

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
March 24, 2008  
7:30PM**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Renzulli called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT** [N.J.S.A. 10:4-6] *In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On January 9, 2008 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board; was mailed to THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES and to the CAMDEN COURIER POST; was filed with the Township Clerk and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice. The proceedings of this meeting are being electronically recorded and the tape will be on file in the office of the Township Clerk.*

**ROLL CALL.**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Tafe and Mayor Renzulli.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Scott Carew, Township Manager, Eileen Fahey, Township Solicitor and Barbara Sheipe RMC, filing in as municipal clerk.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

No one from the public wished to comment at this time.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT.**

Manager Carew reported to council that he had received 52 applications so far for the township clerk's positions. Mr. Carew discussed that he is attempting to work with the other districts, Lumberton, Westampton, Hainesport and Mount Holly to hold a shared services meeting. Westampton Council has decided that they all will attend and Mr. Carew reviewed that at the first meeting it was going to be just the administrators and no council members. Westampton has taken the lead in the meeting and is advertising it as an open public meeting. Mayor Renzulli discussed that except for Mount Holly the other townships have different forms of governments that would make the decision for the shared services for their committees. Mr. Nagler discussed that Hainesport and Westampton are the committee form of government. Mr. Carew discussed that he did not feel that consolidating police force would be part of the discussions as there does not seem to be information available that would show it saves money. Mr. Tafe inquired if other police departments had been approached about sharing services or consolidation? Mayor Renzulli explained that Springfield Township had been approached informally. Mr. Nagler discussed that he did not see a reason to have the first meeting of shared services as a full council meeting and that it should be just an informal meeting. Mr. Tafe inquired of Ms. Fahey if the meeting needed to be open to the public and advertise for shared services. Ms. Fahey explained that it is an

event sponsored by one town and if a full quorum of council is attending there needs to be a notice to the public. Mr. Maroccia discussed that all towns have to do something about budget cuts. Mr. Tafe discussed that nothing is off the table with shared services and that he wants the police department shared services to still be included. Mr. Carew discussed that the construction official's office with shared services works now, but anticipated large growth has to be monitored. Mr. Tafe inquired if the full Mount Holly Council was attending the meeting. Mayor Renzulli explained that he is against losing control of the police department and that Eastampton needs to be the lead agency. Mr. Carew will check to see about the meeting and how many other council members are attending from the surrounding towns and advise council.

Manager Carew discussed that he and Chief Mingin had met concerning the pedestrian safety study with a DOT representative. The DOT is going to do a full study of the township for safety to school. They will make recommendations about the walking paths and sidewalks to the school. DOT will make a determination after the study about the guard rail. Mr. Carew discussed that the school board election is on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Sheipe will help with being the township for the school board election.

Manager Carew discussed that Rosemary Flattering of Maple Shade will be doing the land use for the township. Mr. Carew also discussed that he had met with Marge O'Dell and that she will be helping with the tax collector and the Edmunds program, 3 or 4 days a week as a volunteer. Mr. Carew explained that budget requests are in from all departments and that school districts gain in funding is the townships lost. Since the township has been deferring the school tax for the last several years the township will have to pay \$125,000 out of surplus to the school this year. Mr. Carew discussed that he is looking at cutting line items in the budget by 10% across the board. Mr. Tafe inquired if this included the capital budget as well. Mayor Renzulli explained that everything needs to be cut across the board. Mr. Nagler discussed that the township can not let the infrastructure deteriorate because of the governor's cuts. Mr. Carew will meet with the departments about their budgets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Mr. Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2008. Mr. Nagler second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

PROCLAMATION: Mr. Walker of Warick had request that a proclamation be adopted for World Tai Chi and QiQong Day for April 26 in Eastampton Township.

### RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-40, Resolution of Approval of Application for Raffle License for Burlington County Rotary. The resolution was read by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-41, Resolution of Approval for Raffle License for Donald Aleshire/John Holmes Memorial Youth and Scholarship Fund. The resolution was read by title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-42**, Resolution of Approval for Raffle License for Northern Burlington Regional High school Band Boosters. The resolution was read by title.

Mr. Nagler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008, 40, 2008-41, 2008-42, Mr. Hartman second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Tafe and Mayor Renzulli.

**NAYES:** None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-43**, Resolution Authorizing Application For 2007 Recycling Tonnage Grant. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Tafe inquired if Ms. Fahey could explain why the council has to approve this resolution. Ms. Fahey explained that the resolution is required to abide by the recycling act and that the county requires the resolution to receive the money. Mr. Nagler discussed that the county is raising the fees by 3% but gives the money back in grants. Mrs. Sheipe explained that she normally does the tonnage grant resolution since it is a standard resolution to save on the legal fees for a municipality. Mr. Nagler made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Maroccia second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Tafe and Mayor Renzulli.

**NAYES:** None

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS.** Reports were submitted from the public works department, tax assessor, clerk, court and construction for February. Mr. Nagler made a motion to accept the reports, Mr. Maroccia second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH BILL LIST.** Mr. Hartman made a motion to approve the bill list, Mr. Nagler second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Maroccia, Mr. Nagler, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Tafe and Mayor Renzulli.

**NAYES:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS.** Manager Carew discussed that he would like to introduce the budget at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council discussed holding a public meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> for a budget work session with the department heads available. Mr. Tafe inquired if the budget work session would be a public meeting. Mayor Renzulli discussed that every effort should be made to have the public attend the budget work session. There should two meetings one at 4pm and one in the evening. Mr. Hartman discussed that he is not available on April 14<sup>th</sup> for the meeting; Mr. Tafe is also not available that night.

Mayor Renzulli discussed that the Environmental Committee would like to apply for a grant from the DEP for \$25,000 plus \$6,000 in kind match. The DEP is requiring a resolution of support from the council. Mr. Hartman made a motion to

send a letter of support of the grant, Mr. Nagler second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Mayor Renzulli discussed that he was approached about the possibility of the township selling a small piece of property that abuts Powell Road to an adjoining property. The property is not buildable and the homeowner just wants to use it as part of his yard. The lot is Block 111.2, Lot 37 and is less than 2/3rds of an area. Township Council discussed that they would like to have more details of the property and some pictures as well.

### OLD BUSINESS.

Student Drive sidewalk barrier- Mr. Nagler discussed that the barrier would block off the egress to the back yards. Mr. Carew explained that the engineer is aware of the problem. Mr. Tafe explained that he is still not comfortable with making the back yard problems as part of the decision making for the barrier. Mr. Hartman discussed that one of the residents had suggested a break in the barrier for the yards. Mr. Carew requested that any decision be placed on hold until the DOT had completed their study.

Ms. Fahey discussed that the engineer had put together the fence ordinance and that she did not see any language changes that were needed. The ordinance could be introduced at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ordinance No. 2008-4 An Ordinance For Bingo and Raffle License,

Ordinance No. 2008-5, An Ordinance For Increase In Penalties. Mayor Renzulli inquired if this ordinance could state that it is the maximum permitted by law, instead of amending the ordinance every time the state raises the amount. Ms. Fahey discussed that she will review the ordinance.

Both ordinances will be introduced for first reading at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### COMMENTS.

Mr. Nagler discussed he supports shared services but does not want to see Eastampton lose Autonomy.

Mr. Tafe discussed that the council needs to look cautiously at all offers and decide what is best for the township.

Mr. Hartman discussed Memorial Day procession is on the Saturday before Memorial Day and that the choir and instrumental group from the school will participate. Mr. Tafe cautioned that military protocol for the sequence of events needs to comply with the military standards. Mr. Hartman explained that he has worked with Curly Watson of the VFW for the last several years. The ceremony will be held inside the school if it is raining.

Mayor Renzulli discussed that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success and well attended.

### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Nagler made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Tafe second the motion. All members present in favor of the motion.