## EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES Monday, March 11, 2024 7:00 pm Regular Session

Mayor Santillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone participated in the flag salute.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 7, 2024. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and on the Township website.

Present were: Mayor Dominic F. Santillo, Deputy Mayor Ricardo J. Rodriguez, Council Member Robert Apgar, Council Member Jay Springer and Council Member Anthony Zeno. Also present were: Township Attorney Al Marmero, Public Works Director Fred Rodi Jr., Municipal Clerk/Township Manager Kim-Marie White and Deputy Municipal Clerk Christina Lucas.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:**

Christina Lestician

Mayor Santillo and Township Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to resident Christina Lestician for her generous time and service to the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** 

Resolution R2024-51

Authorize Engineering Design and Construction Observation Services for 2024 Road Improvements Program

It was MOVED by SPRINGER and seconded by ZENO that Resolution R2024-51 be TABLED.

Mayor Santillo stated this had been tabled from the previous meeting pending resolution on some other matters before moving forward, as well as some budgetary concerns.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-51 was TABLED.

Resolution R2024-54

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Westampton Township for Public Works Services

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2024-54 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None March 11, 2024 Page 2

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-54 was approved.

**Resolution R2024-55** 

Declare Block 502, Lot 40 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes Due from January 26, 2024 (Disabled Vet)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2024-55 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-55 was approved.

**Resolution R2024-56** 

Authorizing a Tax Refund (Block 502, Lot 40)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2024-56 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-56 was approved.

Resolution R2024-57

Declare Block 1000.13 Lot 44 as Tax Exempt and to Cancel Taxes Due from February 20, 2024 (Disabled Vet)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2024-57 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-57 was approved.

Resolution R2024-58

Authorizing a Tax Refund (Block 1000.13 Lot 44)

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that Resolution R2024-58 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2024-58 was approved.

#### **MINUTES:**

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It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that minutes be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:**

- Police
- Public Works
- Tax Assessor

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that reports be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

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

# **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

It was MOVED by ZENO and seconded by RODRIGUEZ that bills be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Nays - None

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Veteran's Committee: Mr. Rodriguez noted the meeting would be on March 14th.

Recreation Advisory Committee: Mayor Santillo noted the meeting would be on March 21st.

**School BOE:** Mr. Apgar stated Superintendent Duckett had emailed Township Manager White regarding the Pilot funding, which was a discussion item.

**LUPB:** Mr. Apgar noted the board meeting was on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1. ECS Pilot Funding
  - -The 2022-Pilot Funding Agreement was for 2 years with the option for (3) additional one-year extensions.

- -Township Attorney Marmero offered that Pilot funds could be distributed solely at Township discretion.
- -After discussion Council agreed to place a Resolution on the 3/25 agenda for ECS Pilot Funding in the amount of \$150,000, to be paid later in the year.
- 2. Capital Requests
  - -Public Works Director Fred Rodi Jr. provided items the department requested, including: insecure exterior steps, interior flooring, and a snow removal machine.
  - -After discussion Council directed Township Manager White to work with the professionals towards planning for a municipal complex.

# STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Township Attorney Al Marmero stated changes may be coming to the Township with recent OPRA (Open Public Records Act) legislation, and the situation was fluid at this time.

Mr. Springer offered that Eastampton qualified for the DVRPC Regional Trails Program, which offered \$2 million dollars for multi-use trails for over-burdened communities.

Mr. Zeno asked for and received clarification regarding the Police Department and Manor House ballast lights changing to LED's that were referenced in the Township Manager's report.

Mayor Santillo thanked Council members and Township Manager White for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Hollyville Park prior to the Council meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024

It was MOVED by APGAR and seconded by SPRINGER to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Apgar, Rodriguez, Springer, Zeno, Santillo Navs - None

All were in favor.

Municipal Clerk

Dominic F. Santillo

Mayor

Approved: March 25, 2024