

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

October 25, 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:

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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins abstained. Closed session minutes of October 11, 2011; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins abstained.

Scheduled Appointments

6:30 PM – Workshop – Snow Report by Mike Meenan, Public Works Director – discussed the process and how it could be made to work better for everyone in the Township. He is proposing to add snow emergency rules to the entire Township, which would require moving all vehicles from roads and streets in the Township once there is plowable snow (four inches or more). Currently, this is only enforced in a few subdivisions in town.

Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Continued Agenda Items

- a. CDBG Grant – Donna is working on this
- b. Wawa – another meeting will be set up, there is nothing new to report on this

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Municipal Court Administrator Retirement Letter– motion by Mr. Robbins to accept, second by Mr. Maybury. We will have a luncheon and get a gift for Ms. Cochran.

b. Public Works Report – Mr. Daniels complemented Mike Meenan on his report; it was very clear and detailed. Mr. Robbins asked if there is any process for residents working in the emergency services sector (Police, Fire, EMS workers) to be able to notify the Public Works Department when they have to get out very early in the morning. We do have a “hot” list that we maintain. We could add these residents to this list. We will be introducing an ordinance shortly to require that all cars are removed from the street during a snow emergency; there was a flaw in the ordinance that we hoped to model ours after; we need to work on it further before introduction.

c. Fire Prevention Report – September 2011. Fire Official John Augustino commented that we are approaching the time of year when clocks change; he is promoting changing smoke detector batteries at the same time.

d. EMS Report – the BCT had a good article; their annual Open House was held October 13th; it was very successful with a huge turnout. Attendance has grown every year. Mr. Robbins stated that pursuant to Chief Johnson’s plan he would like to introduce a motion for the Township engineer to look at the issues involving the firehouse and report back to the Committee so that they could make a decision on a long range plan. Motion made by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

e. Police Report – no further comments were made.

Ordinances

12-2011 Temporary Storage Buildings, co-location of antennas on existing monopole towers – second reading. This will not be adopted until 11/8/11, since it needs to go back before the LDB. Motion to continue until the November 8th meeting by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Resolutions

116-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Robbins; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

117-11 Extension of DOT Grant for Holly Lane – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. This project will be put out for bid; we got a two month extension.

118-11 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Traffic – will try to get to both of these before the year is out.

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Dates to remember

Comcast Franchise Renewal Public Hearing, November 22nd, 6 PM

American Water Rate Hearing, December 6th, 7 PM

Oct. 26, Mt. Holly Library – presentation on Timbuctoo @ 7 PM

Comments

Mike Meenan– appreciates the chance to speak to the Committee regarding snow removal.

Lt. Otto – started the process for hiring the new officer under the COPS grant. They would advertise in the paper for a week; applicants pick up forms for their PT test which is scheduled for Nov. 19th, if they pass they move onto the next phase. Background checks will be done at that time and oral interviews will be scheduled. The time table is roughly to be able to select someone by the second meeting in January. Everything needs to be completed within 90 days, according to the grant guidelines.

Donna Ryan – will put the winter storm procedures on the website.

Mr. Daniels – thought the fire open house was wonderful, kudos to Dave Shaw who made the piñata; was a nice night for the community.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – was not at the last Township meeting; she asked if there have been any decisions made as a group regarding the medical marijuana facility. Mayor Camp deferred to the Solicitor; there has been no application made at this point in time and he cannot comment. She asked if any money has been generated at the Sports Complex; Donna will have a report at the end of November. She asked if the sign for the Complex will be put up soon; Donna said that it has been ordered.

Rolling Hills Drive (unidentified resident) – was at the meeting where the Wawa was discussed. She asked if anything has been done and what is the Committee waiting for. She asked if the Committee has discussed it; they had not. They had not heard from the applicants since the time of the initial presentation.

There were no further comments and the meeting was closed for public comment.

Mayor Camp –is in receipt of two applications for the Fireman’s association for Matt Davis and Melissa Whitley. Mr. Robbins made a motion to approve; Mr. Daniels seconded the motion. There is no financial impact to the Township. All voted yes. These normally are approved by Fire Districts. We don’t get them often for approval.

The Fire Open House was very well attended; the NJ Transit big vehicle was there, they were happy to be there. He applauds the crew for putting on such a popular event; kudos to the Department on organizing this.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk