

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 by Mayor Sandy Henley. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 4, 2021. This meeting was held in person in the Westampton Township Municipal Building Courtroom. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

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

Acting Clerk/Administrator Wendy Gibson and Deputy Clerk Monique Wylie were present. Tom Hastie, Township Solicitor, Police Chief Ent and Fire/EMS Chief Farnsworth were also present.

**Workshop Topic Discussion:** Holly Lane Traffic Study

Township Administrator presented the findings of the traffic study performed by our Township Engineer and Shropshire Associates. The findings determined that there was no need for additional stop signs at the intersection of Holly Lane and Bloomfield Drive. Speeding and accident data did not warrant additional signs. Other traffic calming measures could be utilized.

Committeeman Wisniewski commented that the traffic study was thorough. Striping may be preferred over lights, and our Public Works department can paint them.

Deputy Mayor Mungo commented that something needs to be in place for safety. She understands that lighting may not be appropriate, but lines or striping may be appropriate.

Mayor Henley suggested doing another traffic study at a later time to determine if it may be warranted later. Residents have issues, and he wanted to acknowledge that something needs to be done.

Committeeman DeSilva asked Chief Ent if the mobile speed sign was effective. Chief Ent stated that the data they gathered on Holly Lane didn't warrant a stop sign. He suggested painting lines may slow some of the traffic.

Approval of Minutes of the 10/19/21 Regular meeting; motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Mr. Wisniewski. Motion Carried 5-0.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Nancy Burkley, Olive Street, commented about the Ordinance about the no parking on Rancocas Road. She was concerned with the wording in the Ordinance and asked for more clarification.

A resident asked if he could comment on general topics, Mayor Henley confirmed this was for Agenda items only, and that he will let him know when it's appropriate to comment.

All in favor to close public comment.

**Monthly Reports:** Construction Department Report, Tax Collector's Report, Department of Public Works.

### **Ordinances:**

- a. 8-2021 No Parking Ordinance (First Reading, motion and second required)  
This ordinance amends Chapter 232 of the Westampton Township Code Vehicles and Traffic.

Motion to introduce made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion Carried 5-0.

### **Resolutions:**

- a. 124-21 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 10/19/21.

Motion to introduce made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion Carried 5-0.

### **Consent Agenda Resolutions**

- a. 125-21 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bullet Proof Vest Grant
- b. 126-21 Resolution Authorizing Enforcement of Chapter 95 of the Township Code – Multiple Locations (Grass Cutting, Weeds and Debris)
- c. 127-21 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement between Burlington County and Westampton Township

Motion to introduce made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. Motion Carried 5-0.

### **OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:**

None.

### **Open to Public Comment:**

Mitch Karp, 15 Lancaster Drive, asked about the trash contract. He wanted to comment that he did some research regarding the fees.

Mayor Henley asked him what made the contract increase, and discussed the bids, confirming that both bids were similar.

Mr. Karp discussed that other townships explored other options in anticipation of increasing costs.

Mayor Henley and Mr. Karp discussed the possibility of other options in our Public Works department.

Mayor Henley asked Mr. Karp to confirm what he thought make the costs increase. Mr. Karp explained there was a lack of drivers and inflation.

Mayor Henley asked Mr. Karp what he thought would be an appropriate answer. Mr. Karp just asked that the Committee due their due diligence. Mayor Henley ensured that more information will be present when we are ready to go through the process again.

Mayor Henley apologized if there was any incorrect information presented at the last discussion, but confirmed that we didn't have a choice in what the cost would be.

Patti McKernan, 119 Second Street, thanked the Committee for their support for the Historic Society. She commented that she is grateful that Nancy is on board, and appreciates the support. She discussed a comprehensive restoration plan and hopes to increasing the capability to host future events.

Mayor Henley commented that the Committee is interested in supporting their events.

Nancy Burkley, Olive Street, commented on the Trunk-or-Treat, noting there were more than the anticipated 300 kids. It had to be changed and extra candy had to be purchased. The Police and Fire/EMS departments came out.

She also wanted to comment that the school and the Township should better coordinate the dates and times of the meetings for conflicts. She noted that the school meeting was about the Referendum for repairs.

All in favor to close public comment.

**Dates to Remember:**

Next Scheduled Meeting December 7, 2021; American Legion Post 509 Veteran's Day Breakfast @ 9AM; Santa Around Town Date December 14-16; Rabies Clinic November 20, 9AM-11AM; Breakfast with Santa TBD; Senior Holiday Dinner TBD.

Ms. Gibson noted the Senior Holiday dinner will be the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Committeeman Wisniewski added November 11<sup>th</sup> for the Veteran's Day Breakfast, and asked for volunteers.

**Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:**

Committeeman Wisniewski wanted to thank everyone for coming out to the meeting. He congratulated Nancy Burkley for being elected, and that he's looking forward to working with her. He thanked the administrative staff and Chiefs.

Ms. Mungo thanked the residents for coming out. She congratulated newly elected Nancy Burkley. She thanked the Veteran residents for their service. She thanked the administrative staff.

Mr. Carr congratulated Nancy and thanked the residents for coming out.

Mr. DeSilva congratulated newly elected Nancy Burkley. He also confirmed that the senior dinner is on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Todd for the Trunk-or-Treat, noting he did an amazing job and the kids had fun.

Mayor Henley thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked our staff. He thanked everyone for being interactive. He wanted to thank newly elected Nancy Burkley and advised that it gets difficult as time goes on. He noted it's a team effort and it feels great to have everyone to work toward a common goal.

Mr. DeSilva wanted to mention Veteran's Day breakfast is the 11<sup>th</sup> – the date was not on the agenda.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Mungo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk