

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM WORKSHOP 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 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	Absent (present for the workshop at 6 PM)
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 September 13, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. There was a correction made to the minutes by Mr. Daniels regarding the loss of a WMS gym teacher's wife, Ms. James, who perished in the World Trade Center attacks. Closed session minutes of September 13, 2011; motion to accept by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM – Workshop – Wawa Presentation – proposed changes to the Springside Road Wawa

7:00 PM – Chris Powell – Hardenburgh Insurance (JIF) – discussed the change in the safety culture and the way we think about safety. They want to make sure that safety does not fall by the wayside.

Comments on agenda items

Allie Stanford – has been opposing Wawa for the last ten years in that residential area; there are lots of trucks in the area and traffic. She called the tax office and found out that the Wawa pays approximately 26 thousand in taxes per year; the other Wawa's taxes are rolled into the shopping center taxes. Combined it totals approximately 166 thousand dollars per year; she doesn't think the residents should be exposed to the noise, the traffic and the possibility of underground seepage from tanks. It should not be in a residential area and not be granted any variances. Please do as we have done in the past and refuse to let them add gas pumps there, in a residential area.

Mayor Camp – explained that Wawa came before the Committee with a request to amend the Ordinance, they did not ask for any variances.

Dena Johnson – asked for clarity regarding how the Ordinance would be amended. Right now our Ordinance states that you can't have a food market and a gas station on the same lot. This came about due to the prior Super Wawa application that had been denied. They would like the Ordinance changed back so that the two uses could exist on one lot. She asked if they could do a community fiscal impact study. She asked that when there is further discussion on this that the residents are notified.

Janet Curran – every intersection we have in the Township is bumper to bumper traffic. There are no residential areas near most Super Wawas.

Robert Maybury – he is against the Wawa 100%; he has lived there on Springside Road for 75 years. He thinks it is too close to a residential area.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Tax Collector's Report – August 2011 – this is when the new tax bills come out
- b. Police Report – Chief Smith leaves for FBI training this Monday in Quantico
- c. EMS Report – two months worth of reports
- d. Public Works Report – no additional comments were made
- e. Raffle License #12-2011, Burlington County Special Services Educational Foundation – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

98-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

99-11 Executive Session – for discussion of litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Letter of Resignation from Public Defender – Tracey Riley has resigned from her position. An alternate has been appointed at the September 13th meeting.

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program, Acquisition Targeting List – these parcels have been on the list for a long time.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Traffic

Snow parking – October 25 @ 6:30 PM

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Dates to remember

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

Oct. 1st – Rancocas Ham Supper 4 PM to 7 PM

Comments

Mayor Camp asked Mike Meenan if there was a huge impact on Public Works from Hurricane Irene; there was much chipping to do; they are still working on it.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson stated that they are partnering for their Open House with the Eastampton Fire Department. They are sharing the financial burden of the event. They had a great turnout last year, nearly 4 thousand attended.

Fire Official John Augustino – Fire Prevention week is approaching; change your smoke detector batteries. They have some smoke detectors available for free for seniors.

Lt. Otto – met with Dr. Kerfoot and BCIT head of security Dr. Lucas; this meeting was beneficial for the safety and security of the children.

Mayor Camp – residents can register with Nixle.com again and receive up to the minute updates with regards to incidents that occur within our Township.

Donna Ryan – went to the Bridge Commission meeting today; we will apply for an energy audit. We will see what we can do to make our buildings more energy efficient once we receive the report. There is a low interest rate loan available. This does not include solar. The cost for Maple Shade for their RFP for solar (just the engineering costs) was approximately \$76 thousand dollars.

Open to Public Comment

Garfield Harper – commented regarding the temporary container in the Westampton Sports Complex field. He wants one and has been denied. He wants to know why he is denied one when there is one at the Sports Complex. He wants one 15 feet in length, not 40 feet in length like the one that is there.

Mayor Camp – the Ordinance reads that 200 square feet is the limit for storage sheds. Mr. Harper explained that it would look just like a storage shed except it would be made out of metal. Donna Ryan would contact the Township Planner for advice.

Janet Curran – was disappointed that Temple University wasn't present at Westampton Day; they were supposed to partner with the Historic Society and have information on Timbuctoo available. The Sports Complex is not what it is supposed to be. The lights are blinding when you come down Rancocas Road; the traffic is like when you come out of the Spectrum, it was a nightmare. She wants to see a sign that says Westampton Sports Complex so we will be recognized. She thinks the residents are sometimes forgotten and that the intersection should be made safer for people to walk across.

Garfield Harper – the Committee should look at what the resident's wishes are in the Township regarding the Wawa. The old building needs to be torn down. The parking lot isn't large enough. It is a very dangerous corner.

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

Mayor Camp – on September 15th he attended the grand opening ceremony at the Marriott Courtyard; out of 35 employees, 5 are Westampton residents. Westampton Day was well attended.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk