

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

November 6, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 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	Present
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present. Township Engineer, Doug Johnson was present. Administrator Maria Carrington and Municipal Clerk Marion Karp were present.

Approve 11/6/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

Regular Meeting minutes of 10/16/17– motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 10/16/17 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Gary Berberian – had questions about 2 of the ordinances. He asked about the draft ordinance regarding sidewalks; he had some spelling and grammar corrections.

Nancy Burkley – regarding Ordinance #16-2017, if her neighbor has a tree that pushed up her sidewalk, who is responsible for taking the roots out. We may want to have our solicitor look at this ordinance further. She shouldn't have to fix her sidewalk if a neighbor's roots impinge upon her sidewalk. Who is going to enforce this, the Township?

Dave Guerrero – asked if there were any criteria regarding what constitutes endangering the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Will the Township go throughout the town and look at all sidewalks after the second reading?

Old Business

None

New Business

Best Practices 2017 – we will still be eligible for funding.

Resolutions

133-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. All present voted yes.

134-17 Appoint Class F Timbuctoo Advisory Committee Member – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

135-17 Appoint Class E Timbuctoo Advisory Committee Member – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

136-17 Appoint a member of the Township Committee to the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

137-17 Appoint Chief of Police – motion to approve as amended (contingent upon the contract which would be written) by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes. Stephen Ent had a family matter to attend this evening and couldn't be here; he passed on his thanks to the Committee and looks forward to working with them.

Ordinances

15-2017 Amend Chapter 95 of the Code of Township of Westampton, Brush, Grass, Weeds & Debris (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

16-2017 Amend Chapter 212 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Streets & Sidewalks (first reading) – motion to **TABLE** by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

17-2017 Amend Chapter 212 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Streets & Sidewalks (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa asked the engineer, Doug Johnson, about the insurance policy limits and if these should be increased, they are quite low. He would look into it and will get back to the Committee. She would vote yes with the proviso that we get an increase in the policy limits. Mr. Johnson stated that there is a provision for the Director of Public Works to increase the limits if necessary.

Mayor Daniels – spoke about the new Westampton Township lapel pin, it has been nearly 8 years in the making.

Correspondence

Assembly Resolution No. 216 – planting of native plants encouraging bees

Mt. Holly MUA Budget introduction – 11/9/17

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 7th – Election Day

Friday, November 10th – Veteran’s Day observance, Municipal Building closed

Saturday, November 11th – Am. Vets Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, November 15th – Megan’s Law Q & A Session, Courtroom, 7 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, November 14-16 – NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City

Saturday, November 18th – Westampton Township Annual Free Rabies Clinic, Public Works Garage, 9 AM – 11 AM

Saturday, December 9th – Westampton Recreation’s Annual Breakfast with Santa, HHS, 9 AM – 11 AM

Wednesday, December 13th – Westampton Recreation’s Annual Senior Citizen’s Holiday Dinner, WMS, 6 PM

Saturday, December 16th – WTES escorts Santa to Rancocas Village

Tuesday, December 19th – Thursday, December 21st – WTES Santa Around Town

Open to public Comment

No comments were made.

Comments from Department Heads

Police Chief Joe Otto – congratulations to Mayor Daniels on the Veterans Day award he received; and congratulations to Steve Ent.

Public Works Director Parker Smith – leaf collection is in full swing; he hopes we get them up before the snow comes.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Wisniewski – thanked the residents for coming out and the Department heads for their good work.

Ms. Smith-Hartman– we will really miss Joe Otto; he is just an amazing Police Chief. Congratulations to Steve Ent.

Ms. Teleisa – the Fall Festival was a huge success; the biggest in 5 years. They sold over 700 wristbands. Attractions included a mechanical bull, face painting and pumpkin decorating. Thanks to Public Works, Parker Smith did a great job. Thanks to the Police, Fire/EMS, the Fire Police, Todd Mitzelman, Maria, Marion and the Recreation Department and to those who came out. Congratulations to Steve Ent; he is well deserving. He had a wonderful mentor in Joe Otto; she will miss Joe. To the veterans it is that time of year; thank you for your service and thank you for our freedom. Her Dad was very proud of being in the military.

Mr. Lopez – won't eulogize Joe Otto quite yet, there is still some time. He does want to extend congratulations to Steve Ent; also congratulations to the Mayor who was honored at a heartwarming ceremony at the Middle School today.

Mayor Daniels – thank you. Those middle school kids really did a great job as they always do. He thanked Chief Otto for the department and their involvement in the Susan G. Komen event. He spoke about Mr. Lopez's award as a 2017 Emerging Leader; there was a wonderful story in the BCT. He wanted to remind the voters in Westampton about the public question on the ballot and the Open Space tax. He read aloud a prepared statement regarding the question. Polls open at 6 AM and close at 8 PM.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk