meeting. For the most part it was a crowd that did not want them to cut anything. Councilman Renzulli stated that given the fact that in the past the Township has always made some cuts and the fact that there is an additional \$160,000 that they need to find that no cuts should be made. Councilman Renzulli stated that the meeting was very interesting and it was recommended by Mr. Frenia that the Township not make any cuts. Councilman Renzulli stated the Township is between a rock and a hard place. Manager Carew stated that there are 47 regional high schools; RV ranks dead last in money spent per student.

Mayor Hartman reminded everyone that he reclused himself from the school budget.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adopt Resolution 2006-72 Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton Certifying the Amount Necessary to be Appropriated for the 2006-2007 School Budget of the Board of Education of Eastampton Township. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Rancocas

Mr. Carew reminded everyone that Rancocas wanted to have a meeting three days before it was due. He lobbied to have that meeting changed to last week. Mr. Frenia was also involved in that meeting. Funds were found in the capital program for a truck that they were planning on purchasing and other improvements for \$285,000.00. All five sending districts as well as the RV administration agreed. He reminded everyone that it is a capital expenditure and when it is cut it only postpones the problem.

Mayor Hartman thanked Manager Carew for taking the initiative to set the meeting up earlier than three days prior to it being required to be passed. Mayor Hartman stated that they had insurance fees and special education expenses as well and we were able to cut \$285,000.00 from the budget.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to adopt Resolution 2006-73 A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton Certifying the Amount Necessary to be Appropriated for the 2006-2007 Budget of the Rancocas Valley Regional High School. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Continuance of Public Hearing on Township Budget Adoption

Manager Carew reiterated the budget points that were covered at the public hearing.

Mayor Hartman re-opened the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:56 p.m.

There being no comments on Public Hearing, Mayor Hartman closed to the public.

Chief Mingin stated that the Budget was amended to add homeland security aid and there was a re-arrangement of the state aid.

Clerk Peryer read the Amending Resolution in full.

Mayor Hartman opened to the public on the Amending Resolution. There being no comments. The meeting was closed to the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Russomanno, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adopt the Amending Budget Resolution. Upon roll call vote all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to adopt the 2006 Township Budget as Amended. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions (Consent)

Motion by Councilwoman Russomanno, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adopt the following Resolutions:

2006-74 Authorize Public Auction off Abandoned Vehicles

2006-75 Authorize Execution of Agreement Between Board of Chosen Freeholders of The County of Burlington and the Township of Eastampton with Respect to 2006 Burlington County Municipal Alliance Plan

2006-76 Green Acres Enabling Resolution

All voted in the affirmative.

Ordinances - Final Reading and Public Hearing

Mayor Hartman opened the meeting to the public at 8:04 p.m. There being no comments, Mayor Hartman closed to the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Russomanno, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adopt the following Ordinance upon final reading:

2006-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending Chapter 43 of the Code of the Township of Eastampton with Respect to Fees

All voted in the affirmative.

Ordinances - First Reading and Set Public Hearing

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to adopt the following Ordinance on first reading and to set the Public Hearing for June 12 2006:

2006-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Township of Eastampton with Respect to Stormwater Management and Amending the Stormwater Management Plan

Ms. Fahey stated that we need to comply with the County requirements and need to re-adopt this ordinance.

All voted in the affirmative.

Old Business

Mr. Nagler spoke regarding re-zoning the old elementary school to BP-LD which was discussed in April, and would like to request that this matter be tabled until July so that more discussions can take place with the school board.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to 2006-06 until at least July 2006. All voted in the affirmative.

New Business

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to cancel the second Council Meeting in the months of June, July and August. All voted in the affirmative.

Committee Reports

Land Use Planning Board -Mayor Hartman - no report

Environmental Commission -Councilman Paneque - no report

Economic Development Advisory Committee - Councilwoman Russomanno They had a meeting and one person was there. They are postponing the meetings until the beginning of the September.

Parks and Recreation Committee - Councilman Renzulli - no report.

Comments

Deputy Mayor Nagler thanked everyone for the sentiments and flowers on the passing of his father. He noted that Councilman Panque's brother-in-law passed away as well.

Mayor Hartman reminded everyone of the 5K walk and run on Saturday the 20th and the Memorial Day event on Saturday the 27th.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to recess at 8:16 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Regular Session was reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Peryer
Acting Township Clerk