

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
February 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. MAROCCIA, MR. RENZULLI, MR. HARTMAN, MR. TAFE AND MR. NAGLER

ALSO PRESENT: TOWNSHIP MANAGER SCOTT CAREW, TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR EILEEN FAHEY AND TOWNSHIP CLERK LINDA LOVINS

Public Comments

Mayor Nagler opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments.

Township Manager's Report

Manager Carew has two participants from Recreation Committee, Kathy Pagano and Cynthia Fooks, to speak with Westampton relative to recreation services. He will keep council informed. Calendars will be given to Recreation Committee later this week.

Mr. Carew gave Council a spending comparison per resident to other Townships.

He would like to have the public meeting on the budget at the school so that the more public can have the opportunity to come and ask questions. Also the Township will be able to share information with the public and educate them of things that they might not be aware of.

Councilman Hartman asked what date they are looking at. Mr. Carew stated late April. Council thought it was a great idea.

Mr. Hartman asked to hand out the handbooks from the league regarding taxes. Mayor Nagler asked if the township is still on target for the budget at the second meeting April.

Manager Carew advised that the first house was sold on Saturday by Sharbell. The sewer easement with the squad has become relevant due to a gas main. Sharbell is investigating another viable option.

Manager Carew attended a seminar held by the League regarding new laws relative to finances. The four percent CAP on the levy will go into effect in 2008. The State is still working out the details in terms of what the exceptions are going to be. The Director of Local Government Services advised that there was an average increase of 17% for insurance this year. The State is also creating an office for a State Comptroller and will employ about 70 people and basically do what the Division of Local Government Services already does.

Mr. Carew will get the bid package for trash on Friday and the Township will advertise next week. Manager Carew reminded council that there are three options to bid on: (1) nine months of pickup once a week and three months pickup in the summer of twice a week (2) two pickups a week and (3) going to one pickup a week.

Mr. Carew stated that we are getting our first major snow fall and the public works crew are getting ready and extremely able to handle.

Manager Carew reminded Council that if they get phone calls during this or any other emergency please forward them directly to him.

The Chief may retire as Chief as early as December of this year. Shortly they will begin process of selecting a new chief. Then the new chief can pick his new lieutenant. There will be an oral presentation by the candidates attended by Mr. Carew, Chief Mingin and two Chiefs from other municipalities.

The staff had software training on purchase orders and requisitions this morning. There is one issue - there are three signatures on check and three signatures on the purchase order. As it is set up now the Mayor's signature will not be required. The software does not allow for any over expenditure of any funds.

Councilman Renzulli asked how that will work for the recreation account. Manager Carew stated that he did not know at this time. In discussing it with the Chief and with Eileen, the Mayor is only one of five equal parts in our form of government and the Mayor does not have authority to sign the checks or pos.

Manager Carew stated that there is an issue in that the bill list is not detailed enough. Manager Carew is going to try to have the new bill list be more detailed.

Councilman Hartman asked what other municipalities do this. Eileen and Scott do not believe any other township under Council-Manager authorize a governing body member to sign those documents.

Councilman Tafe asked if they are looking for any volunteers to deliver the calendars. Councilman Renzulli asked Councilman Tafe to get with the Manager.

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to accept the following Minutes:

- January 4, 2007 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting; and
- December 6, 2006 Environmental Commission Meeting.

All voted in the affirmative.

Approval of Current Year Minutes

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

- January 22, 2007 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes; and
- January 29, 2007 Special Budget Workshop Session Minutes.

All voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adopt Resolution 2007-31 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriations. All voted in the affirmative.

Introduction of Ordinance and Schedule Public Hearing

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to Introduce Ordinance 2007-01 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 "Fire Prevention" of the Eastampton Township Code to Transfer the Local Enforcement Agency to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Eastampton Fire District No. 1 on First Reading and to Set the Public Hearing for February 26, 2007 at 7:45 p.m. Upon roll call vote all voted in the affirmative.

Manager Carew stated this Ordinance is to transfer the Fire Marshalls Budget to the Fire Budget.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Recreation Committee - Jodi Punzi resignation
- Recreation Committee- Michelle Moran appointment by Mayor Nagler.

Comments

Manager Carew thanked Council for approving the first and only minutes he has every typed up.

Councilman Tafe and Councilman Maroccia attended the League Seminar on Saturday.

Councilman Hartman stated that there is a schedule that Public Works follows for plowing.

Mayor Nagler stopped by trailer at Sharbell he reported that the agent is nice and the homes are beautiful. Deputy Mayor Renzulli asked about commercial interest. Mayor Nagler stated that there was a lot of interest.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC
Township Clerk