

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

August 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:02 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 Ms. Smith-Hartman. Mr. Lopez would like to amend tonight's agenda by tabling Resolution #112-18; all voted yes.

Minutes of the 7/21/18 meeting; 7/21/18 workshop & closed session minutes of 7/21/18 – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – safety presentation by Paul Forlenza, BURLCO JIF Deputy Executive Director. He gave a presentation regarding the Township's renewal in the BURLCO JIF. He was disappointed that the Committee was going to table Resolution #112-18 which was something the JIF had recommended the Township approve. All renewal paperwork must be received by October 1, 2018.

8:00 PM – presentation of KIA flag by Tim Tyler, County Clerk. Mr. Tyler explained the history of the creation of the flag. He is delivering flags to each municipality and presented the flag to the Mayor. It is to be flown at the Municipal Building under the POW flag.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Carolyn Chang, Roberts Drive – had a question regarding the roadwork resolution; she asked if Saddle Ridge was included in this roadwork. Maria Carrington explained that it

is not included, this work is for Tarnsfield Road. She asked if the roads would be included at all in 2018 or 2019. Mayor Wisniewski explained that the road plan encompasses 15 years and this project for Tarnsfield Road is taking priority.

Louis Lopez, Mt. Holly – asked about Ordinance #6-2018. He asked about the PSE&G rate increases that are listed under correspondence.

Monthly Reports-Posted on Bulletin Board

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

New Business

Westampton Memorial American Legion Post 509 – annual report.

NJ Dept. of Transportation – fiscal year 2019 State Aid grant programs.

International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil – 8/31/18 7-9 PM, Burl. Co. Amphitheatre

Timbuctoo Day – Saturday, September 22nd, noon

Aspire Youth Development meetings – request for municipal building fee waiver, will meet for a 6 week period on Thursday evenings – vote required. Motion made by Ms. Hynes to grant the waiver request; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Ordinances

6-2018 Amend the Code of the Township of Westampton, Animals, Chapter 88 (first reading) – this ordinance amends the code in order to bring it in compliance with the standards required by the NJDEP. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

7-2018 Salary Ordinance, Police Supervisors (first reading) – this ordinance sets the salaries and compensation for Sergeants, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief of Police for the year 2018. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

8-2018 Salary Ordinance, Firefighters/EMTs (first reading) – this ordinance sets the salaries and compensation for fulltime firefighters and EMTs for the year 2018. . Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

9-2018 Salary Ordinance, other Municipal employees (first reading) – this ordinance sets the salaries and compensation for Public Works, Administrative and Municipal Court employees for the year 2018. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Resolutions

109a-18 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 8/17/18. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

110-18 Renew BURLCO JIF Membership – this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract renewing Westampton Township’s membership effective 1/1/2019 and ending on 1/1/2022. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

111-18 Authorize Sale of Surplus Property – this resolution authorizes the sale of surplus property no longer needed in order to offset the price of purchasing a remote mower needed by the Public Works Department. Motion to approve made by Ms. Smith-Hartman; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

112-18 Legislative Amendments – this resolution is in support of Legislative amendments S-716; S-477 and S-1766 in order to save money for municipalities -
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113-18 Authorize Appointment of an Investigator – this resolution authorizes the appointment of an investigator to conduct an investigation regarding a complaint of harassment made by a Westampton Township employee. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

114-18 Adopt Wellness Policy – this resolution adopts the BURLCO JIF’s Wellness Policy which is committed to promoting & implementing policies to promote the health & safety of the Township’s municipal employees. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

115-18 Purchase Vehicle – this resolution authorizes the purchase of a 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle for the Police Department; funds are available through bond ordinance #3-2018 . Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

116-18 Authorize Trade in of Surplus Property – this resolution authorizes the trade in of surplus property no longer needed in order to receive services and products to mark & identify Township-owned vehicles. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

117-18 Approve Engineering Work – this resolution approves engineering design work for 2 projects: installation of safety netting at the Sports Complex & the DOT road grant project for 2018. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

118-18 Authorize Purchase of Computer System – this resolution authorizes the purchase of computer hardware/software to serve various departments at a cost not to exceed \$19,400.00. Motion to approve made by Ms. Smith-Hartman; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

119-18 Ipad Sale – this resolution authorizes the sale of an Ipad to a Committee member, Abraham Lopez. Motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes; Mr. Lopez abstained.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks to the PW Department

PSE&G – increases in rates; Public Hearings schedules

Senior Citizens United Community Services – public hearing for application for funds to NJ Transit for seniors and disabled persons

NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City, November 13-15

Committee Liaison Reports

Mr. Henley – Timbuctoo day is approaching, the committee is working hard on it, they appreciate all that come out

Ms. Hynes – a “Meet and Greet” was held at the new Westampton Intermediate School for 4th and 5th grades; it was a packed house.

Dates to Remember

August 30, 6 – 8 PM – Walk Through History, Rancocas, meet at 215 Main Street

Sept. 1, 1-3 PM – WTES Splish-Splash Water Bash, Westampton Firehouse

Saturday, September 22 – Timbuctoo Day @ noon

Oct. 4, 6 – 8 PM, WTES Fire Safety Rocks Concert, Burl. Co. Amphitheatre

October 13 – PTO Fun Run (rain date October 14)

Open to public Comment

Gary Jacques, 20 Main Street – is glad to see Timbuctoo Day is being celebrated; it’s a great day. He commented that the resignation of Abraham Lopez is a terrible loss; he can’t express how much he has meant to this town and thanked him for a great job. He wished his family and him much success. He spoke about a petition for Township

Committee that he thought was submitted with enough signatures but was rejected by the Clerk.

Louis Lopez, Mt. Holly resident – asked about a lawsuit involving litigation with Westampton. The solicitor advised that it could not be discussed at this time.

Carolyn Chang, 20 Roberts Drive – was on the Township Committee and served as Mayor. She spoke about the division that a certain member of the Committee had brought to the town. She again spoke about the condition of the roads in Saddle Ridge; she asked that at the very least the weeds growing in the cracks be sprayed. Maria Carrington explained that we are abiding by the law and signs regarding the spraying of pesticides were posted today and it would be taken care of shortly.

Mary Weston, 104 Church Street – she appreciates the support she has been given for Timbuctoo and thanked the entire Committee. She hates to see the dilapidated structures being torn down on Church Street.

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead – regarding the purchase of a police vehicle, he asked what kind of vehicle it was and if it was part of a recall. He saw the street sweeper out but it was deployed on a Friday when all the recycling carts were out; could a “no parking” sign be put out before it goes out. There are alternatives to eradicating weeds besides using pesticides.

Andre Daniels – wished Abe and his family farewell and good luck in their endeavors.

Committee Members Comments

Ms. Smith-Hartman – it is with great sadness and regret that Abe is resigning; he brought the Township into the 21st century; we now have a FB page, and an improved sound system amongst many other things. He helped balance the budget for 2 years and thus had no tax increase.

Ms. Hynes – wished Abe best of luck and wishes his family the best in Florida; she thanked the Police Department for the National Night Out; it was a wonderful night.

Mr. Henley – thanked everyone for coming out; and thanked the Police Department. He wished Abe the best.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for National Night Out which was a huge success; he is sad to see Abe’s tenure end tonight so suddenly. He thanked him for making him a better person and wished his family well.

Mr. Lopez – thanked all for coming out tonight. He believes that he made a difference; they tried to be bipartisan; it was a people platform, not republican or democrat. They tried putting Westampton first. He has nothing negative to say about anyone on the dais.

He feels that government is working for the people. He encouraged all to lead and to lead boldly. He thanked all for the opportunity to serve.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk