

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

May 27, 2008

7:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Renzulli certified that the meeting was noticed in the Annual Meeting Notice. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times, sent to the Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the Eastampton Township Municipal Building, all on January 9, 2008. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Present were: Mayor Richard Renzulli, Deputy Mayor Donald Hartman, Council Members Keith Nagler, Joseph Maroccia and Walter Tafe. Also present were: Scott Carew, Township Manager, Township Attorney, Eileen Fahey.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Carew said that the Memorial Day Celebration was a success and he thanked Councilman Hartman for a wonderful event.

Mr. Carew had a meeting about revising the Emergency Management Plan.

Mr. Carew had discussions with Richard Parks about entering into an agreement with the County for the Township Public Works Department to cut the grass on Smithville Road and Powell Road. Mr. Parks indicated to Township Manager Carew that it would not impact on their daily work load.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Carew administered the oath of office to new Patrol Officer Dennis Shepard.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Squad Member of the Year	David Heubner
Firefighter of the Year	Gene Oberfrank
Police Officer of the Year	Christopher Muraglia
Employee of the Year	Linda Lovins
Volunteer of the Year	Tom Czerniecki

Mayor Renzulli said that due to multiple commitments only one volunteer of the year was able to attend and that was Gene Oberfrank, firefighter of the year.

Council Members took this opportunity to read the bio's of each of the Volunteer of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tina Carson, 24 Honey Locust Lane has always cut the grass behind her home that faces Smithville Road that is not her property, until her lawn mower broke from mowing over glass that is there. Tina brought her survey to show indicating that it is not her property beyond her fence. She wants to know if someone is going to cut it and she does not want a fine.

Mayor Renzulli asked Township Manger Carew to look into the situation and speak with the Public Works Director Parks and rescind the previous letter that was sent out and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Janet Fittipaldi, 26 Mill Creek Road, she expressed the desire to have the dam taken out and asked about ownership responsibility of the Mt. Holly Dam.

Dan McGonigle, 38 Mill Creek Road, said thirty years ago they used to flood once every couple of years and now they get flooded a couple times a year.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Renzulli turned this portion of the meeting over to the Township Auditor. The Township Auditor indicated that the Township was applying for a waiver request with the Local Finance Board and the hearing would be in July. The municipality lost \$142,000 in state aid which is equivalent to three cents for a tax increase. If the Local Finance Board grants the Township's waiver then the budget could be adopted as it is. If they do not grant the waiver they would have to go back and find additional cuts to be made within the budget.

Mayor Renzulli opened the public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget.

John Geary, 6 Knotty Oak Drive, asked if the employees could pay co pays and then that would bring down the insurance premiums.

Mayor Renzulli indicated that the employees presently pay for co pays for office visits and prescriptions.

Councilman Nagler also indicated that the school board is separate from the Township.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Renzulli closed the public hearing on the 2008 Municipal Budget.

It was MOVED by HARTMAN and seconded by NAGLER to table the budget adoption until the July 14, 2008 Township Council meeting.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the budget adoption was tabled to the July 14, 2008 Township Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2008-56 Resolution to Authorize Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail
Estimated Tax Bills

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE that Resolution R2008-56 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2008-56 was adopted.

Resolution R2008-57 Resolution to Authorize Auction of Abandoned Vehicles

It was MOVED by HARTMAN and seconded by MAROCCIA that Resolution R2008-57 be adopted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2008-57 was adopted.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

It was MOVED by HARTMAN and seconded by NAGLER that the 2008 bill list be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

Councilman Nagler asked to see a breakdown of the gas and diesel spending.

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the bills were approved.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by MAROCCIA to approve the April report for the Police.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the April report for the Police was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hartman has new information regarding a cop on the grounds of the Burlington County College.

NEW BUSINESS COMMENTS:

Mayor Renzulli said that they do not have any intentions to help fund repair of the Mt. Holly Dam.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was MOVED by HARTMAN and seconded by NAGLER to go into closed session to discuss personnel, negotiations under attorney/client privilege and contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to go into closed session to discuss personnel, negotiations under attorney/client privilege and contract negotiations.

It was MOVED by TAFE and seconded by NAGLER to appoint Kim-Marie White as the new Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to appoint Kim-Marie White as the new Township Clerk.

COMMENTS:

Township Manager Carew stated that he would be out of town for the June 9, 2008 Township Council meeting and was going to ask Kim-Marie White to take the Council meeting. If Kim did not want to take the meeting he was going to ask Carolyn to take the meeting and do the minutes from the meeting. Chief Mingin would be present at the meeting as Acting Township Manager.

Councilman Tafe asked if Brian would be able to fill in.

Mayor Renzulli said they fiscally do not need a clerk to sit at the meeting, the meetings are taped; they would need someone to do the minutes. Brian should be more involved, but at a slower pace, with duties within the municipal building under supervision.

Councilman Tafe said he comes to the meetings and tries really hard to work within the spirit of cooperation and the Mayor's comments are totally unprofessional and totally insulting to the members of the council to make a statement that was made. He is very tired of coming to meetings and to having to deal with that. It was extremely insensitive and an accusing thing to say and it is insulting to the entire council. He knows where it was directed and he finds that to be more insulting.

Mayor Renzulli said it was not directed toward anyone. Mayor Renzulli apologized and said he would be more sensitive in the future.

It was MOVED by NAGLER and seconded by TAFE to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Hartman, Maroccia, Nagler, Tafe, Renzulli
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

D. Scott Carew
Acting Municipal Clerk

Richard Renzulli
Mayor