

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2019

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 on January 4, 2019. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

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

Walter Denson, Solicitor, was present. Administrator James Brady and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

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

Minutes of the 2/5/19 meeting; 2/5/19 workshop minutes, 2/5/19 closed session minutes – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments: presentation of Black History Month Essay Awards by Mayor Wisniewski. The Township Committee had sponsored an essay contest for WMS students. Shahrazad Haynes, Aaron Bright and Nisanur Yilmas received mayoral award certificates and gift cards for their prize-winning essays.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Monthly Reports: (posted on bulletin board): Police Report, Public Works Report, WTES Report, Construction Report

Ordinances

1-2019 Ordinance to Authorize the Termination of Easements & to Execute the Termination of Easement Agreements on Block 201, Lot 7.01(second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Ms. Hynes. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made. All voted yes.

Resolutions

41-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 2/19/19. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

42-19 Lease/Purchase Police Vehicle – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes – the next Westampton School Board meeting will be held on March 11th. There was no Historic Preservation meeting held in January, the reorganization would take place on 2/27. WTES will be reading to students for Read Across America Week.

Mayor Wisniewski – one of our police officers was taken to the hospital but is ok.

Dates to Remember

Budget Meeting Dates: 2/19/19 @ 6 PM & after the regular meeting; 2/21/19 @ 7 PM; 2/27/19 @ 5:30 PM; 3/5/19 @ 5:30 PM & after the regular meeting; 3/12/19 @ 5:30 PM

Tuesday, March 5 – BURLCO JIF Safety Celebration/Kickoff Breakfast, 8:30 AM

March 21, 2019, Elected Official's Seminar, O'Connor's, Eastampton, 5:30 PM

Friends of the Rancocas Nature Center, fundraiser dinner, 3/30/19 7 PM

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – had spoken to Parker at the last meeting regarding some trees in the village; the very next morning Public Works was out. PSE&G was called, they came out and cut and trimmed the leaning trees on Third street and on the bypass. She didn't expect him to come out that quickly; she is very appreciative that they came out so quickly. He did a great job.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Eckart – after reading all the essays he was very impressed with the thought and research that went into them. These kids are on point and they are the future of our country. Hats off to our school teachers.

Mr. DeSilva – he echoes Lee's comments. It was very difficult to narrow them down to three winners; he enjoyed reading them and thanked all for coming out. He is glad to hear that our police officer is doing well. Happy that Public Works is doing their jobs well and residents are pleased.

Mr. Henley – flag football registration time is now; he thanked everyone for coming out to the meetings. He thanked Nancy Burkley for bringing up the subject of the essays, it was a very good idea. This is what teamwork is all about.

Ms. Hynes – the most inspiring part of reading the essays is seeing how the kids realize how much further we need to go. She thanked Nancy for bringing it up, they had to act quickly to get the contest going. She thanked all that helped; it was a difficult decision because they had so many submissions. They would like to recognize their youth more often.

Mayor Wisniewski – he was very impressed with the essays that were submitted. It was hard deciding on the winners but a lot of fun and is a positive thing, building the bridge between government and the school. He thanked all for coming out. They will be adjourning and going right into their budget meeting.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk