

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION      7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:05 PM by Mayor John 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, Mayor Wisniewski asking everyone to keep the victims of the Florida massacre in their thoughts.

### 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 2/20/18 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 2/6/18 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Closed session/workshop minutes of the 2/6/18 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

None

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

No comments were made.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Ordinances**

Ordinance #1-2018, second reading, Repeal & Replace Chapter 73 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Timbuctoo Advisory Committee – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. This streamlines the classifications; the membership number is still kept at 9. All voted yes. Lynda Williams asked about the membership classifications and what had changed. Some of the classifications had been eliminated because they were too difficult to fill.

Ordinance #2-2018, second 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. Passing this ordinance each year gives us a bit of leeway in the budget.

### **Resolutions**

44-18 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

45-18 Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Purchase of Portable Radios – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

46-18 Appoint Class C Member to TAC, Eric Orange – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

47-18 Appoint Class C Member to TAC, Rev. Thomas Gorton – motion to approve by Ms. Henley; second by Mr. Hynes. All voted yes.

48-18 Appoint Class C Member to TAC, Lynda Williams – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

49-18 Appoint Class B Member to TAC, Guy Weston - motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

50-18 Appoint Class C Member to TAC, JoAnn Donnelly – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

- a. From: Anthony Petruzzelli, Westampton Schools Superintendent  
Re: Termination of shared services agreement  
Action: FYI

Mr. Lopez stated that they are asking for a 6 month period to terminate instead of a 1 year termination. Solicitor Minchello stated that we could discuss this at the next executive session.

- b. From: Justin Nusspickel  
Re: NJ State Firemen's Association Membership  
Action: Approval from Committee required  
Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth explained how the organization works; it was created over 100 years ago; it is at no cost to the Township. It provides financial relief to the members if it becomes necessary.

### **Committee Liaison Reports**

Mr. Lopez – they have been experiencing mechanical issues in the Public Works Department; there has been lots of work going on inside due to all the rain.

Ms. Hynes – the Historic Preservation Committee's next meeting is 2/28/18; the Fire/EMS Department has prepared their strategic action plan which she distributed to the Committee. The Westampton Board of Education's next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup> @7 PM; she encourages all to attend.

Mr. Henley – attended the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee meeting; he has nothing to report regarding the Recreation Department at this point.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – is the liaison to the seniors; they cancelled their last meeting; however their next meeting is tomorrow. She will be attending and will bring back a report to the Committee.

Mayor Wisniewski – the RFPs have come in for the Municipal Court judge; one will need to be appointed soon.

### **Dates to Remember**

Volleyball Tournament, Thursday, March 22, 6 PM, WMS

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.

Westampton Recreation's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 24, 9:30 AM, Holly Hills School. Rain date is Saturday, March 31.

### **Open to public Comment**

Nancy Burkley – spoke the termination of the shared service agreement between the Township and the schools. She is imploring the Committee to not terminate the

agreement. She has no idea why this is happening, if this goes through our taxes will go up and we will be paying more money. The schools are losing money; they have many special education students that they can't afford. We need to do everything we can to keep this agreement. Mayor Wisniewski stated they would be meeting with the superintendent and discussing the situation. Ms. Hynes stated they will make every effort to keep the relationship going.

Mary Weston – thanked everyone for their support regarding Timbuctoo; she is excited they have been able to do a lot more in a short span of time. There is a house that they had hoped to use as a museum but she has heard that it is going to be torn down and she is upset about that. The area has really deteriorated.

Larry Young, 59 Quail Hollow Drive – asked about the FEMA flood maps. Administrator Carrington advised him to contact Gene Blair, the Construction Official, for further explanation.

Janet Curran – changed her mind regarding the shared service agreement between Westampton EMS/Fire and Eastampton Township. She spoke regarding growth and traffic in the Township and how she wasn't happy with it.

Joe DePaulo, 58 Quail Hollow Drive – had spoken to Gene Blair regarding the revised flood maps. They are trying to obtain a LOMA; however, when they try to sell their home, their lender could still possibly insist that they needed flood insurance. He has lived here for 35 years and has never had a problem with flooding. He asked if there were any updates with Virtua hospital.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Lopez – regarding the statement he and Maureen put out earlier last week; although the Committee can't do much regarding the schools since they are independent of them, they did place a call regarding the school's security. The Committee shares the resident's concerns regarding school security and will continue the conversation. It seems like Westampton is the only one in the RV sending district without a police officer in the school. He encourages all to attend the March 12 Board of Education meeting at WMS.

Mr. Henley – he wanted to address the recent tragedy; the children's safety comes first. Everyone should be there at the Board of Education meeting to add their comments.

Ms. Hynes – has spent the last 5 years on the school board; the RVRHS Board meeting is also coming up; all parents are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Mayor Wisniewski – thinks the school districts are doing a good job; he is confident that the Police and EMS/Fire will continue to keep our families safe. They are starting with their 2018 budget meetings; he thanked everyone for coming out.

Motion made by Mr. Henley to go into executive session; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Motion made by Mr. Lopez to enter back into the public meeting; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk