

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM Workshop 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order 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. Mayor Daniels welcomed all guests.

Roll Call:

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

Albert Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Administrator Maria Carrington was present.

Approve 8/7/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Workshop Meeting minutes of 7/17/17– motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Closed Session Meeting minutes of 7/17/17 – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Regular Meeting minutes of 7/17/17 – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran, 123 Main Street – Regarding the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee, she was on the committee many years ago. Norm Miller used to be the President and there were always questions regarding why they did not work together. Asked about Ordinance 12-2017 regarding the open space. Mayor Daniels answered that this ordinance is intended to formalize the permit procedures.

John Mumbower – Ordinance 12-2017, if kids want to play there, they should not have to pay to use the fees. If you are looking to control fields then why charge Westampton residents. Mayor Daniels says we have to prolong the use of the fields. Deputy Mayor Lopez points out that non-profit and for-profit groups have locked out the Township. We also have to be sure organized groups have insurance and that the township is properly compensated.

Nancy Burkley – Inquired whether the school would still be able to use the Sports Complex when needed under the new policy. Administrator Carrington confirmed that the school would not be charged to use the fields.

Louis Lopez – Asked about proposed fees for open space areas. Deputy Mayor Lopez discussed urban redevelopment zones.

John Mumbower – asked when the construction on Rancocas Road was going to start and asked if more construction work could be done at night

Old Business

Lumberton Township Mt. Holly MUA complaint – Deputy Mayor Lopez discussed the rate increases. Wants to file a formal grievance to make sure that we are being properly notified and that we should have compliance going forward. Deputy Mayor Lopez makes a motion to write a letter of complaint to the Local Finance Board, Committeewoman Smith-Hartman seconds. All present vote yes. Teleisa and Wisniewski are absent.

New Business

Timbuctoo Advisory Committee – President Guy Weston stated that the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee (“TAC”) appreciates the support of the Westampton Township Committee. In the beginning the meetings were very informal, but after the 2015 ordinance (#6-2015) the roles of the committee members became more defined. He is here to establish a greater line of communication with the Township Committee. The purpose of the TAC is to advise and assist the Township Committee, Land Development Board, all Municipal Departments, Committee and Officials on all issues related to the historic significance of Timbuctoo.

Mayor Daniels said the properties were purchased to help preserve the area and for parking overflow. Deputy Mayor Lopez is excited and grateful that he came out tonight. Committeewoman Smith-Hartman commented on the great work including the well written handout. Mary Weston said that she didn’t know that Westampton Church was there. Mayor Daniels thanked Mr. Weston for all his work. Timbuctoo is a point of pride.

Mayor Daniels showed photos of the new benches that Eagle Scout candidate Aidan Sharp built and installed this past weekend.

Municipal Court Visitation Report – Report says that the court is well managed and run. We are proud of our municipal court.

Draft Facilities Use Policy & Permit Application Procedures -

Resolutions

105-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

106-17 Establish Traffic Control Plan; motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

107-17 Chapter 159 – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

108-17 Adopt Corrective Action Plan for 2016 Audit – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; seconded by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

109-17 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; seconded by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

Ordinances

7-2017 Salary Ordinance for Administrative, Court, Public Works, Construction, Finance/Tax employees (second reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

8-2017 Salary Ordinance for full time Firefighters/EMTs (second reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

9-2017 Salary Ordinance, Chief of Police & Lieutenant (second reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

10-2017 Salary Ordinance, Police Officers (second reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

11-2017 Reappropriation Ordinance (first reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

12-2017 Amend Chapter 172 of the Code of Westampton Township, Parks & Recreation (first reading) – motion to approve by Committeeman Lopez; second by Committeewoman Smith-Hartman. All present voted yes.

Correspondence

Letter from George Saponaro re: Mt. Holly MUA

Municipal Court Access & Fairness Surveys

PSE&G – Notice of Public Hearings

Michael Meenan's letter of resignation effective August 23, 2017.

Dates to Remember

September 23 – WTES smoke detector testing in Tarnsfield in conjunction with the Red Cross.

Annual Timbuctoo Day – September 23

October 14 – Westampton PTO Fun Run, rain date 10/15/17

November 14-16 – NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – She is very sad that Mike Meenan is leaving, but we have had excellent service. His shoes will be difficult to fill. He has been so appreciated.

Mary Weston – She asked about reappointment to the Timbuctoo meeting. Mayor Daniels said he hopes to make appointments in September.

Lopez from Mount Holly – The Saponaro letter was an acknowledgement that they received our letter requesting representation on the Mount Holly MUA and that they are always open to receive resumes to fill open positions. He is looking forward to the Westampton PTO Fun Run. Mayor Daniels invited him to Timbuctoo Day.

John Mumbower – He said he attended the MHMUA meeting and remains concerned about the inequality of sewer rates between the municipalities. Postage for the mailing of the bill is now being charged. Mayor of Mount Holly is here in the audience tonight. He acknowledges that Mount Holly took the risk with the MUA and paid the bonds. He as a resident of Westampton took the risk with the Ladder Truck.

Janet Curran, 123 Main Street – About the MHMUA, she remembers the plant being built and the odor was unreal. As our township began to grow, the plant began to grow. MHMUA has come a long way when you look at it today. She attended the Land Development Board and she spoke about the Wawa. She was not aware that it would have been a one-meeting deal. She is glad she spoke her mind, but she respects the decision and she likes Wawa—just not at that location. She will be attending the County Planning Board meeting. She is not against affordable housing. She thinks Freedom Village is great. She worries about the people walking on Woodlane Road although she

knows we are getting a sidewalk. She was a bus driver for many years. Children will need care and they will need special need training, but it all falls back to our township and our schools.

Comments from Department Heads

Chief Otto personally thanks Mike for all of his years of service. A portion of I-295 will be dedicated and renamed for Trooper Cullen.

Fire Official Knott – Congratulations on a great National Night Out.

Mayor Daniels – Our police and fire are exceptional. He only hears compliments.

Administrator Carrington – Thanked Aidan Sharp and Mike Meenan. She will miss Mike greatly. He was instrumental in helping her transition into her position.

Committee Members Comments

Deputy Mayor López thanked the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee. He commended the police department on a successful National Night Out. They do a great job. They don't hire a company to set up, they do it all themselves. Men and women in uniform pick up the garbage. They are like no other in the State of New Jersey. Mike Meenan comes in early and goes above and beyond. He is a great example of selfless leadership.

Committeewoman Smith-Hartman – Deputy Mayor said it all!

Mayor Daniels – National Night was a fantastic night that ended with fabulous fireworks. Thanks to Mike “MacGyver” Meenan. He will be missed anytime we have any weather situation. He looks forward to saluting him.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Carrington, Administrator