

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM Regular Meeting

July 14, 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 telephone conference call and 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	Absent
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present

Administrator Wendy Gibson and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present. Carol Berlen, Township Solicitor, was also present.

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

Minutes of the 6/16/20 meeting; executive session minutes of the 6/16/20 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Eckart; second by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments: None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

New Business: None

Ordinances:

5-2020 Amend the Code of the Township of Westampton, Chapter 235, Vehicles, Recreational (first reading) – this ordinance prohibits the parking of Recreational vehicles on any Township-owned parking lot. Motion to approve made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

Resolutions:

a. 86-20 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 7/14/2020. Motion to approve made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

Consent Agenda – the following resolutions are to be voted on in one motion and one second (#87-20 through #98-20) Motion to approve made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

*There was discussion regarding Resolution #90-20; Mr. Wisniewski asked that this resolution be removed from the consent agenda since he wished to discuss it further.

b. 87-20 Burlington County Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement – this resolution approves the renewal (every 5 years) of our existing mutual aid agreement for police, fire and EMS services.

c. 88-20 Contract Change Order #1-2020 – this resolution approves a reduction of \$1,925.00 in the amount of the contract for the 2018 NJDOT Tarnsfield Road Improvement project

d. 89-20 Chapter 159 – this resolution approves the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2020 Municipal Budget. The amount is \$16,946.77 and is for the Clean Communities Grant.

f. 91-20 Appoint Police Officer – this resolution appoints Jordan Walker as a Police Officer of the Township of Westampton effective August 10, 2020 with a 12-month probationary term

g. 92-20 Acceptance of Preowned Furniture Donation – this resolution permits Westampton Township to accept the donation of used furniture worth \$3620.00

h. 93-20 Electronic Tax Sale – this resolution authorizes Westampton Township to hold an electronic tax sale

i. 94-20 Tax Sale Charges – this resolution authorizes a fee of \$25.00 per notice to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2020 electronic tax sale

j. 95-20 Chapter 159 – this resolution approves the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2020 Municipal Budget. The amount is \$18,571.43 and is for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, COVID-19 Supplemental

k. 96-20 Amend Redevelopment Plan, Block 805, Lot 1 – this resolution directs the Land Development Board to amend the Redevelopment Plan for Westampton Realty, LLC

l. 97-20 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – this resolution extends the time for payment of third quarter tax bills to August 19, 2020

m. 98-20 Approve MOA between Westampton Township and the IAFF – this resolution approves the collective bargaining agreement for the term of 1/1/19 to 12/31/23

*e. 90-20 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Project – this resolution approves the submittal and execution of a grant application for Roberts Drive and Treetop Lane Improvements. Mr. Wisniewski stated that he didn't have enough information on this to make a decision this evening. His question was he wasn't sure if there were any other roads more in need of improvement; he wanted to pull this resolution aside. He thinks there are other areas that need improvement before these streets. There was discussion on this; these streets were selected based on the opinions of the Township Engineer and the Supervisor of Public Works. Mr. Eckart made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes, Mr. Wisniewski voted no.

Correspondence: None

Committee Liaison Reports: None

Dates to Remember: next Township Committee meeting August 18, 2020

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – suggested that corporate or company vehicles be added as prohibited to Ordinance #5-2020. She asked why trucks have been parked on our property at the Sports Complex; Mr. Eckart answered that they are trimming trees on Rancocas Road every day for PSE&G along the power lines along our roads.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Wisniewski - congratulations to the new police officer; stay cool and stay safe.

Mr. Eckart – thanks to all the township employees for the great job they have been doing.

Mr. DeSilva – thanks to all the employees

Mayor Henley – thanks to the Police Department: he is thankful for the leadership in the PD. Hopefully meetings will resume in the building in August.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm. Mr. Eckart made a motion to go into closed/executive session; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wisniewski.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk