

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 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 SOLICITOR EILEEN FAHEY AND TOWNSHIP  
CLERK LINDA LOVINS

ABSENT: TOWNSHIP MANAGER SCOTT CAREW

**Public Comments**

John La Pierre Farmdale Road. Mr. La Pierre spoke relative to the February 26 meeting. Mr. La Pierre expressed concern about Council going into closed session and then coming out of closed session and not going out into the hall to announce that they were back in open session. Mr. La Pierre then expressed concern relative to a deal he thought he made with the Mayor regarding the fire district budget cuts.

Ms. Fahey explained that was a public workshop not the public hearing. Mr. La Pierre was not in attendance at the public hearing. Ms. Fahey advised him that one council person cannot make an agreement on behalf of the other council members.

The official public hearing on the fire budget was held two weeks ago. Councilman Tafe asked Ms. Fahey if Council should announce business will be taken care of after a closed session.

Ms. Fahey suggested possibly doing that.

Mayor Nagler closed to the public at 7:38 at p.m.

**Township Manager’s Report**

Manager Carew is absent.

**Approval of Current Year Minutes**

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

March 12, 2007 Regular Session Minutes. All voted in the affirmative with Councilman Hartman abstaining.

At this time Mayor Nagler re-opened to the public.

John Geary Knotty Oak Drive asked about the political flyer. He also asked if Knotty Oak Drive could have curbing and a sidewalk and offered to help. Mayor Nagler asked Mr. Geary to speak with Manager Carew. Councilman Renzulli explained that the professionals give the opinions as to determine which projects need attention and in which order.

John La Pierre read aloud his letter to the Township regarding payment of half of the hydrants and water mains.

John Buck, 12 Chelsea. He believes that council had some tough decisions to make and he commends them. He asked why attorneys are always involved when it is use of taxpayer money.

**Acceptance of Reports**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to accept the following reports for February 2007:

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Township Clerk      | Tax Collector                         |
| Treasurer           | Public Works                          |
| Assessor            | Construction Official (Not Submitted) |
| Court               | Police                                |
| CCO (Not Submitted) |                                       |

All voted in the affirmative.

**Resolutions**

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

- 2007-38 Approval of Application for Raffle License for Burlington Rotary Club
- 2007-39 Approval of Application for Raffle License for Donald Elatior/John Holmes Memorial Youth and Scholarship Fund
- 2007-41 Cancel Taxes Due for First Half of 2007 for Block 1400, Lots 4 & 5
- 2007-42 Authorize Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles.
- 2007-43 Authorize Green Acres Enabling Resolution Maroccia Renzulli.

All voted in the affirmative

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to table Resolution 2007-40 Award of Contract for Alterations and Renovations at Municipal/Police Department Building until more information is received. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to adopt Resolution 2007-44 Transfer of Appropriation Excess to Insufficient Appropriation. Upon roll call vote all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt Resolution 2007-45 Authorize Emergency Temporary Appropriation with Respect to General Operating Expenses. Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

### **Approval of Bill List**

\_\_\_ Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Maroccia to approve the March 2007 Bill List

Councilman Maroccia asked about the escrow accounts. Clerk Lovins clarified. All voted in the affirmative.

**Old Business**-None.

**New Business**

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to reject the Mayor's open letter to residents. Councilman Maroccia aye, Councilman Renzulli opposed, Councilman Hartman Aye, Councilman Tafe Aye and Mayor Nagler abstaining.

Governor Corzine Visit to Eastampton April 11 from 7:00 through 8:30 p.m. Mayor Nagler advised council that he chose Eastampton due to progressiveness for open space.

Peace March RVRHS – They will congregate at Ashley's on March 31 and they are asking for police help.

Councilman Maroccia asked if it was overtime and how many officers. Two officers will be needed.

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to offer the Township support. All voted in the affirmative.

## **Comments**

Ms. Fahey handed out a memorandum regarding abandoned property list procedure. Ms. Fahey has looked into sales tax for a recreation program –it only applies to Townships that are selling memberships for example to a golf course owned by the Municipality.

Councilman Tafe stated that in order to operate in a non-partisan manner the material that was distributed has to stop and questioned whether the material is a violation of open public meetings act. Councilman Tafe asked Ms. Fahey to render an opinion.

Mayor Nagler advised that American Water will be increasing its rate by 12.5% which is the highest rate increase for water that has been approved.

Mayor Nagler has been asked by Senator Singer to circulate petition to re-do the school funding formula. Mayor Nagler asked council's position. Council opposed.

Mayor Nagler opened again to public

John Buck 12 Chelsea asked whether Westwood Swim Club has approached Council regarding funding. Councilman Renzulli stated that the township cannot afford the \$500,000 to the million dollars to put into that facility.

Mr. Buck asked how he came to that figure. Councilman Renzulli stated that the township would have to buy it and then the cost of what the township would have to do to bring it up to ADA standards adding to those numbers liability insurance. Mr. Buck asked if they are up to date on the taxes or looking for tax relief. Council did not know.

John La Pierre asked when the Mayor got the letter from American Water Company. Mayor Nagler stated last Friday. Mr. La Pierre stated that the water increase will affect the fire budget.

Kevin Klaus Windham drive. Asked when the increase starts. March 31 with June 1 billings.

Mayor Nagler closed to the public.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC  
Township Clerk