

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION    7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with all Committee members present. Resolution 3-20-17 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss the ladder truck warranty, court room video system, COAH and the snow parking ordinance.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:05 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, which Mayor Daniels dedicated to EMTs; he is mindful of their contributions.

### Roll Call:

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

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 3/20/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 3/6/2017 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Minutes of the 3/6/2017 Closed session meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

None

### **Public Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made.

### **Old Business**

KME Ladder Truck – warranty extension. Mr. Lopez explained that the Committee is still reviewing this; the Solicitor was instructed to draft a letter accepting the extended warranty.

## **New Business**

Police Report – no further comments made

EMS Report – no further comments made

Public Works Report – Mayor Daniels thanked everyone (Public Works, EMS/Emergency Management and the Police) as a whole for their efforts during our most recent snowstorm.

## **Resolutions**

59-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

60-17 CDBG, Home Investment Partnerships Program – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

61-17 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

62-17 2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

## **Ordinances**

2-2017 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & to Establish a Cap Bank (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

Centerton Road Bridge Removal

Willingboro MUA – 2017 Schedule of Meetings

PSE&G – Notice of Filing & Public Hearings

## **Dates to Remember**

3/20/17 Work resumes on Woodlane Road gas main replacement

3/23/17 WMS, Career Fair – EMS, Police Department, the Mayor and Ms. Smith-Hartman are participating

3/24/17 Global Timbuktu, Rutgers University, 10 AM – 6 PM – Mayor Daniels will be attending

3/25/17 Global Timbuktu Site Visit, Westampton, 12 PM – 12:30 PM

3/25/17 Global Timbuktu Symposium, RVRHS, 1 PM – 5 PM

3/28/17 Motivational Speaker/Professional Development, Municipal Building, 9 AM – 12 Noon (Municipal Bldg. closed 9 AM – Noon)

3/29/17 Elected Officials Liability Seminar, O'Connor's Restaurant, 5:30 PM – all Committee members are attending

4/3/17 – Virtua Hospital, Public Hearing, State Health Planning Board, Hilton Garden Inn, Westampton, 6 – 7 PM (rescheduled)

### **Open to public Comment**

Vernita Jones – asked the Committee if they had given any thought about holding a community-wide spring cleanup day; she brought this up last year. Mayor Daniels had spoken to Maria regarding the Clean Communities grant; he thinks it is a good idea. Mr. Lopez stated he had spoken to Gene Blair and Mike Meenan regarding downed trees in the District 1 area. Maria would look into the renting of dumpsters and what it would cost. Mr. Lopez had some printed information which he would get to her.

Betty Wiggins, 56 Sharpless Blvd. – was concerned about the trash accumulating and trees that had fallen around the pond in Spring Meadows. The area could use more attention than it is getting.

Ruth Bonano, 21 Westwind Way – asked if there would be a discount for seniors for water and sewage bills. Mayor Daniels would look into this.

Janet Curran – thanked Public Works, the Police Department and the EMS Department for their work during the snowstorm. They are having problems with PSE&G and trimming the trees around the power lines in Rancocas. She asked about the lighting of the flags at the American Legion building; it is poor, you can hardly see the American flag. Mike Meenan stated that the lights are working. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for the mass for fallen police officers, St. Mary's cathedral, Trenton.

Mary Weston – is glad to see the Timbuktu celebrations listed on the agenda. She was at the excavation site every day during when they were working. They have been going through boxes of artifacts; they don't know where many of them are at this point in time, they were loaned out; she is concerned about this. The display case that they currently have is really too small to display many items. Public Works has worked hard helping them and they appreciate the Committee's involvement.

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

Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth – thanked Mike Meenan and his crew for their hard work during the storm. He thanked Daryl Caulfield for the great job he is doing as OEM, they continue to do good things together.

Police Chief Joe Otto – echoes Craig's comments.

Daryl Caulfield– although the storm didn't pack the precipitation that was forecasted, it still gave them the chance to respond and mitigate. Thanks for the Committee's support and for the good job by the Public Works Department.

Lt. Steve Ent – the PSE&G project is in full swing, Woodlane Road is closed at this point in time; he projects it to last about a month. The hours of closure are 9 AM to 5 PM; it takes an hour just to set up the detour signs. Give yourself a bit more time when traveling through the area.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Wisniewski – he thought Ms. Jones' idea was a good one; let us know your thoughts; he likes to hear from the residents. It would be good to see it implemented. He thanked Mike Meenan and Public Works for a great job with the recent snowstorm. The roads looked good; everything went smoothly.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – we passed an ordinance last year regarding THE snow emergency; the roads were absolutely beautiful except for the few cars that ignored it and remained in the street.

Ms. Teleisa – thanked all the departments; they did a wonderful job during the storm. They were like a well-oiled machine; residents are lucky. She has to acknowledge one person by name – thanks to Sgt. Daryl Caulfield, who did a wonderful job. There were fewer cars on the road and it made a difference plowing. People were helping each other find places to park their cars.

Mr. Lopez – shares the sentiments of his colleagues; the WMS production of the Wizard of Oz was great; the kids sang their hearts out. Thanks to all residents for coming out tonight. Women's History month is this month; he hopes people are discussing the contributions of women with their children and grandchildren.

Mayor Daniels – it all has been pretty much said tonight; he thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk

