

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by Donna Ryan. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 3, 2014. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

New Committee member C. Andre Daniels was sworn in by Freeholder Joanne Schwartz. Patricia Winsett Teleisa was sworn in by Judge Bookbinder. They are 3 year terms.

Roll Call:

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

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

Nominations for Mayor – Donna Ryan asked for nominations for Mayor. Committeewoman Teleisa nominated Committeewoman Chang, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. There were no other nominations. All voted yes. Committeewoman Chang was sworn in as Mayor for a one year term by Judge Bookbinder.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor – Mayor Chang asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Committeewoman Teleisa nominated Committeeman Maybury, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. There were no other nominations. All voted yes. Committeeman Maybury was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for a one year term by Judge Bookbinder.

Approval of minutes – 12/9/14 meeting – motion to approve by Committeeman Maybury; seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Nominations for Auditor – Mayor Chang asked for nominations for Auditor. Committeeman Daniels nominated Bowman and Company (Todd Saler), seconded by Committeeman Maybury. There were no other nominations. All voted yes. Bowman & Company were appointed as Township Auditors for a one year term.

Nominations for Solicitor – Mayor Chang asked for nominations for Solicitor. Committeewoman Teleisa nominated George Saponaro, of Saponaro and Sitzler, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. There were no other nominations. George Saponaro was appointed as Township Solicitor for a one year term. All voted yes.

Nominations for Engineer – Mayor Chang asked for nominations for Engineer. Committeewoman Teleisa nominated CME Associates, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. There were no other

nominations. All voted yes. CME Associates were appointed as Township Engineer for a one year term.

Nominations for Planner – will not be made this evening. Interviews would be taking place in the near future before an appointment would be made.

Mayor's Appointments (one year term)

Police Liaison – Chang

Public Works Liaison – Maybury

Recreation Liaison – Teleisa

Municipal Court Liaison – Chang

Westampton School Board Liaison – Thorpe

Rancocas Valley Regional High School Board Liaison – Thorpe

EMS/Fire Liaison – Teleisa

Veteran's Affairs Liaison – Daniels

Senior Citizens Liaison – all members made a commitment to see the construction of an addition to the recreation center for the Township's seniors, therefore all Committee members will serve as liaisons and want to be involved in the process.

Appointments – (miscellaneous terms)

Administrator (one year) – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Donna Ryan, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Judge (3 years) – no action will be taken this evening

Class IV Member Land Development Board (1)(4 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint William Freeman, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Class IV Member Land Development Board (1)(1 year unexpired term) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Wilbur Williams, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Land Development Board Alternate #1(2 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Claude Attaway, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Land Development Board Alternate #2 (1 year) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Michelle Haas, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Recreation Commission (3) (3 years) – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Donna Brophy, Kellie Breslin and Todd Mitzelman, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Recreation Commission (1) (1 year) – no action will be taken this evening

Emergency Management Coordinator (1) (3 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Daryl Caulfield, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator (1) (1 year) – motion was made by Committeeman Thorpe to appoint Craig Farnsworth, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

Appointments – 1 year term

Prosecutor – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Shelia Ellington, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Alternate Prosecutor – any prosecutor licensed to practice in Burlington County

Public Defender – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint James Grace, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Alternate Public Defender – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Daryl Pennington, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Bond Counsel – motion was made by Committeeman Thorpe to appoint Parker McCay, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

COAH Special Counsel – no action would be taken this evening

Tax Special Counsel – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Kathleen McGill Gaskill, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Labor Counsel – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Brown & Connery, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Risk Management Consultant – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Hardenbergh Insurance Group, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Zoning Officer – motion was made by Committeeman Thorpe to appoint Gene Blair, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

Deputy Zoning Officer – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Marion Karp, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Class III Member Land Development Board Committee member – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Bob Maybury, seconded by Committeeman Thorpe. All voted yes.

Swear in Director/Head of EMS/Fire Chief – Mayor Chang swore in Jason Carty.

Automatic Appointments

Mayor is a member of the Land Development Board

Zoning Officer is a member of the Land Development Board

Resolutions

- 1-15 Professional Appointments - Motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to approve the professional appointments, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

The following Resolutions #2-15 through #12-15 are part of the consent agenda and were subject to one motion and vote. Motion to approve resolutions was made by Committeeman Thorpe, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

- 2-15 Designation of Depositories
- 3-15 Official Newspaper
- 4-15 Meeting Schedule
- 5-15 Interest Rates
- 6-15 Township Administrator
- 7-15 Assessor Appeals
- 8-15 Assessor Appeals - rollback taxes
- 9-15 Mayor as Signatory
- 10-15 Temporary Budget
- 11-15 Appoint Risk Management Consultant
- 12-15 Adopt Cash Management Plan
- 13-15 Payment of Vouchers - motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to approve the payment of vouchers, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Nina Bonner, President of the Association of Black Women Lawyers of NJ spoke. She stated that they are proud of their member Carolyn Chang, we are fortunate to have her serving as our Mayor.

Janet Curran – hopes that the Committee will work with Westampton residents; residents want to see open space considered. There are three new developments coming into the Township. Why not just give the recreation center to the senior citizens instead of adding on to it. She hopes that power will not rule the Committees' emotions.

Mayor Chang – wants Ms. Curran to know that the Committee takes all the comments from all residents very seriously; they will continue to work for the best of the residents.

Township Committee meetings will take place @ 7 PM on January 13th & 27th.

Comments

Joe Otto – congratulations to everyone who was appointed tonight.

Jason Carty – thanked the Mayor and Committee for having confidence in him; he will work to exceed their expectations. He introduced his family and thanked those who came to support him this evening. He thanked Assistant EMS Chief Farnsworth; they will be doing great things. He appreciates the support.

Doug Burry – thanks for the appointment, congratulations to all.

Donna Ryan – thanks for the appointment, congratulations to everyone.

Marion Karp – congratulations to everyone on their appointments; looks forward to working with everyone during this next year.

Mayor Chang wanted to acknowledge the elected officials in the audience: Assemblyman Troy Singleton, Councilman Jules Thiessen of Mt. Holly, Freeholder Joanne Schwartz and Deputy Mayor Nathaniel Anderson from Willingboro. She hopes she didn't miss anyone. She is extremely humbled by the confidence other members of the Committee have placed in her. She thanks them all for her support; they will work to make Westampton the gem of Burlington County. She thanked all of the Administrative support staff, Police, Public Works, EMS and Fire, the Recreation Department for their never ending commitment to the residents. Sheriff Jean Stanfield was also present at this evening's meeting. She thanked her office staff and her family. She is fortunate to have her mother in the audience this evening as well as her sister, sister in law, brother in law and niece. She recognized tax attorney Kate Gaskill and thanked her for her work on our Township tax appeals. Julia Metivier, a student at BCC who also works for her was recognized. She thanked her nephew Bryce J. Barron who was also in the audience.

As she has said many times in the past, Westampton is an extremely diverse community; diversity is the spice of life. The governing body and the Land Development Board tackled many important issues in the last year – the Vision Plan, redevelopment zones, Project Freedom, capital improvements in this building as well as the sports complex, tax appeal settlements and numerous shared services agreements with the County. They also sponsored an essay contest for the Westampton students; completed the Holly Lane road improvement project, approved the Deacon Farm development easement preservation; the creation of the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee, projects within Timbuctoo; as well as the purchase and preservation of additional lands in the Timbuctoo area using Green Acres funds. We as residents of Westampton Township are fortunate to live in such a diverse community; our professionals, Land Development Board and governing body are beginning to reflect this diversity and she is proud of it. She asks the nay sayers to see the great vision that is Westampton; the creation of jobs, a community center, and lower taxes. She thanked everyone for coming out this evening and for their love and support.

Committeeman Daniels – thanked the Mayor for her words of wisdom. He is most proud of our progressive community. He thanked the residents of Westampton; wished them a happy New Year. He thanked everyone for their support of him and their community. He extends congratulations to Chief Carty; he had asked to be introduced to his grandfather this evening. He thanked all of the Township employees; we are truly a rich community. He thanked Donna Ryan for her steady hand and guidance over the years. Donna makes magic happen with the budget. Everyone here is reflective of a progressive community; we all matter. He wanted to commend our Police and Fire/EMS personnel as well as our Public Works personnel. It is important that we take the time out to thank each and every one of them.

Committeeman Thorpe – congratulations to all appointees; wished everyone a happy and healthy 2015

Committeewoman Teleisa – it is wonderful to see so many people this evening. It is her honor to serve for her second term; thanks for believing in her and the Committee. She thanked her family and friends for their support and encouragement as well as their patience. She looks forward to working with everyone in 2015. She believes we can move Westampton forward. It can be scary and unsettling as we move forward. We can either resist change or embrace change and move forward. She loves this town; it is her wish for unity and harmony in the New Year. We need to put our differences aside and work together for a common goal; to maintain a sense of pride in our community.

Committeeman Maybury – congratulations to everyone on their appointments; thanks for the Deputy Mayor appointment.

There being no further comment from the public, the meeting was closed. There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk