

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM Closed Session 6:00 Workshop 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2011

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 February 25, 2011. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

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| Committeewoman Chang | Present |
| Committeeman Daniels | Present |
| Committeeman Maybury | Present |
| Committeeman Robbins | Absent |
| Mayor Camp | Present |

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan was present.

Minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of September 27, 2011; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

5:30 PM – Closed Session , Police personnel

6:00 PM – Workshop – EMS plan and vehicle discussion

Comments on agenda items

Before Mayor Camp opened the meeting to the public, Solicitor Saponaro commented to residents present that there was no new information on the Compassionate Care interest in 120 Hancock Lane for medical marijuana. They had not filed any documents and there was not yet an application from them. The Committee would keep the public informed when new information became available.

There were no comments on agenda items.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. CDBG – we were eligible for the 2012 grant and would put the information together by the application due date
- b. Safe Routes to School – we would look to see if we had any area we could apply for a grant.

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

100-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

101-11 Cancellation of Taxes – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury, seconded by Ms. Chang, all voted yes.

102-11 Cancel Taxes on Township Properties – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury; all voted yes

103-11 to 112-11 Liens – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury, second by Ms. Chang; all voted yes

113-11 Accept Police Hiring Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury; all voted yes

114-11 Rehire Anthony Luster – Police Department – motion by Mr. Daniels, second by Ms. Chang; all voted yes.

115-11 Executive Session – for discussion of police personnel. Motion to approve by Ms. Chang; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Letter of Thanks from Municipal Court Judges for use of our building for a meeting.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Traffic - October

Snow parking – October 25 @ 6:30 PM

Historic Preservation Ordinance – hopefully October

Dates to remember

Fire Open House, October 13th 6 PM to 9 PM

Comcast Cable Public Hearing – west side of Westampton, November 22 at 6:00 PM.

Comments

Lt. Otto thanked the Committee for approving the grant and hiring an officer.

Captain Johnson thanked the Committee for allowing them to present their EMS plan. They were working on our FEMA hurricane reimbursement.

John Augustino, Fire Official, said batteries in smoke detectors should be changed when the clocks are changed. They did have some smoke detectors for Senior Citizens or anyone in need.

Mr. Daniels asked about changing hard wired detectors. Mr. Augustino stated they can be unplugged and there should be universal ones for sale that fit.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment:

Robert Lee, 3 Mayfaire Circle, opposed a medical marijuana facility going in so close to the Fernbrook development. It was too busy of an area already. He felt the Committee should take a stand for or against and lead.

Ray Francis, 228 Main Street; lights from the Sports Complex lit up his and his neighbors yards and houses. He could hear coaches yelling at 9:30 PM. The light complaint would be checked out.

Stanley Tafil, 37 Fernbrook Dr. echoed Mr. Lee's comments. The facility did not belong near a housing development or near OTC where young people worked.

Joe Baptiste, 32 Mayfaire Dr. opposed the facility and said even with regulations, it was ripe for abuse.

Barbara, 34 Fernbrook Dr. stated the residents were vulnerable and she resented that they thought it was a done deal after the first meeting.

The meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Camp stated that this Committee was charged with approving Ordinances and the Land Development Board was charged with deciding what the Ordinances allowed. The Committee has the best interest of the town in mind and were obligated to follow the legal process with this possible application. The state approval of legalized marijuana dropped this situation into our laps. He thanked the residents for coming out.

The meeting was adjourned.