

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2020

7:30 pm Special Session

Mayor Apgar 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 on August 29, 2020. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Township of Eastampton does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held telephonically only. Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times on August 29, 2020. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and the Township website.

Present were: Council Member Eddie Besko, Deputy Mayor Dominic Santillo, Council Member Jay Springer, Council Member Anthony Zeno and Mayor Robert Apgar. Also present were: Township Attorney Al Marmero, and Deputy Municipal Clerk Kijona Thompson. Absent: Township Manager/Municipal Clerk Kim-Marie White.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution R2020-87 Approval of Shared Service Agreement with Eastampton Board of Education for a School Resource Officer for the 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Marmero gave an overview of the purpose to this agreement between the Township and the Board of Education. He also discussed the nature of the amendments to the original agreement.

It was MOVED by SANTILLO and seconded by SPRINGER that Resolution R2020-87 be approved.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2020-87 was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Graham 2 Westover Ct- questioned the need to have an Officer in the school building since the school has made a decision to start the school year remotely.

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Dan Wythoff 446 Kings Hwy E. Haddonfield- commented that although the majority of students will be remote the teachers will be in the building as will the Wee Kids program daily. He also wanted to state that his support for SRO Horne as a valued asset to the school.

Florence Smith 5 Cricket Way Medford- she just wanted to show her support for SRO Horne.

Nicole Ragone 100 Linden Farm Ave- also wanted to show her support for SRO Horne.

Melissa Jennings 1621 Chestnut Ave. Haddon Heights- also wanted to show her support for SRO Horne.

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS:

Both Mayor Apgar and Deputy Mayor Santillo responded that the school's decision is one of the reason they wanted to amend the Agreement. Council wanted the flexibility to re-evaluate the needs to the SRO at a later time.

Mr. Santillo asked that the Township Manager, Police Chief and School Superintendent meet in the coming weeks to better define the duties of the SRO.

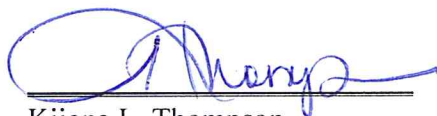
Mr. Besko added that it is he wish that the SRO is only at the building when children are present.

ADJOURNMENT:

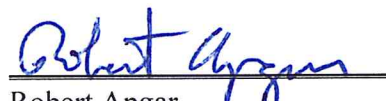
It was MOVED by SANTILLO and seconded by ZENO to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, the meeting was adjourned.



Kijona L. Thompson
Deputy Municipal Clerk



Robert Apgar
Mayor

Approved: September 14, 2020