

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:45 PM WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:01 PM by Mayor Wisniewski. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2018. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Henley	Present
Committeewoman Hynes	Present
Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Mayor Wisniewski	Present

David Minchello, Solicitor, was present.

Maria Carrington, Administrator and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

Approve Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 6/19/18 meeting; 6/19/18 Workshop & Closed Session minutes of 6/19/18 – motion to approve by Ms. Smith-Hartman; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – presentation of proclamations to Nyah Anderson and Siarra Ingram, Westampton students who are recipients of the Governor's Award in Arts Education. Committeewoman Hynes presented the awards to the girls.

Resolution 109-18 – Appoint Police Lieutenant, Victor Bialous – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Swear in Victor Bialous as Westampton Township Police Lieutenant, effective 7/1/18 – Mayor Wisniewski swore in Victor Bialous as Lieutenant.

A 5 minute break was taken. Motion made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman to re-open the meeting.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Monthly Reports-Posted on Bulletin Board

WTES Report, Police Report, Public Works Report, Construction Report, Tax Collector's Report

New Business

Proclamation in honor of George Thomas Ridley, Jr. – former Mayor Daniels thanked the Mayor and Committee for allowing him to speak on behalf of Mr. Ridley. He had presented the proclamation to the family this past weekend. Mr. Ridley was the Commander of VFW Post 2014 and a Purple Heart recipient as well.

Ordinances

5-2018 Amend the Code of the Township of Westampton, Adopt Chapter 197, Smoking Restrictions (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. The meeting was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

Resolutions

96-18 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

97-18 Bond Reduction, Willows at Westampton, Ingerman Development Co., Block 401, Lots 2, 7 & 8 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

98-18 Electronic Tax Sale – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

99-18 Notice of Tax Sale Charges – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

100-18 Appoint Fire Official – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

101-18 Adopt NJ MEL/BURLCO JIF Employee Handbook – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

102-18 Authorize Shared Service for EMS between Westampton & Eastampton Townships – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

103-18 Hire Police Officer – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

104-18 Rescind Petty Cash Funds – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

105-18 Authorize change in Monetary Amount for Petty Cash Fund – motion to approve by Ms. Smith-Hartman; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

106-18 Establish Policies & Procedures Regarding Post-Issuance Compliance of Federal Tax Requirements Regarding Tax-Exempt Debt Issues – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

107-18 2017 Audit – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

108-18 Adopt Corrective Action Plan for 2017 Audit – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Committee Liaison Reports

Mr. Lopez – reported that there has been an increase in illegal dumping on Township owned property; he urges residents to report this if they see it; it costs residents money.

Mr. Henley – there is still time to register for summer camps; walk in registration is available. All future recreation program registration is moving to online; credit and debit card payments will be accepted; you can create a household account now.

Ms. Hynes – reported that there is much change going on over at the schools. Students going into the 4th and 5th grades will be having an open house.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 26, 6 PM – WTES Heart Saver CPR Class

Saturday, August 4, 9 AM-4:30 PM – WTES Child & Babysitting Safety Course

Tuesday, August 7 – National Night Out

Friday, August 31- 7 to 9 PM Candlelight vigil at Burl. Co. Amphitheater

Saturday, September 22 – Timbuctoo Day

Open to public Comment

Sarah Penn, 205 Main Street – she was attacked in Rancocas village by two large dogs that were running loose; they also killed her beagle. The court hearing was held on July 12th; only a \$416 fine was assessed and the dogs were released to the owner. The owner of the dogs was instructed that she must remove the dogs from the state and go back to Florida; however, there are still cars at the home with Florida tags. Ms. Penn feels that our justice system has failed her; the judge and prosecutor seem to value the lives of these dogs more than that of her life and her dog's life. She is sure that if these dogs get out again they will do the same thing, or worse. She is disappointed to say the least, in the way the case was handled. She does think our police department did everything they could. She thinks the judge and prosecutor think let this be Florida's problem.

Crystal Quillen, 26 Tallowood Drive – the police put up their portable sign on Tallowood Drive; there is definitely a speeding problem on this road. She wanted to voice her concern and would like to see what can be done for the speeding issue on this road. The signage made them more aware that this is a problem.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Lopez – wanted to know if the township could do anything about the judge's orders regarding the dog attack. Solicitor Minchello thinks there is room for some degree of follow up; they could discuss this with the Police Chief to see what could be done.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – this isn't the first episode where something like this has happened; a dog viciously attacked another in her development and the dog was allowed to be returned to its owner. The Solicitor commented that he hoped the woman knew that she could pursue a civil case.

Mr. Lopez – wanted to address Ms. Quillen's concerns. Perhaps they could look into painting speed bumps on the road; he has seen these and they seem to help with slowing traffic down. Police Chief Ent reported that Lt. Bialous is taking over supervision of the traffic unit and they are sensitive to this problem. They do have a speed trailer but it is old.

Mr. Henley – this does give people awareness and does seem to help.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – we switched trash companies. She got lots of phone calls and text messages. She wanted to thank Maria, Marion and Parker for their work with the trash company.

Ms. Hynes – 80 students in the state got the Governor's Award in Arts Education and 2 were from Westampton.

Mayor Wisniewski – congratulations to the girls on their awards and to Lt. Bialous on his promotion.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk