

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

### 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 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.

#### Roll Call:

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

David Minchello, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 2/6/18 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 1/16/18 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Closed session minutes of the 1/16/18 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Special meeting minutes of 1/29/18 – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Closed Session/Executive meeting minutes of 1/29/18 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

#### **Scheduled Appointments**

None

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

George Hulse, attorney was present to discuss the possible redevelopment of the old Howard Johnsons site located at the Turnpike exit on Route 541. Richard Ghandi of

Westampton Realty, the redeveloper, was also present. They had sent materials to Maria Carrington for the Committee's consideration. They are currently in the process of moving forward with redeveloping the site. The site has been developed since 1953. Mayor Wisniewski stated that he was interested in such a proposal and wanted to initiate a preliminary investigation as to its suitability for redevelopment.

### **New Business**

Public Hearing, 2018 Community Development Block Grant – This was opened to the public for comment. Nancy Burkley asked if this was the grant that only applied to certain areas such as low and moderate housing; Maria answered that it is restricted to such areas. There is no playground in Rancocas for children; Ms. Burkley requests that some funds go the village of Rancocas to keep up what has been put in there. There were no further comments from the public and the meeting was closed.

### **Ordinances**

Ordinance #1-2018, first reading, Repeal & Replace Chapter 73 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Timbuctoo Advisory Committee – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. This ordinance change streamlines the classifications; the membership number is still kept at 9. All voted yes.

Ordinance #2-2018, first reading, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & to Establish a Cap Bank – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

### **Resolutions**

38-18 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes. Mr. Lopez asked about the line item containing the word massage; Maria explained that there were chair massages paid for by our JIF Wellness Fund. We pay for it and are then reimbursed.

39-18 Cancel Taxes, Block 203.01, Lot 127 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

40-18 Appoint Contact Person for EPL Helpline, BURLCO JIF – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

41-18 Authorize Application for CDBG Funding – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

42-18 Private Sale of iPads – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

43-18 Authorize LDB to Conduct a Preliminary Investigation for Redevelopment, Block 805, Lot 1 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

- a. From: Celeste Hoover, Certified Yoga Teacher  
Re: Waiver of fees for Municipal Building use  
Action: the waiver was not approved by Committee
  
- b. From: NJLM  
Re: Budgeting for Elected Officials, 2/24/18, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
Action: FYI

### **Committee Liaison Reports**

Ms. Smith-Hartman – is the liaison to the seniors; she met with Steve Ciacarello; she will meet with Allie Stanford tomorrow and inform the senior group about a series of free meetings they can attend. It is an eight week program and requires 14 people to sign up.

Mr. Lopez – is liaison to the public works department; the township has concluded their rounds of leaf and Christmas tree pickup; we have been using lots of salt. We are gearing up for 2019; drainage, inlets and storm basins have to all be maintained and meet requirements; a GIS system will be used to track inlets and basins. We must keep this in mind as the budget approaches. The recreation center and American legion have been found to be in violation of fire codes and need to be corrected.

Ms. Hynes – attended the reorganization meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee; they are in need of a secretary. A resident could serve. She is also liaison to WMS and RVRHS; she will meet with both superintendents on a monthly basis; Monday, February 12 and Monday, February 22 are the next school board meetings. She is meeting monthly with Chief Farnsworth; they are focusing on community outreach this year. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements; they are getting ready to work on their budgetary needs. Chief Farnsworth has prepared their 5 year strategic plan which she distributed to Committee members; everyone needs to read this and digest it before discussing it.

Mayor Wisniewski – is the liaison to the police department; he spoke with chief Ent and discussed the direction of the department. They are currently in negotiations with superiors and patrolmen. He is also the liaison for the municipal court; he met with court administrator Susan Graubart; the judge is retiring soon and they hope to make a seamless transition.

Mr. Henley – is the liaison to the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee; they have been approved for a \$3800.00 grant from the County. They are happy to receive it and will do something positive with the funds.

### **Dates to Remember**

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**

Gary Berberian – spoke about a workshop meeting where they discussed a liaison for utilities; he asked for an update. Mr. Lopez stated they would continue to work on issues that had been discovered. He spoke regarding the possible contaminants in the Willingboro MUA water supply; they are going to continue the conversation. Mr. Berberian thinks it is a good idea. He attended the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM; he asked if the Committee had reviewed the minutes; they had not. He thinks the Township needs a voice at these meetings.

Maureen Malecki, 6 North Hill Drive – was approached by an officer to develop a peer mentoring program between the police and the students. She has been getting calls from other counties who wanted to start a program like this; it has really been working out well.

Nancy Burkley – spoke regarding the Willingboro MUA; they are using their profits to purchase equipment; they have a bad attitude; they shouldn't be allowed to do this.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Lopez – Public Works put out an announcement that they are hiring for a mechanic's position. Good job to Maria on managing social media updates – everything is announced on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. He thanked all for coming out.

Ms. Hynes – thanked all for coming out. They had a brainstorming session last week that produced some great ideas. She wants to stay committed to those. She attended Chief Otto's retirement dinner; it was a pleasure.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked all department heads for doing a good job and thanked the residents for coming out. He thanked Investors Bank for contributing \$5K to the EMS/Fire Department to purchase water rescue equipment; they appreciate their generosity.

Jim McKelvie – is the Township engineer from Alaimo Group, it's his first meeting; he hopes to do a good job and looks forward to working with the Township.

Motion to adjourn into executive session made at 7:39 PM. No action will be taken; the Committee is discussing personnel and the FOP contract. Motion and second made to return to open session at 8:53 PM.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk