

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
December 10, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Pack 30 Cub Scouts (Sponsored by Eastampton recreation Committee)

Dens 4&8 lead Council in the pledge.

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

Mayor Nagler opened the floor to the public for any questions. Colin Summer, One Wanda Court believes that there should be a doggie park in open space. Councilman Renzulli reminded everyone that there are bags for scoopers in the parks. Manager Carew thought it was a great idea and will look into it.

Jacob Fitzgerald, 1060 Smithville Road, asked how he could obtain the Minutes from another meeting. Mayor Nagler stated that he can look at them online or see Clerk Lovins.

Jordon Wright, Willowbrook Way wants to know how people get to NY. Mayor Nagler thinks they would probably take the train.

Mayor Nagler closed to the public and thanked pack 30 dens 4 and 8.

Township Manager's Report

Manager Carew advised that there are additional costs associated with Interlocal Services Agreement with Maple Shade as well as police contract Manager Carew would like to discuss in closed session.

Manager Carew updated Council regarding the progress with private health insurance companies versus state health benefits plan and it would be an equal or better plan.

Manager Carew had a meeting with Gene Blair for Interlocal Agreement for Construction Office Services and also met with Local Government Services regarding

this potential agreement as well as the court.

Manager Carew advised that the construction agreement is pretty firm. Eileen has reviewed the contract and Manager Carew is working on the dollar figures. This will increase the cost of the department. The cost will not affect levy cap or spending cap. There will be daytime hours and the minimum of 12 hours a week this office currently has. Manager Carew currently has a construction official and electrical inspector. Steve Murray stopped being the zoning official in the beginning of November. He is burning the candle on both ends for us by staying on until the end of the year. Roz will stay on as well. There will be two construction officials. Brad and Gene. Brad is Lumberton's official and will be working for Lumberton. The Township will increase services and also receive cap relief. Manager Carew is also looking into moving the construction office to the third floor. The software and hardware is outdated. Gene has an IT person that he is happy with that the Township will use to set up that office.

Jerry will be beginning two days a week strictly as CFO this week. He will either share an office with Doris or moving him into the construction office.

Manager Carew investigated shared services with the Court and due to the timing of the construction situation. The anger has been centered on construction. Councilman Hartman asked about the issue that Jerry brought up about the overtime as it relates to having Court in another Township.

Tomorrow night is the Town Hall Meeting with the County at the Southampton offices. Manager Carew, Jay Springer and Gene Blair will be attending. Jay works for DEP and sits on the Township Planning Board. The meeting will be regarding pollution in the waterways in the Counties.

Manager Carew received documents pursuant to his OPRA Request from Rancocas Valley. He requested any and all documents from January 1, 2004 through present regarding walking routes. See Attached information. The Township received no plans and no studies. In 2004 and 2005 Routes were considered dangerous walking routes located at 537 and 630 beyond terpine. Councilman Renzulli interpreted it differently than Manager Carew. In July of 2007 the one dangerous route located at 537 and 630 beyond terpine was dropped and that portion of Woodlane to Deerwood in Westampton was added.

Councilman Renzulli asked what the Township did in the general area of Terpine in terms of safety. Manager Carew believes that the sidewalks are the only improvements and advised that Route was still deemed unsafe for a period of years after it was installed. Sargent Coppola is heading up that investigation. Manager Carew would like to look at all bus routes under two miles for the whole district. Councilman Renzulli asked if Mr. Carew has invited the other four Townships to participate. Manager Carew stated that he has not officially, but he has spoken on the phone with Hainesport and Westampton. Councilman Hartman believes that there should be no

shortcuts. The walking path should be a public walkway or roadway.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to accept the Planning Board Minutes of October 17, 2007. All voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Current Year Minutes

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to approve the November 26, 2007 Regular Session Minutes as corrected. All voted in the affirmative with Councilman Tafe abstaining.

DISCUSSION: Review the tape not going to be attending the RV Meeting but previously invited to the Eastampton meeting. Manager Carew will be attending the Eastampton meeting.

Change minutes to reflect that Scott is Not attending the RV Meeting.

Approval of Bill List

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

Final Reading of Ordinances and Public Hearings

Manager Carew reminded Council that there was \$61,000 in grant money, \$15,000 for professional fees and \$75,000 for police gear. The low bid on the sidewalk came in a little bit over \$25,000. Council could adjust the ordinance and there would have to be another meeting by the end of the year. If the Township keeps it the way that it is then the remainder would be returned. The Bond would then be for \$90,000.

Mayor Nagler opened to the Public at 8:15 p.m. No one ~~was~~ ~~to~~ ~~appear~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~public~~.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adopt the following ordinance on final reading:

2007-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND (\$151,000.00) FROM GRANT FUNDING AND THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIDEWALK ON STUDENT DRIVE AND PURCHASE OF POLICE WEAPONS, BODY ARMOR AND RELATED MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Ms. Fahey stated that there were minimal changes to 2007-14. Mayor Nagler advised that the building height was clarified as well as the diameters of landscaping.

Mayor Nagler opened to the public at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt the following ordinance on final reading:

2007-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT SECTION 103 - "ZONING IN PARTICULAR, THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 103-21 ADDRESSING THE BP-BUSINESS PARK DISTRICT AND PO - PLANNED OFFICE DISTRICT TO ADD CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (CCRC) USE

Upon roll call vote all voted in the following.

Mayor Nagler introduced Wayne Rush to Council.

Resolutions (consent)

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe, to adopt Resolutions 2007-106 through 2007-112 as follows:

2007-106 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION EXCESS TO INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS

2007-107 REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS BLOCKS AND LOTS

- 2007-108 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE FOR
KIWANIS CLUB OF BURLINGTON
- 2007-109 AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION ON THE BURLINGTON
COUNTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AID
- 2007-110 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON AND JOSHUA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 2007-111 IMPOSITION OF LIEN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON FOR THE COST
OF REMOVAL OF BRUSH, WEED AND DEBRIS AT 2
BUCKINGHAM DRIVE
- 2007-112 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
LOCAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING ASSISTANCE

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adopt the following Resolution:

- 2007-113 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR STUDENT DRIVE SIDEWALK
PROJECT TO OCEAN EXCAVATING.

All voted in the affirmative.

Manager Carew gave a brief summary of some of the resolutions. Joshua Presbyterian paying will be paying \$2,000 a year which will be retroactive back two years. Taxes are only \$4,000 per year and the township only gets approximately 1/4 of it. Councilman Renzulli asked if this counts as an added or omitted and Ms. Fahey stated that it does not.

Old Business

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Hartman TO accept applicant's withdrawal of the pending application Public Hearing on Russo's Place TO Place and Person TO Person liquor license -with understanding that application will be re-submitted in the next year. All voted in the affirmative.

New Business

RFPs were discussed. Council received the proposals.

There was discussion that some councilman did not feel comfortable addressing these this evening since there were just left on their chair tonight. Ms. Fahey suggested a 20 minute recess TO review. Councilman Tafe did not feel that he could review that much material sufficiently in 20 minutes. Councilman Renzulli felt that the current professionals were doing a good job and didn't feel the need for a change at this time.

Clerk Lovins requested a brief recess.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Hartman TO recess for three minutes at 8:42. All voted in the affirmative.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Comments

Manager Carew thanked Steve Murray again and also Tom Czerniecki for chairing the architectural standards committee.

Councilman Renzulli stated that pictures with Santa went well.

Councilman Tafe asked when the assignment of Councilman TO different boards and commissions takes place and how. Mayor Nagler stated that it happens at re-organization. Mayor Nagler stated that those are done by the Mayor and he has not had any discussions regarding that.

Councilman Tafe suggested that if he has not been called, then he can assume that he and Joe will not be on any committees. Ms. Fahey suggested that any councilman make their wishes known.

Mayor Nagler read his exit speech which is attached hereto.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman TO adopt Closed Session Resolution 2007-114 TO discuss Contract Negotiations regarding PBA contracts, and employment relationships, employment regarding police department and attorney client privilege for tax appeals. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia TO enter back into regular session at 10:00 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Councilman Tafe presented Council with ties for the holidays.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli TO adjourn at 10:02 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC
Township Clerk

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2007

Council entered into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Manager Carew reviewed the FOP's wishes for the new contract. Sgt. Reed put in retirement papers TO retire in February of 2008. The Township has been without a lieutenant and now one of the four Sargent positions will be vacant. The Chief will be receiving a lot of money for days he has accrued over the years when he does retire.

CFO position was discussed and if Jerry were TO leave altogether TO replace both would be costly. Manager Carew suggested TO Council that they start putting together some type of contract for CFO TO present TO Jerry.

A discussion ensued regarding a Contract with Jerry retiring on such a date and staying on as CFO and paying out the "time" over a period of two years. This may be the way TO bring resolution TO the finance issues that Jerry has.

Mr. Nagler and Mr. Tafe do not want the increase for the FOP Contract TO go above 4% for the next year. A graduated increase was discussed. Councilman Renzulli believes that the entire package has TO be 3.9% at the end. Council agreed.

Scott is scheduled TO meet with them a week from tomorrow.

Council authorized Scott TO put together a proposal with dollar figures showing what it will cost TO retire as chief of police and what the salary will be for CFO.

Councilman Tafe asked where the pay starts for court mileage the residence or the station. Scott will look into it and also he will scan the current agreement and email it TO everyone.

The Waste Management Tax appeal issues is that the expert appraiser was going TO be funded through O & E through Shared Services. His bills came in unfortunately higher than the township expected.

Richard Chaiken has prepared a preliminary report and supports Harry's assessment. Harry's assessment of Eastampton's portion is 3 million and Mr. Chaikens is 2.2 million. Eileen will be setting up the trial date next week if the matter is not resolved.

The Township will need a significant report which is going to cost a lot of money as will the trial. If this does

go to Court Ms. Fahey suggested special counsel to handle this matter. The cost of winning is preserving a 3 million dollar ratable that is only going up.

RFPs were reviewed and it was determined that the following will be awarded at reorganization:

Holman & Frenia for Auditor
Barb Fegley Planner
Lee Dennison for Prosecutor
Krisden McCrink Public Defender
Eileen Fahey for Solicitor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC
Township Clerk