

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mr. Lopez, Ms. Teleisa, Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Daniels present, Ms. Smith-Hartman was absent. Resolution 2-6-17 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss tax appeal settlements, zoning ordinance changes, Hovnanian/Woodmont updates and the American Legion building.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:02 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2017. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Absent
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Maria Carrington, Administrator and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

Approve 2/6/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 1/17/2017 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes. Minutes of the 1/17/2017 Closed session meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

**Scheduled Appointments**

None

**Public Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made.

## **New Business**

None

## **Resolutions**

43-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

44-17 Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary– motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

45-17 Bond Release, Citgo Service Station & Mini Mart, Block 1104, Lot 3 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

46-17 Adopt Corrective Action Plan for 2014 Audit – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

47-17 Adopt Corrective Action Plan for 2015 Audit – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

## **Ordinances**

None

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Dates to Remember**

3/29/17 Elected Officials Liability Seminar, Eastampton, NJ, O'Connor's Restaurant – all Committee members would attend; we receive \$250 for each that attends.

PTO Spring Fling – March 10, 2017

## **Open to public Comment**

Janet Curran – wished the Mayor, Committee and all employees a good year. She thanked all of the employees. She wanted to know about the trees being taken down in the vicinity of Blue Jay Hill Road and Church Street as well as what was going on with the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee. She wants to know where we are going with the

Sports Complex and what our plans are. She wants to know where we stand with developers and what is being planned for the year. Do we know what is coming our way?

Administrator Maria Carrington addressed the trees; they are on Township property and they were taken down to clear up sight triangles. Mayor Daniels stated that the Timbuctoo Committee just met here this past Saturday; meetings will most likely take place at the Burlington County Library; the new meeting dates would be published. March 24<sup>th</sup> is an event they will be holding in conjunction with Rutgers University. Timbuctoo Day will be held sometime in June this year; we will look at having possibly two or three busses this year instead of just one.

Ms. Teleisa stated that nothing new was happening with the Sports Complex at this time; it is winter. If we can get some grant money we are looking to purchase netting for the fields, as it is a liability issue.

Carolyn Chang – there will be more details forthcoming regarding the Timbuctoo project with Rutgers University. Machell Pettis is happy to be on the Committee.

Mr. Lopez – an invitation was sent out by Ms. Carrington for the Committee members to produce their goals and vision for the Township. The meeting hasn't taken place yet but it will soon, in the form of a workshop. With regards to development, the Ingerman project is still going, it should begin this spring. The Woodmont project has undergone some complications and is under further review; he has nothing definitive to share this evening. The Camuto project has been revised to be all one color; they have been meeting to discuss color and other exterior details of the project. Spring Meadows residents have had concerns that have been communicated to Mr. Dolan; he should be amending the plan before the LDB to add privacy fencing and additional plantings.

### **Comments – Department Heads & Professionals**

Police Chief Joe Otto – was notified by PSE&G there will be no more construction on Woodlane Road starting tomorrow; he is sure the Deerwood residents will be happy. They will be coming back to finish however; the information would be shared with residents.

Administrator Maria Carrington – Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth went up to KME; they are bringing the ladder truck back home.

Clerk Marion Karp- is happy with the new sound system; it is much improved.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Wisniewski – keep up the good work department heads.

Ms. Teleisa – she and Mr. Wisniewski attended the Elected Officials seminar on January 28<sup>th</sup>, it was very informative, there was good networking and some interesting pointers. They came away with information on budgeting; a budget should be a rolling document and should encompass several years; don't spend money that you don't have. People think they have control over the entire budget but this is not true. They will be meeting soon regarding the 2017 budget and will do their due diligence to do what is best for the Township.

Mr. Lopez – Ms. Smith-Hartman is under the weather this evening. Thank you to the residents who came out tonight and to those watching on Facebook. February is African American History month; we should embrace it. He acknowledged the Police Department for displaying their heritage badges.

Mayor Daniels – today marks the 91<sup>st</sup> year of the founding of Black History month; it started as a week in 1926 and was fully extended to a month several years later. He thanked Chief Otto for the design of the badge; Lt. Rogers also played a part in this as well. The Philadelphia auto show wrapped up yesterday, it was an honor to have the Cullen car displayed, it was a hit. Our Police department is very active in community service. Tonight there will be two new shows that premiere on Fox Channel 29 – our department was chosen to have some best practices and techniques highlighted live this morning.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk