

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order. Mayor Nagler 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 9, 2007. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information.

Roll Call

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

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

ABSENT: Mr. Maroccia

Township Manager's Report

Creating an interfund for Student Drive Sidewalk was discussed. There will be no further detriment going further with creating such a fund. Manager Carew would like council to consider the third version of the draft ordinances.

It was agreed to take \$90,000 from cash surplus. Then \$15,000 of that would cover professional fees and services for the Student Drive sidewalk. The remainder will be paid with the \$61,000 grant. \$75,000 which is the remainder of the \$90,000 would be allocated to fund the police rapid response program.

Councilman Tafe stated that the police training was explained to be an emergency situation. Councilman Tafe wants to know when the training will take place. Manager Carew stated that it will not take place until February at the earliest. Councilman Tafe wants to know if it is critical to set the money aside now. Manager Carew asked if Councilman Tafe wanted to put it into surplus now and do the project next year. Mayor Nagler advised that by doing it this year through the reallocation of funds, it does not affect the CAP net. Ms. Fahey doesn't believe that doing it in January will cause a CAP net problem. She stated it is all a matter of time.

Councilman Renzulli stated it is only a matter of allocating the money now and spending it later. Councilman Renzulli stated that if Council allocates the money now, it will be in place when it is needed. Manager Carew advised that the training is set forth by the County Prosecutor's Office. There are no training sessions in place as of now.

The ordinances for the zone changes pursuant to the Master Plan Re-Examination report

was discussed. \$50,000 is an optimistic estimate for finishing all of the zones. Linda is also doing the update to code book. Manager Carew suggests funding it through a special emergency note. Manager Carew reported that the opinion of the land use attorney is that the old standards remain in place until the new standards are adopted. Manager Carew reminded Council that there is a sense of urgency about it.

Manager Carew spoke with John Paxia. They are now looking at property on Jacksonville Road. That property has outstanding tax liens on it. The attorney for Mr. Paxia, after reading the green acres open space rules, decided that it wasn't in motocross's interest to use a piece of funded property.

Councilman Renzulli asked if there can be private property on a ROSSI. Ms. Fahey stated to qualify the property needs to be publicly owned. Mayor Nagler asked if John Paxia's group would buy the tax lien. Manager Carew stated that is his understanding, or the Township enters into a lease agreement with him. Manager Carew believes that Mr. Paxia owes it to Council to present Council with a full business plan. ESPN is contacting Mr. Paxia and they want to bring the xgames to New Jersey. Manager Carew stated that they are talking about a lot of emergency services and additional wear and tear on the road. Councilman Tafe would feel more comfortable if the property was privately owned.

Manager Carew reported that the Treasurer's and Tax Collector's offices were combined and is now located on the second floor. Jerry will keep all finance files on the third floor. He will start spending full days in the Manor House as a CFO.

Manager Carew spoke with Gene Blair about the construction office. He knows that the Township has until the end of the month to come up with a solution to the problem of Steve leaving.

Manager Carew advised Council that Public Works cleaned up Powell Road and Buckingham. The bill was about \$800. At the next meeting there will be a resolution to impose a lien and then the \$800 goes right on the tax bill as a lien.

In response to the recently newspaper article Councilman Renzulli explained that Mr. Parks followed protocol adopted by this Township by issuing a citation and then returning to issue another. Manager Carew stated that administration should have kept in better touch with Mr. Grant.

Acceptance of Minutes

_____ Motion by Councilman Hartman seconded by Councilman Renzulli to accept the following Minutes:

Environmental Commission Minutes of August 22, 2007 and September 26, 2007
All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, Councilman Tafe to accept the Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting of October 4, 2007. All voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Current Year Minutes

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to approve the October 22, 2007 Regular and Closed Session Minutes. All voted in the affirmative.

Ordinances Previously Tabled

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Tafe to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing for December 10, 2007:

Ms. Fahey gave background that the below ordinances were on as possible legislation for adoption. An alternative has been suggested by the Manager to combine the two and introduce a new ordinance for \$151,000. The breakdown would be as follows:

- \$15,000 would go for professional fees for student drive and
- \$75,000 for capital surplus for the purpose of police weapons, body armor and related miscellaneous expense.
- \$61,000 of the \$151,000 is grant funded.

Council does not have to pull the \$61,000 from surplus. The bid can go out and the Township can always award the bid. The Township can also always withdraw the proposal due to no- availability of funds.

Councilman Renzulli thought that the \$15,000 was to fund putting out the bid. Manager Carew stated that the specs are already paid for. Mayor Nagler asked if the Township could save money by having public works take the trees down.

Councilman Renzulli asked that Manager Carew notice the residents so that no one is blind sided.

2007-13	AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE 151,000 FROM GRANT FUNDING AND CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIDEWALK ON STUDENT DRIVE AND THE PURCHASE OF POLICE WEAPONS, BODY ARMOR AND RELATED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE.
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Upon roll call, all voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions - Consent

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

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| 2007-98 | APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE FOR EASTAMPTON PTA, INC. |
| 2007-99 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF MACCS CONTRACT WITH AVR |

RESOURCE GROUP, INC.

2007-100 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY, LLC.

2007-101 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION EXCESS TO INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

All voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions- Roll Call

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli:

2007-102 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUNDS FOR STUDENT DRIVE SIDEWALK

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following resolution:

2007-103 ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,050 WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASING A TRASH COMPACTOR AS AUTHORIZED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2006-08

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to adopt the following resolution:

2007-104 ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,160.00 WITH RESPECT TO PURCHASE OF GENERATOR AS AUTHORIZED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-19

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli , seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the following resolution:

2007-105 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF APPLICATION AND AGREEMENTS FOR OXMEAD ROAD

Upon roll call vote all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to re-adopt 2007-93 to reflect capital projects coming in under 2007-13. Upon roll call vote all vote in the affirmative.

New Business

- Polling Places in Eastampton — Council would like Linda to look into the options of consolidating all four districts into the Community School.
- Linda advised Council that the State is paying all costs associated with the new primary election for the presidential election.
- Mayor Nagler appointed John Geary to Recreation Committee.
- Mount Holly request for shared police services- Mayor Nagler opened the floor for Council comments on the letter that was sent to Council by Mount Holly regarding possible consolidation of police departments. Mayor Nagler did some research of consolidation of police departments around the country and asked Scott to reach out to the Chief's association as well. Councilman Tafe does not look at this as a money saving issue it is the personal safety issue for the residents of Eastampton and he is not sure it will increase the safety of the residents of the Eastampton. Councilman Renzulli read statistics from the Burlington County Times that shows Mount Holly has more crime than Eastampton. It would seem that the concentration of police would be in Mount Holly.

Manager Carew advised that Mount Holly is a civil service town and Eastampton is not. He cannot see any cost savings with entertaining this offer. Mayor Nagler stated that the Eastampton Police Department makes Eastampton what it is.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Hartman to not enter into agreement with Mount Holly to enter into feasibility study. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

- Zoning Ordinances pursuant to the Master Plan Re-Examination Report - Ms. Fahey asked if Council wants to fund this project by a special emergency note in 2007 or 2008. Councilman Renzulli feels it can wait until the first meeting in January. Ms. Fahey advised that if Council does it in 2008, the impact on debt service and CAP is not impacted until 2009. Mr. Renzulli asked for a schedule to be developed. Councilman Renzulli would like to give Nancy a time frame such as final adoption on the last ordinance to be done in July. Council agreed to wait until 2008.
- Councilman Renzulli referred to a letter from RV requesting Manager Carew's presence at a meeting on November 27. Councilman Renzulli would like Manager Carew to write a letter outlining all of the meetings the Township has had with the State and County and let them know that nothing has been implemented at this time.

Old Business

- Public Hearing on Russo's Place to Place and Person to Person liquor license - further continuation until November 26, 2007. Motion by Mr. Hartman seconded by Mr. Tafe to table this matter until November 26, 2007. All voted in the

affirmative.

Public Comments

Mayor Nagler opened to the public. No one wished to speak. Mayor Nagler closed to the public.

Comments

Councilman Tafe brought up concerns about RVs parked in the street. Manager Carew advised that there are two issues (1) parking RVs in the Street and (2) Commercial vehicles parked in the street. Councilman Hartman suggested looking at them all. Jerry will look into it and provide suggestions for Council. Scott will speak with Jerry.

Councilman Hartman brought Council's attention to Chris Russo's Ride for Jesus for the needy and children. The Mayor of Eastampton and Mount Holly usually participate. The date is November 24 and Santa Claus will be handing out candy.

Councilman Hartman advised that Joe Byham, a Mount Holly police officer, asked Councilman Hartman to represent Eastampton on an anti-drug and anti-alcohol presentation.

Mayor Nagler is unavailable to attend the November 27 School Board Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC
Township Clerk