

**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
February 11, 2008  
7:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order.** Mayor Renzulli 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, 2008. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sent to the Courier Post for information.

**Roll Call**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager Scott Carew, Township Clerk Linda Lovins and Township Solicitor Eileen Fahey

**Public Comments**

No one wished to speak.

**Township Manager's Report**

Manager Carew received a letter from the State that the DOT Planning Assistance Program. will study pedestrian routes to RV. Councilman Hartman asked if the result will be available prior to next September. Manager Carew did not know.

Manager Carew and Rich Parks and will be conducting interviews to fill the labor position. They received 27 applications.

There are zoning issues regarding commercial and recreational vehicles parked in streets and driveways. There have been a couple of situations where residents have found loopholes in the ordinances. Manager Carew does not see a resolution until the ordinances are addressed.

The other issue is parking vehicles in the back yard. The ordinance does not give the Township the ability to deal with the situation.

Kathy Newcomb is going to compile and update the code. The Code is not sufficient to separate the duties of codes/construction and zoning officer and she will update that as well.

ERI has completed the packet to send regarding PA4 changing to PA2. Scott will keep

Council informed.

Manager Carew explained that the Chief is not here this evening, however, the Township is close to closing the books for 2007. The auditors have been working diligently to get them all straightened out. The time spent straightening out the books has delayed other work that needs to be done.

The Township should get a handle on the capital budget but it is probably going to be two or three more weeks before Jerry can address it.

The Chief has some concerns with the surplus going into 2008. There are some added assessments that are going to occur this year that have not yet been added.

Manager Carew handed out information regarding the sidewalk on Student Drive. The Chief was unaware that it was not going to have a curb. Chief Mingin feels that there is a safety issue as it currently exists. The Chief wanted to explore different options for some kind of barrier between the street and the sidewalk. Nancy had mentioned putting up a fence, however, it was felt that would not be a sufficient barrier.

Nancy is going to reach out to the State to see if the Township can use the remaining funds that were granted to the Township by the State. It is a safety issue that needs to be addressed. Mayor Renzulli stated that this would not fix the water flow issue. Mayor Renzulli asked Manager Carew to get prices. Councilman Hartman asked if ERI was aware of any other Townships that have had to use this type of barrier. Manager Carew stated that this is a unique situation with a flat sidewalk and no curb.

### **Approval of Current Year Minutes**

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

- § January 14, 2008 Regular Session; and
- § January 28, 2008

All voted in the affirmative.

### **Russo's Place-to-Place and Person-to-Person Liquor License Transfer Public Hearing**

Ms. Fahey advised that all the requirements have been met. Mayor Renzulli opened to the Public. Ms. Fahey asked Mr. Russo if anything has changed in the financial statement since it was filed. Mr. Russo stated that nothing has changed. Mayor Renzulli closed to the public.

### **Resolutions**

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt the following Resolutions:

2008-32 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE LICENSE FOR

NORTHERN BURLINGTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
BOOSTERS

All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the

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2008-33 RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF RUSSO'S  
CONTINENTAL PIZZA AND RESTAURANT, INC. FOR A  
PLACE-TO-PLACE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Upon roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative.

**Acceptance of Reports (December)**

the Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Taft to accept  
following reports for December:

Police Public Works, Tax Assessor, Clerk, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Court and

Councilman Hartman asked about the 2006 total at the end of the Public Works Report.  
Mr. Parks advised it was a comparison to last year.

All voted in the affirmative.

**Capital Budget Discussion**

FOP speaker was Gary Beaver of Lodge 146. They are here to encourage Council to  
proceed with constructing new police facilities. They have provided information to  
Council regarding what the officers are exposed to on a daily basis. They are not  
unhappy working for the Township or Council, however. the work conditions could  
improve.

In 1996 Council walked through the facility and used words to describe it and assured  
them that within two years they would have a new facility. Since that time they have  
grown with technology and manpower. On behalf of FOP they would strongly  
encourage Council to move forward with constructing a new police department for  
them.

Mayor Renzulli asked how the building is handling having a female officer for the first  
time. They have had to convert an area to a female locker room which decreased their  
space. Mayor Renzulli asked what the officers have put into the building as far as  
personal time and personal equipment etc. Detective Beaver advised that numerous  
hours of their own time has gone into the building to repaint, retile, etc. The FOP has  
donated furniture, heating sources, chairs, microwaves and the like. Some of the  
officers spend more time in their work environment than in their own home. They  
continue to add to the atmosphere to try to make it more comfortable and workable.

Mayor Renzulli asked if there was a jail cell. Detective Beaver stated that they do not have a holding cell. They have one bench. If they go to an incident with multiple arrests they have to chain them all together and then chain them to the bench. This is a disadvantage to the officers because it gives the arrestees the opportunity to converse rather than to be separated prior to an interview. It is also a violation of the attorney general guidelines with regard to detention of juveniles. They are not to be subject to adult detainees.

Mayor Renzulli asked for a description of the detention area. Detective Beaver stated that it is in the common foyer downstairs.

Manager Carew would like to add a few things, one being that the police station is in a flood zone. The Court facility should also be improved. There are some development opportunities in the near future that could provide income through a developer's agreement to fund a portion of this project.

Mayor Renzulli advised Council that there is five acres of land on Monmouth Road that was purchased for this particular project years ago. Mayor Renzulli is suggesting that Council put money into the 2008 capital budget to do the architectural. Mayor Renzulli stated that this is a start and is not meant to have brick and mortar on the ground but yet to begin the long awaited project. Due to the expense of the project, the architecture and the size of the project there is no deadline or time line for this matter.

Councilman Hartman advised that it was himself, Rich Renzulli and George Johnstone that were the Council Members that took the tour and he does not remember saying they would have the new building in two years and would like to apologize for not being able to move forward on this project quicker.

Councilman Tafe personally believes that the police department is one of the greatest attributes this community has to offer. He would like to see the Township do it right when it is done. He believes that when the move is made the public works facility needs to be updated as well and also needs to be moved. He would like to evaluate the entire goal. Manager Carew believes that five acres would handle the whole project.

Councilman Tafe would like to move forward with adding public works because he sees this creeping up with public works being an issue in a few years and why not take care of it all at the same time.

Mayor Renzulli advised the Township could then sell the existing police property to the County. Councilman Nagler would like to see this project placed in the middle of town.

Tom Durham retired lieutenant came here in 1988 and believes that this is the right move. In 1988 he was told that they would get a new building. Tom Durham put his time in painting and putting in new floors and he believes it is time for the Township to consider what these guys do. It is embarrassing and deplorable. He thinks this a step which is more than anyone else has done. Tom stated that there were cables put in place to hold the bricks together.

Tom advised it has to be aggressive and the ball just cannot be dropped at this point. He believes someone from the FOP should be appointed to help this along.

Mayor Renzulli stated that there was a need assessment done four or five years ago. Councilman Nagler thinks that their facilities should be as well groomed and nice as our police department is.

Councilman Nagler stated this is the birth of a new plan. Councilman Hartman stated it is embarrassing as Mayor and Deputy Mayor when they get invited to other police departments and they are nice.

Mayor Renzulli asked how many of us would do personal work to our work spaces.

Manager Carew would like to visit other buildings and come up with things that other architects and engineers have done. Mayor Renzulli thinks that the police should be a part of that team. Manager Carew would like to see Rich Parks and Gene Blair be a part of the process as well.

Councilman Hartman would like to have a member of the FOP, Rich Parks and himself be on a committee to meet immediately. Mayor Renzulli stated that Council cannot go forward without a capital budget.

Councilman Renzulli asked Ms. Fahey if they could get four votes to move ahead. Ms. Fahey stated that he can ask if council members would be in support of this being added to the budget. Councilman Nagler asked if it is was bondable. Ms. Fahey stated that it was.

Mayor Renzulli explained that Council needed to raise \$15,000 in the capital budget this year to make it go forward. Ms. Fahey stated that she can poll council members to see if they are willing to include \$200,000 in the capital budget.

The Capital Budget will be voted on the 1st meeting in March.

Manager Carew stated that the Township could have RFPs for the first meeting in March with no harm.

Councilman Tafe asked what needs to be done to poll Council on this matter and advised that he is in favor. All council members indicated that they are in favor of adding this line item to the capital budget.

Councilman Nagler suggested the RFPs be received and reviewed by the committee.

Mayor Renzulli would like Regan Young to be included in the RFPs as he is local and did the school architectural.

Councilman Tafe would like there to be a public discussion of who is on the committee.

Manager Carew suggested that the FOP visit other buildings that fit what the Township needs and also send RFPs to those architects and engineers as well.

Richard Parks, Public Works Director was available to answer questions about the public works capital budget. Councilman Nagler wanted to know if the rake really costs \$27,000. Mr. Parks stated that it does. Mayor Renzulli asked if there is something that the residents are doing that is contributing to it getting broken. Mr. Parks stated that it is the age of the trees and volume of leaves that fall.

Councilman Tafe asked if it was possible to do a total rebuild on the machine. Mr. Parks stated that is a possibility.

The replacement of the vehicles was discussed . Mr. Parks stated if they do this now they won't need any replacement in 2009.

It was decided that the following would be purchased in the 2008 capital budget.

Leaf Vacuum - \$27,000  
Lawn Mower - \$7,000  
New 350 - \$30,000  
An aluminum body on the 450 - \$16,000

Total capital of \$80,000 for public works.

Mayor Renzulli asked what items are missing from the public works list that Rich needs to go forward. Rich stated that every year he asks for more space. Mayor Renzulli asked if the lack of space was killing his maintenance.

### **New Business**

Mayor Renzulli read the Boy Scouts of America Pack 30 Proclamation in honor of them picking up a lot of trash in the Township.

### **Capital Budget continues**

Councilman Nagler asked for a re-cap of the last two capital budget meetings. Manager Carew will provide that information.

Councilman Nagler asked for the storm water grades to be looked at.

### **Old Business**

Councilman Nagler nominates Jim Schemeley to Planning Board Alternate 2 appointment for an unexpired term to run through 12/31/08. There being no other nominations and upon voice vote, all voted yes.

Councilman Nagler asked if anyone contacted the school regarding the volunteer recognition. Mayor Renzulli will contact the school.

Safety of RV Students Citizens Advisory Committee - Mayor Renzulli would like a committee to be formed by various concerned residents regarding walking or lack of busing.

Mayor Renzulli read a list of people that have expressed concern.

George Grand, Buckingham concerned about kids walking along Powell.

Brian Fortner Manchester  
Shirley Graves Kensington

Dawn Carrington will have kids at RV in the future and has expressed concerns Darby

Jeff Lingo on Butternut.

Chris Azizes, Wyndham.

Manager Carew stated that the role of the committee would be to advise what needs to be done in general.

### **Comments**

Manager Carew believes that the Police Department does a wonderful job but reminded Council to not leave out the rest of the Township staff.

Mayor Renzulli reminded everyone that roller hockey sign-ups are Wednesday and wished everyone a happy valentines day.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to adopt Closed Session Resolution 2008-34. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilman Hartman, seconded by Councilman Tafe to enter back in to regular session at 10:06 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion Councilman Tafe, seconded by Councilman Nagler to authorize Manager Carew to appeal the JIF decision and to retain legal council if the JIF opposes. All voted in the affirmative.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Councilman Nagler, seconded by Councilman Hartman to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. All voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Lovins, RMC  
Township Clerk

