

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2012. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk were present.

Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Comments on agenda items

Louis Lopez – asked about the resolution for the purchase of the aerial ladder truck. He asked where the senior holiday dinner is, it will be held at the Westampton Middle School.

New Business

Police Report – the LPRs came in early, they are being installed. We will receive a reimbursement from the County for this according to Chief Smith.

Public Works Report – a fire sprinkler contractor was out today; a piece of pipe in the attic rusted through, it was a 21 foot piece. This will happen periodically.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – the date for changing the clocks is November 3rd. John Augustino recommends changing smoke detector batteries too. He thanked the Fire Department for the Open House; it was very well attended.

EMS Report – Chief Wylie Johnson commented that the report is for September 2012 and not for August 2012. The support from the community is phenomenal. The Open House was a huge success. Firefighter Eckart is going to retire at the end of the year. Mayor Camp asked if there was an update on the incident where a young child was

kicked in the head by a horse; he wanted to know if the child regained consciousness. Chief Smith told everyone that he had regained consciousness. Kudos to our EMS Department in this situation. There was some reconstruction of his skull that was undertaken. The child had been medevac'd out. Mayor Camp asked Donna to put together a proclamation regarding the firefighter from NYC who attended our 911 ceremony and give him the designation of an honorary firefighter; he would attend the meeting.

Affordable Homes Group – 38 Winstead Drive. We will hold this for now as information; we are looking at other options for this property.

2013 Meeting Dates – we will change the reorganization date for the Committee to January 8th @ 6:30 PM; the LDB will reorganize on January 9th at 7:30 PM.

Resolutions

104-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury commented that it doesn't look like we took anything out of the Open Space Fund this period; Donna concurred. Ms. Chang asked about the \$1800 payment for removal of trees on page 4; this was part of our Public Works budget. This was to remove three trees that were dying on Township property in the rear of Tarnsfield homes.

105-12 Award Bid for Purchase of Aerial Ladder Fire truck - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mayor Camp and Ms. Chang voted no. Mayor Camp asked how many bids came in; there was only one bid. Ms. Chang has a problem with the one bid; which was the reason that she voted no. She asked Donna why we only received one bid; Donna said that she didn't know. Donna said it is typical for large pieces of equipment. She asked how long it was out to bid; it was for 25 days, it was only required to be out for bid for 10 days. Ms. Chang asked if it could have gone out for longer. Mr. Daniels asked how we ascertained that this bid was fair, reasonable and responsible. Donna stated that the requirements were all in the bid. This is the same manufacturer that has built two trucks that we have now; it was a relief, they are comfortable with the product. They had to meet the 11'6" height requirement to safely allow the truck to enter and leave the firehouse. She asked if it was any concern to the Chief that at this price we only had one bid; he was not concerned. He said that KME has always come in at the lower end of the bid spectrum. Ms. Chang changed her vote based upon the information provided by the Chief. She voted yes.

106-12 Refund Taxes, Block 1701, Lot 4 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

107-12 Bond Release, Kashi Homes, LLC, Block 1204, Lot 10 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

108-12 In Support of NJ Assembly Bill No. 321 – motion to table this resolution was made by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. We would get clarification and this will be continued until the next meeting.

109-12 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

We received \$17,999 for our tonnage grant this year.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Dolan – road dedication
Hovnanian apartment project – November 13

Dates to remember

Annual Rabies Clinic – Saturday, November 17, 2012, 9 AM to 11 AM

Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, December 19, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

Election Day – November 6th

Change Clocks – November 3

Comments

Chief Wylie Johnson – thanked the Committee for their support. The Recreation Committee did a great job on the Halloween Festival.

Mike Meenan – leaf collection starts Monday

Marion Karp – gave an update on recycling; single stream recycling would start next summer.

Ms. Teleisa – commented on the events that occurred in our town in October. Fire Prevention week was amazing; they did a great job; it was an excellent piece of social media. The Open House and 911 Memorial ceremony were memorable and she was honored to be a part of that special day. The Fall Festival was quite a success for the first

year; they were challenged by the weather, she thanked Mike Meenan and the Public Works Department. We have a very organized Police department; she thanked them for their service to the community. She wanted to thank Chief Smith who had taken her on a tour of the Police Department which was very helpful.

Ms. Chang – commended the Fire department on the 911 memorial; unfortunately she wasn't here for the Open House but she got a private tour the night before the event. She was moved by the display, she thought it was very well done. She was very surprised by the amount of time that was clearly put into the assembly of the memorial. She would like to incorporate more programs in to the Fall Festival next year for older kids, preteens and teenagers.

Mr. Maybury – the 911 memorial was phenomenal; the Open House was a success again this year. The Fall Festival was well attended; he thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Daniels – we have lost one of America's true heroes, Lt. Colonel Thomas Mayfield, one of the original Tuskegee Airman; who was 95 years old. The achievements of this group are truly remarkable. His life celebration is being held this Friday at 9 AM. Sunday, Nov. 11th, the American Legion and Am Vets will be hosting a brunch at the Recreation Center on Springside Road. Other departments are looking to emulate our Fire Department; they are truly thinking outside of the box; keep shining.

Open to public Comment

Mr. Milanese – complained about the sidewalks in Holly Hills. Some of the elderly people cannot afford to fix them; they can barely afford to pay their taxes. Is there any way for the Township to help. He asked them to check Holly Hills.

Shyvonne Ballard – asked about the utility poles and if it was followed up. We couldn't figure out the pole location on Hancock Road. Donna stated that we contacted Public Service and haven't heard back yet. She would go out and try to get the number of the pole. Mayor Camp did follow up with Donna about the utility pole.

Louis Lopez – thanked everyone for the Fire Open House. He gave the Committee a DVD of photographs he had taken. He asked why the Lisa's Law resolution had been tabled; Mr. Daniels said something had to be clarified regarding the placement of the bracelets. He wished Mayor Camp good luck in the election.

Janet Curran – was not able to attend the Open House but heard it was wonderful. The Thanksgiving donations will be distributed on November 19th. The residents of Rancocas organize this with donations of non perishable food and grocery gift cards. She asked when the repairs would be made to the tennis court and the Tarnsfield playground with the money from the recent \$250,000 grant.

Mayor Camp – used the mantra from the Fire department "doing it our way". They did it their way on October 11, in a big way. It was on par with what this town is about. He

can't express how unique this was and how profound it was for this Township. The Fall Festival was a very impressive event. The people who work at the Township and how they worked together was wonderful. It shows a sense of how well the Township works together when they need to; it was all about family and the community.

With regards to the sidewalks, we will have to start looking at this from a budgetary standpoint. Ex Mayor Dan Miller fell this weekend on an uneven sidewalk and broke his arm.

Mr. Milanes – it is very bad in front of 610 Fort Drive.

Mayor Camp - there were some emails floating around this week from a certain person that he has had it up to here with; there is nothing that isn't transparent in this body. So until he can physically walk in here and have a face to face conversation, don't beat up on this Committee. He knows nothing about them. He is fed up with John Anderson. For him to sit behind a computer on Woodlane Road and not be man enough to walk in the door and face this body is spineless.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk