

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
January 22, 2007 7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Opening Statement

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2007 and sent to the Courier Post for information and notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Renzulli, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Tafe

ALSO PRESENT: Township Solicitor Eileen Fahey, and Township Manager Scott Carew

ABSENT: Township Clerk Linda Lovins

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Township Manager's Report

Manager Carew reported the following:

- The Emergency Management Committee met on the previous Thursday. Meetings will now be held quarterly. Coordinator Ed Kensler is attempting to obtain grants to purchase supplies and equipment.
- The State pushed back the dates that towns must introduce (3/12) and adopt (4/24) their budgets. Manager Carew scheduled a budget workshop for Council on 1/29 (7:30, Manor House).
- The Fire District passed a motion at their last meeting to take over the responsibilities of the Fire Prevention Bureau. The FD had wanted to also perform re-sale inspections, but Manager Carew pointed out that they did not have the authorization to perform such duties.

- Manager Carew is waiting for a member of the Recreation Committee to volunteer to participate in meetings with Westampton Township about a shared services agreement on recreation.
- Both Eastampton and Maple Shade have agreed to enter a shared services agreement for tax assessment.
- Manager Carew mentioned the great expense that other towns have in dealing with gypsy moths. Manager Carew explained that these were in cap expenses. Councilman Hartman mentioned that there used to be a problem in Eastampton, but not anymore.
- Barbara Fegley has submitted all paperwork for Eastampton to receive 3rd round COAH certification and we are awaiting approval.
- Manager Carew alerted Council to an additional resolution to be numbered 2007-28 to authorize the advertisement of the bid specs for our Road Improvement Program.
- Manager Carew told Council that Engineer Jamanow believes strongly that no ordinance should be changed in regards to Brian Nulty's fence issue.
- Manager Carew told Council that Sharbell expects delivery of the recreation building in 3-4 months, and that he will be meeting with Ms. Jamanow next week to go over the Township's responsibilities with the building.

Acceptance of Prior Year Minutes

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Renzulli to accept the September 8, 2006 and December 7, 2006 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. All voted in the affirmative with Councilman Tafe and Maroccia abstaining.

Approval of Current Year Minutes

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to approve the January 9, 2006 Regular and Closed Session Minutes. All voted in the affirmative.

Acceptance of Reports

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Renzulli to accept the following reports for December 2006:

Township Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Court

Tax Collector
Public Works
Construction Official - **Not presented**
Police

CCO. All voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt Resolution 2007-23 ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$875,000.00) WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASE OF LAND FOR MUNICIPAL USE BY THE TOWNSHIP AS AUTHORIZED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2002-14. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following Resolutions:

- 2007-24 ESTABLISH OFFICE OF JOINT MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR
- 2007-25 AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF FIRE HYDRANTS
- 2007-26 AUTHORIZE PUBLIC AUCTION OF ABANDONED VEHICLES
- 2007-27 DEFER SCHOOL TAXES
- 2007-28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2006 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

All voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Bill List

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Hartman to approve the January 2007 Bill List. All voted in the affirmative.

Old Business

Mayor Nagler told Manager Carew to inform Brian Nulty that he must go to the Planning Board regarding his fence.

New Business

Mayor Nagler discussed RVTV and explained that it was under new ownership. For a fee of \$1000 per year, this municipality is entitled to 12 slides. He asked that we make sure the slides are kept up to date. He also stated that the township must share their slides with the Fire District. Renzulli suggested that we allow the FD to use two of the 12 slides and require them to pay their share.

Mayor Nagler also suggested that the Waste Management Landfill should be put in a redevelopment zone and asked what the implications would be. He has discussed potential advantages with a Planner already such as the marketability to developers. Commercial development there could help increase our commercial ratables. Since the landfill is in three different towns, he suggested we take the lead in this. Manager Carew stated that he has met with Mount Holly on a couple of occasions to discuss a joint effort in the development of the site as well as shared services and shared revenue. He also stated that Lumberton has not been too cooperative. Solicitor Fahey stated that the only drawback she sees is in the initial costs, but explained that we could re-coup them from whatever developer builds on the site.

Comments

None.

Closed Session Resolution 2007-29 to Discuss Contract Negotiations

Motion by Deputy Mayor Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to enter into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to reconvene to regular session. All voted in the affirmative.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Carew, Deputy Township Clerk

