

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

April 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all Committee members present. Resolution 4-17-17 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss pending litigation.

The meeting was again called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Daniels with all Committee members present. 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, dedicated to our nation.

### Roll Call:

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

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Marion Karp, Clerk, was present.

Approve 4/17/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 4/3/2017 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes. Minutes of the 4/3/2017 Closed session meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

None

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

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive– asked about the Municipal Court visitation report and if the inspection form was omitted.

### **Old Business**

KME ladder truck – Al Marmero had drafted a letter to KME regarding the extension of the warranty on the truck; Mr. Lopez explained the memo to the audience. The

Committee felt that an additional 18 months wasn't enough. The memo was pending the Committee's approval this evening and then it would be sent.

### **New Business**

Police Report – no further comments made.

EMS Report – the annual report was placed on the Township website; the Committee commended the Chief.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan apologized for the late report. The new boom mower is up and running; training was conducted with all Public Works employees.

Proposed Westampton Township Spring Clean-Up Day, May 6, 2017 – Mayor Daniels explained that Kingdom Church had volunteered a day of service to clean up around Westampton Township. We need the approval of the Committee; this will be sooner rather than later if all residents are involved. Ms. Teleisa thinks it is a very good idea but she wants to see the church's certificate of insurance first; she is concerned about how many people it would cover, the ages of the people, etc. Mr. Lopez stated that a church should have their own certificate of insurance; we would need to see their certificate of insurance. This would have to wait until the liability issues could be determined. Solicitor Al Marmero said as long as the church has their own insurance it shouldn't be a problem but it is important if they are cleaning up on Township property.

### **Resolutions**

73-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

74-17 In Support of Participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Lopez asked if the Committee would be made aware ahead of time what they were trying to procure; Lt. Ent answered that for some things yes, but for others that are time sensitive they might not know ahead of time.

### **Ordinances**

3-2017 Bond Ordinance (first reading) – Mr. Lopez asked about the items in the ordinance for the firehouse, the monies are for purchasing air packs. Two separate motions were made; the language in the ordinance needs to be modified to read "fire safety equipment" as suggested by Ms. Teleisa instead of "improvements and renovations to the firehouse". Motion to amend the language in the ordinance was made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

Municipal Court In-Session Visitation – letter from Judge Andronici reporting on the Court's favorable reviews.

Local Planning Services – Mayor Daniels reviewed this; if Westampton is eligible we should look to pursue this.

## **Dates to Remember**

4/18/17 – Mass for fallen Police officers, St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton

4/19/17 – Clothing Drive to raise funds for Senior Gathering of Westampton, Drop off gently used clothes, shoes, bedding, purses, coats, toys & books at Recreation Department; tax receipts available, 11 AM – 1 PM

April 24, Westampton PTO fundraiser, Sonic, Route 38, 4 – 8 PM

5/7/17 – County Shredding Event, Burl. Co. Resource Recovery Complex, Florence, 9 AM – 1 PM

5/17/17- fallen officers memorial in Westampton

## **Open to public Comment**

Gary Berberian, Winstead Drive – commented about the NJLM letter regarding the public defender mandate. He asked the Committee what their position is on this; it can cost the Township money. Mayor Daniels stated this could have an impact on our budget. It may be linked to the bail reform issue.

Janet Curran, 123 Main Street – asked if the Committee got any response from the Burlington County Freeholders if they have any plans for the Rowan property; she wanted to know what was happening. Mayor Daniels had not but would reach out to see if he could get any information. She was disturbed by the lawsuit recently filed against Westampton Township.

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

Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth – on May 6<sup>th</sup> a program would take place which is called Calming Sirens. It is designed for special needs/autistic children to see fire trucks and equipment at Rowan College of Burlington County, noon to 2 PM.

Mayor Daniels – thanked Daryl Caulfield for inviting him to his OEM meeting.

Lt. Ent – road construction on Woodlane road is progressing slowly but surely. They are working on Phase 2 at this time. He thanked the residents for being patient.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Wisniewski – thanked everyone for coming out. On a personal note, our Recreation program is very good; he chose to donate 3 gift certificates for sports programs to needy children; his business manager will match this donation. If anyone knows of a child/children that would benefit, please reach out to him.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – Maureen Malecki was named Burlington County Counselor of the Year.

Ms. Teleisa – the Westampton Recreation Department held their annual Easter egg hunt last Saturday; it is becoming more and more popular. The children and parents are excited; they had over 200 children participating; they hid over 2200 eggs. Thanks for coming out and she hopes everyone enjoyed it.

Mr. Lopez –thanked the residents for coming out; he wanted to point out something in the packet regarding senior citizen reductions as asked by a resident at a prior meeting; Administrator Carrington did a good job obtaining this information.

Mayor Daniels – thanked Mr. Wisniewski for donating the gift certificates for those in need. He went to flag football at the sports complex this past Saturday; it is what recreation programs are all about. Todd is a wizard when it comes to space utilization and scheduling everyone for their time at the complex. He thanked Public Works for their help with our recreation programs.

Motion to return to executive session made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Wisniewski at 7:47 PM.

Motion to return into public session made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk