

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:05 PM by Mayor Wisniewski. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2018. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence in honor of Braylon Daniels.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeeman Henley	Present
Committeewoman Hynes	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Absent
Mayor Wisniewski	Present

Carol Berlen, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 1/16/18 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 12/18/17 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes, Ms. Hynes abstained.

Closed session minutes of the 12/18/17 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes, Ms. Hynes abstained.

Minutes of the 1/2/2018 Reorganization meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran, 123 Main Street – asked about the Interlocal Service Agreement between EMS of Westampton Township and Eastampton. She asked for this to be explained to her. She asked if we have enough ability to cover another Township. Mayor Wisniewski stated he is confident that we do. Fire/EMS Chief Farnsworth explained that this has been in place for 8 years; it is a renewal of the agreement that expired. Ms. Curran is concerned due to our Township growing.

She asked about Resolution #34-18 and the Ikea Drive project grant and if we owned this road; Mayor Wisniewski explained that we did in fact own this portion of the road. It is from the corner of Springside Road to the cul de sac as Administrator Carrington explained. It needs refurbishment due to heavy use.

New Business

EMS Report
Police Report
Public Works Report
Rancocas Community Center Annual Report 2017

Resolutions

32-18 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

33-18 Interlocal Services Agreement, EMS Services – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes. Mr. Lopez stated there is some revenue to be gained and we benefit from this.

34-18 Ikea Drive Project Grant – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes. This could be completed without using taxpayer funds.

35-18 Refund Taxes – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

36-18 Refund Taxes – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

37-18 Appoint Alternate Fund Commissioner – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

PSE&G – public hearings on approval of gas system modernization program

NJ American Water – public hearings on proposed rate increases

Dates to Remember

1/20/18 NJLM, Training for Elected Officials, Mount Laurel, NJ

1/23/18, Tuesday, 1PM – 3 PM – Municipal Building closed for mandatory safety training for staff

1/27/18, Saturday, 6 PM – Retirement Party for Chief Joe Otto, Delran Knights of Columbus

3/28/18 Elected Officials Liability Seminar, Eastampton, NJ, O'Connor's Restaurant – all Committee members would attend; we receive \$250 for each that attends.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran, 123 Main Street – spoke about the change in meeting dates; she thinks Mondays are better nights for meetings than Tuesdays. She doesn't understand some of the appointments that were made; they were done without knowledge of the history. She has been here her whole life. She hopes the Committee all works together.

Mayor Wisniewski– we are compiling a list of residents and non residents who are interested in becoming members of the Timbuctoo Advisory Commission. Ms. Curran's name would be added to the list of those interested.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Daryl Caulfield – is busy working on the hazard mitigation plan; it is required every 3 years.

Stephen Ent – commended Public Works and the good job they did with the recent storm. He is proud of how everyone worked together with getting through the storm.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Lopez – thanked all with sincere gratitude for recognizing the life of Braylon Daniels; it was a beautiful commemoration; the community really united. He has been liberated from his State official duties as of noon today; he has much more time on his hands these days to respond to resident's concerns.

Mr. Henley – wishes he knew more about Timbuctoo; he looks forward to learning about it and becoming involved in it. The meeting date change was strictly about business and nothing else.

Ms. Hynes – offered her condolences to the Daniels family. She thanked Public Works for their efforts with the storm; everything was handled quickly and efficiently. She met with Chief Farnsworth and had a great brainstorming session. She has been appointed their liaison for 2018.

Mr. Henley – condolences to Braylon Daniels' family; he cannot imagine being in their situation; it is unspeakable.

Mayor Wisniewski – he believes what the family has gone through is something no one would want to go through; all should keep the family in their prayers. He thanked Abe and Maureen for their help in the role they have played in getting the word out; it was appreciated. Yesterday was Martin Luther King Day; some had off, others had to work. He wanted to recognize the day and it was also Andre Daniel's birthday.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk