

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM Regular Meeting

May 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:01 PM by Mayor Sandy Henley. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 3, 2020. This meeting was held remotely via the Zoom app. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman DeSilva	Present
Committeeman Eckart	Present
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present

Administrator Wendy Gibson and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present. Carol Berlen, Township Solicitor, was also present. Police Chief Steve Ent and WTES Chief Craig Farnsworth were present as well.

Approve Agenda – motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Eckart; second by Ms. Mungo. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 4/21/20 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Eckart; second by Ms. Mungo. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

New Business:

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

a. 70-20 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills

through 5/19/2020. Motion to approve made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

b. 71-20 Authorization to Read 2020 Budget by Title Only – this resolution authorizes the budget to be read by title only rather than line by line. Motion to approve made by Mr. Eckart; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

c. 72-20 Public Hearing of 2020 Municipal Budget – this resolution approves the adoption of the Municipal Budget. The total budget for 2020 is \$11,838,487.00 which reflects a local purpose tax rate of \$0.648. This is an increase of \$.025 which is an increase of \$60.10/year for the average assessed residence (\$241,070.00) Motion to approve made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Eckart. This was opened to the public for comment.

Nancy Burkley, Olive Street – last year lots of vehicles were purchased which raised the budget; what caused the raise in taxes this year. Administrator Gibson said most of the budget covered operating expenses; most of the capital purchases are under a separate line item that we go out for bonding for. We are operating at bare bones this year. For a long time, the municipality didn't raise taxes; we are at a point that we need to raise taxes to be able to operate. She explained that it's not just the municipality's taxes but there are the schools, the county, the library, etc. There being no further comment from the public, the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

d. 73-20 Acceptance of Furniture Donation – this resolution authorizes Westampton Township to accept a used furniture donation valued at \$2,250.00. Motion to approve made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Eckart.

e. 74-20 Estimated Tax Billing – this resolution permits Westampton Township to send out estimated tax bills in light of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak which has delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal year 2021 Budget. Motion to approve by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Mr. Eckart.

f. 75-20 Westampton Realty LLC, Block 805, Lot 1 – this resolution grants the developer an extension of their conditional redeveloper designation for an additional one-year period (expires June 17, 2021). Motion to approve made by Mr. Eckart; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

Committee Liaison Reports: None

Dates to Remember:

July 7, 2020 – new date for rescheduled NJ Primary Election

Open to public Comment

No comments were made.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. DeSilva – thanked everyone who attended the meeting, please stay safe. He thanked all the township employees for a job well done.

Mr. Henley – thanked the Police Department for their very successful pizza drive, it was a proud and positive moment for Westampton.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk