

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

August 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present.

Resolution 8-11-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss township vehicle identification, Woodmont PILOT agreement and the redevelopment agreement with Ingerman.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:07 PM by Mayor Chang. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2015. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

### Roll Call:

Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Thorpe	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk were present.

Approve 8/11/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Closed session Minutes of 7/14/15 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. The regular minutes from the 7/14/15 meeting would be tabled until the next meeting; motion to table by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

Swear in Vincent Knott, EMT/Firefighter – Mayor Chang swore in Vincent Knott, effective 8/11/2015.

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

No comments were made.

## **New Business**

Proclamation – Police Statewide Crackdown Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 (Aug. 21- Sept. 7)

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – no further comments

Police Report – Chief Otto received a \$5,000 grant in support of the statewide crackdown on driving sober. The Department had their National Night Out on August 4, it was a great success, and he thanked everyone for their support.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan stated that the street sweeper is down and out of service; they have been getting many calls requesting the sweeper. It will remain out for at least two to three weeks. They are waiting on parts. He was out on vacation and had knee surgery recently; he thanked all the public works employees for keeping everything running smoothly in his absence.

## **Resolutions**

102-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

103-15 Bond Release, Village Inn II, Burrs Road Office Center, Block 1001, Lot 4 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

104-15 Bond Reduction, Inductotherm Corporation, Block 403, Lot 1 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

105-15 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

106-15 Refund Taxes, Farmland Assessment Changes– motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

107-15 Appointment of Fire Official – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mayor Chang asked for a nomination; Mr. Thorpe nominated Craig Farnsworth; the motion was seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

108-15 Preliminary Investigation for Redevelopment, Block 401, Lot 7 – this has been amended to include a small additional lot which will allow for improved access into the Ingerman site. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

109-15 Authorize Preparation of a Redevelopment Plan, Block 401, Lot 7 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

## **Ordinances**

Mayor Chang asked for a motion to appoint a Deputy Chief for EMS/Fire – motion made by Mr. Thorpe who nominated Craig Farnsworth; Ms. Teleisa seconded the motion.

Mr. Daniels asked where the paperwork was on this. Solicitor George Saponaro said Mr. Farnsworth has been serving in this capacity for several years; this is just making it official and is a formality since it has never officially been on the books. This is in order. All voted yes, Mr. Daniels abstained.

Mayor Chang swore in new Deputy EMS/Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth.

11-2015 Authorize Financial Agreement with Woodmont (first reading, by title only) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

NJ American Water – proposed surcharge.

NJ American Water – water main replacements in Westampton Township

Westampton American Legion Post 509 – Annual Report

Woodbridge Township – invitation to participate in Senior Olympic Games

Mayor Chang had received a card of thanks from Doris Bolden thanking the Township for her mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday resolution. She is a resident of the Holly Hills subdivision.

## **Dates to Remember**

George Saponaro – on September 2<sup>nd</sup> representatives from Woodmont will be meeting with our seniors regarding the proposed improvement project at the Recreation Center. Mayor Chang is very happy to hear that this is taking place.

## **Open to public Comment**

Nancy Burkley – asked for background on Ordinance 11-2015 (Woodmont financial agreement) since it wasn't on the agenda. The Mayor announced they would take questions at this point, and would answer them all afterwards.

Vincent Knott – thanked the Township, his department, Chief Carty and Deputy Chief Farnsworth and his daughters for attending his swearing in ceremony. The Mayor offered her congratulations again.

Abraham Lopez – asked what the salary is for the Deputy Chief and for the Fire Official positions. The Mayor again stated that when all questions were asked, they would direct each question to the appropriate department head.

Janet Curran – asked how far we are from the Sports Complex being completed. There was a huge amount of people there on one of the recent Sundays; you could hear it all throughout the village, she hopes there aren't any more large events on Sundays, the noise was a bit over whelming. She would like to see a play area in the Sports Complex and some trees and buffers around as well. She wants to know where we stand financially. She is proud to be a Westampton resident her whole life although she sees the Township changing and growing. Three developments are in the process of being built.

Mayor Chang – the first question was from Ms. Burkley; George Saponaro explained the 30 year pilot agreement that was reached with Woodmont. Woodmont is the luxury apartment complex to be built on Route 541.

EMS salaries – Jason Carty said that Craig Farnsworth won't be receiving any additional money for the positions at this time.

Donna Ryan – what needed to be completed at the Sports Complex were two baseball fields that need irrigation; safety netting and some modifications to the storm water management basin. They would also like to increase the size of the playground. These are the main projects that are left.

### **Comments – Department Heads & Professionals**

Police Chief Joe Otto – congratulations to Vincent Knott and Craig Farnsworth.

Fire/EMS Chief Jason Carty – congratulations to Vincent Knott, who is a resident of Westampton; and a volunteer since 2008. He also extended his congratulations to Craig Farnsworth. They received another grant for \$372,000 which will cover full salaries and benefits for 3 firefighters for 2 full years. There are no certification levels necessary to apply for grants; everything that was done was legal. They are over budget for overtime this year due to the amount of injuries sustained this year.

Mr. Daniels – we will have to pay these costs after the two years are up; have they figured out the costs and planned for this. Chief Carty hopes the municipality is in a better financial state by then. They are confident if they plan properly they will be able to maintain these employees.

George Saponaro – congratulations to Vincent Knott and Craig Farnsworth.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Daniels – congratulations to Vincent Knott and Craig Farnsworth; the National Night Out was fabulous; thanks to the FOP and our Township businesses; it is the embodiment of community.

Mr. Thorpe – congratulations to Vincent Knott and Craig Farnsworth; National Night Out was a great success.

Ms. Teleisa – congratulations; she is sorry she missed the National Night out; she heard it was a success as usual. She is happy to see a full house this evening. We are going to make this town safe.

Mr. Maybury – congratulations to Craig and Vincent; to Jason Carty for obtaining the grant; to the Police for their National Night Out. He understands next year it may be moved to BCIT due to the need for more room.

Ms. Teleisa – commented regarding the three young ladies so proud of their father, Vincent Knott.

Mayor Chang – congratulations, she wished Vincent Knott much luck. To Craig Farnsworth, congratulations, it was her honor to swear him in. To the Police Department, congratulations on their National Night Out and especially to Sgt. Brewer who worked day and night putting the program together. She thanked all the department heads, special thanks goes to Mike Meenan; issues are always resolved quickly. She thanked all for their dedication to the residents of Westampton Township.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk