

Easttown Township
Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019 (7 PM)
Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors – Betsy Fadem (Chair), Chris Polites (Vice Chair), Jim Oram, Marc Heppe, and Karl Romberger

Staff Present – Dan Fox (Manager), Andy Rau (Solicitor), Dave Obzud (Chief of Police), and Don Curley (Public Works Director)

1. Chair Fadem called the meeting to order at 7PM. She noted the changes in the meeting room arrangement and the new lobby signs and indicated that the changes and the signs are part of an attempt to improve the experience for the public. She also asked for patience as the Township adopts these changes.
2. Mrs. Fadem led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Ordinance 437-19: Code Amendments – Mrs. Fadem opened the hearing and invited the Solicitor to outline the provisions of the ordinance. The Solicitor generally described the prospective-code changes defined by the ordinance, the reasoning behind the prospective changes, and the timing of the actions associated with the ordinance. It was noted that the ordinance was reviewed by the Easttown Township Planning Commission and the Chester County Planning Commission and that both planning commissions recommended approval (with a handful of de minimis modifications that are administrative in nature).

Mrs. Fadem called for a motion regarding Ordinance 437-19: Code Amendments. Mr. Oram made a motion to adopt Ordinance 437-19: Code Amendments (including the abovementioned de minimis modifications that are administrative in nature). Mr. Polites seconded the motion. The Supervisors discussed the ordinance. Particular discussion included issues associated with the next generation of telecommunication equipment, with political and non-political signs, and with billboards. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Louise Story (2060 Buttonwood Road) commented upon the need to control electronic billboards and telecommunications towers. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) commented upon the need to control the aesthetics of prospective telecommunications equipment. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion to adopt the ordinance passed unanimously.

4. Board Motions and Resolutions –
 - Resolution 2019 – 11 Regarding Endorsement of Chester County’s Comprehensive Plan Landscape3 – Mr. Oram made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Polites seconded the motion. The Supervisors discussed the resolution. Discussion included elements of consistency between the County plan and the Township plan and the general support of the County’s plan. Mrs.

Fadem called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously.

- Extension of the Solid Waste Management Contract – Mr. Romberger made a motion to execute the Township’s unilateral one-year extension provision in accordance with the terms of the contract with Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. (WM). Mr. Heppe seconded the motion. The Supervisors discussed the extension and the provisions of the agreement. Discussion included the general satisfaction with the service provided by WM and the recognition that solid waste processing and recycling prices are high at the moment such that it is not a good time to seek a new contract. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Louise Story (2060 Buttonwood Road) commented on a concern that the future renewal may create a cost increase. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion to execute the extension passed unanimously.
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for Grass Cutting Services – Mr. Heppe made a motion to authorize the Staff to issue an RFP for grass cutting services. Mr. Polites seconded the motion. Don Curley indicated the reasons for issuing the RFP; stating that the Township has unilateral authority to renew or not renew the contract for the upcoming year, that the existing agreement has uncertainty in the pricing for the upcoming year, and that the existing agreement has inefficiencies that could be resolved with a new agreement. The Supervisors discussed the RFP, including the above-mentioned uncertainty and inefficiency and the prospective costs. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) expressed a concern that the new agreement could result in added cost. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion to issue the RFP passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 438-19 Partial Defeasance of Easttown Municipal Authority Bond Series 2011 – Mr. Heppe made a motion to advertise the ordinance. Mr. Romberger seconded the motion. The Solicitor outlined the issues, legal reasoning, and timing implications of the defeasance. The Manager outlined the financial and tax implications of the defeasance. The Supervisors discussed the defeasance. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Louise Story (2060 Buttonwood Road) inquired if the defeasance mitigates risk of default and the Manager generally described how the defeasance eliminates that risk. Mike Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) inquired regarding the amount of the defeasance and the Manager described the amount. Mrs. Fadem called for the the vote. The motion to advertise the Ordinance 438-19 Partial Defeasance of Easttown Municipal Authority Bond Series 2011 passed unanimously.

5. Departmental Reports –

- Administration - The Manager outlined the provisions of his report (dated 2/1/19 and included in the packet). The Supervisors, Staff and public discussed the report.
- Public Works – the Public Works Director outlined the provisions of his report (dated 1/29/19 and included in the packet). The Supervisors, Staff and public discussed the report.

6. Regular Township Business –

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 22, 2019 - Mr. Heppe made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. The Supervisors discussed the minutes. Mrs. Fadem requested one change, indicating that the term “Fire & EMS Task Force” should be amended to “Emergency Service Plan Committee.” The Supervisors accepted the amendment by unanimous consent. Mrs. Fadem called for

public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. Fadem called the vote. The motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2019 (as amended) passed unanimously.

- Payment of Bills – Mr. Heppie made a motion to pay the bills and warrants as specified in the agenda (bill list date ending January 30, 2019). Mr. Oram seconded the motion. The Supervisors went thru the bill list (page by page) and discussed particular expenses with the Staff. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) inquired regarding the cost of phone service at the pumping stations and the Staff provided that information. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion to pay the bills and warrants passed unanimously.

7. Other Business – Mrs. Fadem distributed a copy of the draft of *Easttown Township 2019 Initiatives* to the Supervisors, Staff, and public (a copy of this document is attached to the minutes). The Supervisors, Staff, and public discussed the initiatives. Discussion included general aspects of the initiatives, particular aspects of the initiatives, duties, timing, costs, etc.
8. Announcements – Mrs. Fadem read the announcements as they are specified in the agenda.
9. Public Comment – Michael Wacey (1049 Beaumont Road) inquired about the genesis of the above-mentioned initiatives outlined by Mrs. Fadem. The Supervisors and the Staff briefly explained the genesis of the initiatives.
10. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at around 830 pm.

Submitted by,



Don Curley

Approved by the Supervisors on _____ ,

02/15/2019