

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
May 14, 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. Tafe, and Mayor Nagler.

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager Scott Carew and Township Clerk Linda Lovins

\_\_\_\_\_ABSENT: Mr. Hartman

**Trash Bids** - Robert Willis gave a summary of the bids that were received. Pinto Brothers and Waste Management. See bid results attached hereto. Mr. Willis explained that all credentials checked out on both companies. The Township budgeted \$242,400. Manager Carew suggest that the Township award the contract for the collection of trash once a week which would realize a \$114,300 savings per year for the life of the contract. Councilman Nagler asked what the savings would be for the remainder of the year. Mr. Willis stated \$54,000.00 for the remainder of 2007.

Mayor Nagler explained that trash bids to the public.

**Public Comments**

Jim Large asked why the township does not ask Garden State to bid just the once a week. Mr. Willis explained local public contracts bidding procedure. Manager Carew stated that Garden State could have come in with a bid only for option one and not two and three.

Loretta Kaplan, 16 Manchester Road Asked how much it cost for Mr. Willis's consultation. Mr. Willis advised Ms. Kaplan that he did not charge the township. She asked what the Township is going to do about the rodents should the township decide on a once a week pickup. Mayor Nagler explained that this is a way for the township to get a hold of the tax rate.

Mr. Willis stated that he is from Mt. Laurel and explained his position with the township. Mr. Willis stated that the residents will put the trash out the morning prior to the pickup. Mr. Willis stated that there are only two municipalities in Burlington County that pick up

more than once a week. Mr. Willis explained the landfill costs and how it works. Mr. Willis stated that there will not be a rodent problem if trash is kept in tightly sealed containers.

Tom Irizarry, 4 Darby Circle West asked if the tax payers have a choice in the matter.

Robert Vidinha, 10 Stafford Court asked if there was a study done on how much trash has been collected and when. He also asked what the effective date would be. Manager Carew stated that the Contract will begin on July 1, 2007.

Peter Ulyette asked what the current trash budget was. Mr. Ulyette feels that a 1/2 penny savings for twice a week is worth considering. Councilman Renzulli stated that if council can save a half cent here and a quarter a cent there it may add up. Councilman Tafe stated that this council is charged with keeping the tax rate as low as possible.

Mr. Large stated he keeps hearing the words "tax cut" and that there is not going to be a tax cut. Mr. Tafe stated tax cut no, tax reduction yes. Councilman Renzulli and Mayor Nagler stand corrected it would be a tax reduction of what was proposed in the 2007 budget as introduced.

Manager Carew reminded residents of what Council has done to try to come in under the state mandated CAP. Manager Carew advised the residents that pension, health care, contractual salaries, etc are all state mandated.

Ms. Kaplan asked how much the new signs cost. Mayor Nagler asked what signs she was referring to. She stated that the drug free school zone signs. Mayor Nagler stated that the township was required to erect the signs and designate a drug free school zone by 2006 or lose funding. Mayor Carew again stated that was an unfunded mandate by the State.

Mayor Nagler advised the residents that there is a 3% increase in dumping fees to the landfill. Mayor Nagler closed to the public at 8:14 p.m.

### **Township Manager's Report**

Lt. Durham has retired. The police department is rotating sergeants and detectives to fill in those duties. The Township will not appoint a new lieutenant until a new chief is appointed. Manager Carew stated that a chief will be selected from the ranks.

Councilman Tafe asked where it states that the Chief must come from the ranks. Manager Carew stated that the Chief told him it is State Law.

Memorial Day service is almost finalized.

Manager Carew is meeting with FEMA regarding the flood damage as it relates to the creek. Manager Carew asked if Council has any inquiries to please have them contact him.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

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

March 28, 2007 Environmental Commission Minutes

All voted in the affirmative.

**Approval of Current Year Minutes**

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

- April 9, 2007 Regular Session.

All voted in the affirmative.

**Resolutions**

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

- 2007-53 Approval of Application for Two Raffles for the Robert L. Thompson Scholarship Fund, Inc.
- 2007-54 Authorize Public Auction of Abandoned Vehicles
- 2007-55 Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of Forty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$43,500.00) with Respect to Capital Improvements by the Township of Eastampton as Authorized by Bond Ordinance No. 2004-06

All voted in the affirmative.

**Introduction of Ordinance No. 2007-04 and set Public Hearing for May 29, 2007**

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Renzulli to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for May 29, 2007:

- 2007-04 An Ordinance of the Township of Eastampton Amending Chapter 85 of the Code of the Township of Eastampton with Respect to Stormwater Management

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Tafe to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for May 29, 2007:

Manager Carew stated that this is another unfunded state mandate.

2007-05 An Ordinance amending Section 103 - "Zoning" of the Code of the Township of Eastampton with Respect to Design Standards for Transect 3 (T-3), General Village of the Redevelopment Plan

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Tafe to move the meeting to the middle school on May 29, 2007. All voted in the affirmative.

Mayor Nagler advised that the budget hearing will be at the middle school on May 29. and copies are available from the Township Clerk during regular business hours which are 8:30 to 4:00 p.m.

### **Old Business**

Zoning Ordinances -Master Plan Re-Examination - Clerk Lovins explained that the recommendation from Planning Board will be given on Wednesday night as it relates to the BP and PO Zoning Ordinances.

### **New Business**

Sale/Lease of Elementary School - There has been some information that the school is in discussion to lease the building to the RV school district . The sale of the elementary school to a non-profit is not in the best interest of the tax payers. Manager Carew stated that there would be no tax income from the property should it be sold to RV. Manager Carew has confirmed with Mr. Krastek that discussions have taken place between Eastampton School and RV.

Mr. Carew advised council that the Land Use Attorney believes the worth is 5 or 6 million dollars with the right developer. Mr. Carew would like answers to certain questions such as what are the parameters with this deal? How serious is it? Has the school district reached out to a realtor to properly market the property?

Mayor Nagler would like to form a subcommittee to meet with members of the school board and reach out to them.

Mayor Nagler asked Sue Taylor if a joint subcommittee would be acceptable to the school board. She stated it would. Manager Carew stated that Mr. Krastek advised that time is of the essence because the school has to vacate on the first day of the next school year.

Mayor Nagler asked if Scott would be on the subcommittee along with a person from the economic development committee along with Councilman Maroccia and Mayor Nagler.

Mayor Nagler brought up the solid waste removal plan and asked for comments from council. Councilman Tafe is concerned about the trash in the summer. Councilman Tafe agrees that Pinto with the same level of service that we currently have at \$168,000.

Councilman Maroccia is for the maximum amount of savings. Councilman Renzulli is undecided at this point. Councilman Renzulli is leaning towards the nine and three. Councilman Renzulli asked if any of these bids required them to change the date. Manager Carew believed that it did change until Tuesday. Councilman Renzulli remembers changing companies and how long it takes them to acclimate themselves and there were more complaints than anything. Mayor Nagler is also leaning on the 9 and 3 option.

Sue Taylor asked if any other communities have been contacted that have used Pinto.

Mayor gave a brief summary of the budget.

Loretta Kaplan, 16 Manchester Road. Asked about the mandate of homes for the handicapped and asked if the township met that. Mayor Nagler stated that the township is covered because they have plenty of credits under COAH. Manger Carew explained COAH. She asked where she would find that information. She was given a website to go to.

Jim Large, 4 Darby Circle advised that he was first given notice about the community center in his back yard when his fence was being taken down. He asked why he wasn't privately given notice.

Councilman Renzulli stated that it is a recreation building not a community center.

Tom Irizarry Darby Circle West advised that council has a moral and legal obligation to advise residents of changes which affects the aesthetics of their property. Mayor Nagler is yielding a portion of the question to the Manager however the rest is yielded to legal council. Manager Carew advised that there will be an office in the building, storage space, and a snack bar that will be available to recreation committee functions. It will not be for rent or open at all times.

Mr. Tom Irizarry asked if there are plans. Manager Carew stated that the plans are available.

Mr. Irizarry asked about noise reduction, safety and security. Manager Carew stated that he doesn't believe that there will be any change from what is there now.

Councilman Renzulli stated that the building is to be used for karate and exercise program from 6-8.

Jim Mars stated that this completely changes the view of their homes.

Mr. Irizarry asked why it could not be moved to the other side. Councilman Renzulli stated that the property is planning on being used as a hockey rink.

Mayor Nagler went over proposed ideas that the township has.

Kathy Large Darby Circle voiced her concern as well.

Mayor Nagler stated that he is going to have solicitor call Mr. Irizarry to discuss this matter.

Councilman Tafe believes that it is a valid point and they should have been notified.

John Geary Knotty Oak asked Scott about Knotty Oak. He has not heard anything on the fixing the road. John Geary asked if the township can slow down the traffic on student drive.

Mr. Vidinha, 10 Stafford Court asked about code enforcement. He showed photographs to council of a neighboring property.

Mayor Nagler asks the residents to be the eyes and ears and thanked Mr. Vidinha.

Loretta Kaplan, 16 Manchester asked if there is going to be something implemented in the plan for the elderly and handicapped should an emergency occur.

Mr. Carew stated that the meeting he is going to Thursday is to specifically discuss the financial loss from the flood. Councilman tafe stated that the county has a program through the department of aging .

Councilman Renzulli stated that the township needs to know who the special needs people are so that in case of emergency they know where to locate them.

Mr. Ulyette asked about the school building becoming an abandoned site. Mr. Ulyette asked if the building had to be razed. Mayor Nagler stated that it did not.

### **Comments**

Manager Carew apologized to the Darby Circle residents and agrees that they should have been notified.

Councilman Tafe reminded the public that the meetings are well-published and ask people to try to get members from their areas to come to the meetings. Councilman Tafe stated that the comments are welcomed.

Mayor Nagler thanked everyone for coming. He stated that the feedback whether it is bad or good is appreciated.

Councilman Hartman will not be at the next meeting because his wife is ill.

### **Closed Session**

Clerk Lovins asked Council to convene to closed session to discuss personnel.

Motion by Councilman Renzulli, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt Closed Session Resolution 2007-56 at 9:36 to discuss personnel issues. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Mayor Nagler to reconvene to regular

session at 10:16 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Maroccia, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adjourn at 10:16 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC  
Township Clerk