

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
April 24, 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 in the pledge of allegiance.

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, Mr. Paneque and Mr. Hartman

ALSO PRESENT: Township Solicitor Eileen Fahey, Township Manager Scott Carew and Acting Township Clerk Linda Peryer

Township Manager's Report

Manager Carew has been speaking with Sue Mintz relative to the defeated school budget. He explained that the Township's auditor has received the school budget and has been working on it on the Township's behalf. Once Holman & Frenia's recommendation is received Manager Carew will sit down with Council. The school has expressed interest in meeting with Manager Carew first and then with members of Council. Manager Carew stated that he advised the school that the Township would like to have those discussions with public in attendance in an open forum discussion. Manager Carew needs to name two Council Members to serve on the committee.

Motion by Councilman Nagler seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to appoint Councilman Renzulli and Councilman Paneque to the committee. All voted in the affirmative.

The Township needs to pass a resolution by May 19th or the budget goes directly to the State where it will most likely pass it as is.

Manager Carew will set the meeting up for next Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. There was discussion regarding having the public available at the first forum. Mayor Hartman suggested having the meeting with just the School Board and Township. Councilman Renzulli felt that it should be an open meeting to the public. Councilwoman Russomanno and Deputy Mayor Nagler both feel that the Township has to represent the public's best interest and believe that would best be done at an open meeting.

Councilman Paneque felt that going through the budget line by line with just the Township and School Board initially, would be more efficient. Manager Carew asked if the Township would like the School Board available at the open forum meeting. Council stated that they

would.

Councilman Renzulli reminded Council that Eastampton is already below the threshold of per student spending and if the Township doesn't come to a conclusion the State will pass the budget as is.

It was agreed that the meeting would be open to the public with the School Board and Township Council present. Manager Carew will try to set the meeting up for next Monday night.

Manager Carew spoke with Bob Sapp relative to the Rancocas Budget. There are five sending districts which need to make cuts, agree and pass separate resolutions. Mr. Sapp suggested that on May 16th the sending districts have a single meeting with a quorum from all five sending districts with their clerks and go over the budget that night and pass all of the resolutions. Manager Carew would like to send them a letter and invite them to a meeting without a quorum.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Paneque to appoint Deputy Mayor Nagler and Mayor Hartman to the committee for Rancocas. All voted in the affirmative.

Manager Carew is ready to go to Green Acres to receive the Township's money. The letter that Ms. Fahey sent up is acceptable rather than a Memorandum of Agreement. Manager Carew has the updated ROSI, the copies of the signed Agreement and the letter which states that, should the Township decide to develop the area that the Township will remediate.

Mayor Hartman asked if the check would be for \$800,000.00. Manager Carew stated it would be, but he has also had discussions with them relative to the additional \$475,000.00 that is owed. Manager Carew stated it will take Green Acres about a month to process the check for \$800,000.00.

Mayor Hartman asked if there were any more discussions on new development. Manager Carew spoke about the sod farm property and some potential development.

Public Comments

Mayor Hartman opened the meeting to the public at 7:53 p.m.

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive asked when the meeting would be to discuss the school budget. Manager Carew stated tentatively next Monday but it will be announced on the sign and website as well.

Peter Uylette, 19 Chelsea Road asked where the arsenic contamination was located. Manager Carew explained that it was on Smithville Road across the street from the Elementary Schools.

There being no more public comments, Mayor Hartman closed to the public at 7:57 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilwoman Russomanno to accept the following Minutes:

- February 8, 2006 Safety Committee Meeting

- March 2, 2006 Recreation Committee Meeting

All voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes

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

- April 10, 2006 Regular Session; and
- April 10, 2006 Closed Session.

All voted in the affirmative with Deputy Mayor Nagler abstaining.

Acceptance of Departmental Reports (March 2006)

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Paneque to approve the following reports.

Township Clerk	Tax Collector
Treasurer	Public Works
Assessor	Construction Official
Court	Police
CCO	

All voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Motion by Councilman Paneque, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nagler to adopt the following Resolutions:

- 2006-66 Authorize Application for Recycling Tonnage Grant
- 2006-67 Authorizing Execution of a Treatment Works Approval Application for the Sanitary Sewer For the General Village Development For Block 600, Lot 5.
- 2006-68 Support Assembly Bill A-1425 “Relief from the Municipal Cap Law”
- 2006-69 Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00
- 2006-70 Cancel Taxes for First Half of 2006 Block 1600, Lot 9 and Block 1603, Lot 3
- 2006-71 Award of Contract for Purchase of Dump Truck

All voted in the affirmative.

Ordinances - Public Hearing and Final Adoption

Mayor Hartman opened to the public at 8:06 p.m. Hearing 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:

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

All voted in the affirmative.

Ordinance - First Reading

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilman Paneque to adopt the following Ordinance and set the public hearing for May 8, 2006.

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.

Approval of Bill List

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to approve the April 2006 Bill List. All voted in the affirmative.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Fahey asked for a motion for the purchase and lease approval of a 2006 Crown Victoria for the police department.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Paneque to approve the purchase of a 2006 Crown Victoria and authorize signature of Lease Agreement with Ford Motor Credit. All voted in the affirmative.

Comments

Ms. Fahey wished Acting Clerk Peryer luck as she took her State exam today. Manager Carew also wished her luck and stated that she came in today after the exam and she won't be in the office in the morning.

Councilman Renzulli stated that the Easter Egg Hunt went off well. There was a problem with the cables on the sound system.

Councilman Paneque advised that there will be an Environmental meeting on Wednesday and they will be making plans for Memorial Day.

Mayor Hartman reminded everyone that the volunteer ceremony is Thursday and the Memorial Day ceremony will be coming up in May as well.

Adjournment

Motion by Deputy Mayor Nagler, seconded by Councilman Paneque, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Peryer
Acting Township Clerk