

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 26, 2015

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

Resolution 5-26-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss personnel and Project Freedom.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:00 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 5/26/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 5/12/2015 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 4/28/15 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Thorpe abstained. Closed session minutes of 5/12/15 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

7:00 PM – American Legion Awards (Police & EMS) – American Legion Post 509 wanted to thank the Committee for allowing them to present their awards. Dave Shaw was chosen as Firefighter of the Year. Ryan Bieri was chosen as Patrolman of the year.

Public Comments on agenda items

Abraham Lopez – wanted to know why the agenda wasn't posted on Thursday. The Mayor let him know that she had contacted the company regarding this; there had been

problems with having the agenda and other items posted. Marion and Donna had checked on Thursday and everything was posted on Thursday.

Karen Sampson – asked if one of the Ordinances could be tabled since the agenda and packet weren't available. The Committee answered that they have to proceed with these items since they are time sensitive.

Dave Barger – asked about the bid for the Municipal Building roof and HVAC systems. The winning bidder is a general contractor; the mechanical contractor is separate. It seems to him that HVAC is out of the realm of a roofing contractor.

Harry Adams – asked if the Timbuctoo ordinance could be tabled at this time. He thinks that the Historic Committee could serve the same purpose. Mayor Chang said this was discussed at the last meeting; they are going to move forward.

Janet Curran – asked if there was enough room to add the additional units for Project Freedom. The Mayor explained that 72 units were included in the original plan that came before the Land Development Board but that they were unable to secure the tax credits that they needed at the time to build all of the units. Janet wanted to know if more trees were going to be removed from the site with the addition of the new units. Donna stated that no more trees were going to be removed even with adding the new units. Ms. Curran had missed the last meeting and wanted to know more about the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee. Solicitor George Saponaro explained how it would work to Ms. Curran.

Abraham Lopez – asked if the Committee would consider not acting on the agenda at this evening's meeting since the public hasn't seen it. Deputy Clerk Marion Karp advised him that she did indeed send the packet to the web company on Thursday. Donna had checked and it was there. Donna also advised him that posting the entire packet is a courtesy; the entire packet doesn't have to be posted. Mr. Maybury asked why no one at the Township was contacted; all of the Committee members have their contact information listed on the website.

Gil Gehin Scott – asked how Resolution #73-15 (mutual aid) would benefit Westampton Township. An explanation would be given later in the meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

EMS Report – they now have 2 employees out on workman's compensation which is creating an overtime issue. They are meeting with Donna to discuss this.

Police Report – no further comments made.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report (March & April 2015) – no further comments made.

Public Works Report – Mayor Chang thanked Mike Meenan for their work on Saturday to prepare for the Timbuctoo celebration. She is in awe of the amount of work that Public Works can get done with a small staff and little money. It was a success and she thanked him.

Resolutions

71-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

72-15 Project Freedom, Block 203, Lot 4.03 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

73-15 Burlington County Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Fire Chief Jason Carty explained that this is a renewal of the existing mutual aid agreement that we currently have; the benefit for Westampton Township is that we will receive help from other municipalities. Every municipality in Burlington County signs this agreement. It ensures the cooperation of our neighbors. We rely on mutual aid to meet staffing standards.

74-15 Shared Service Agreement for Animal Control Services – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

75-15 Award Roof/HVAC Contract – motion to table this resolution by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. There were two bids that were received for this project. Mr. Maybury would like to table this until he had a chance to look at the bids that were received. Ms. Teleisa concurs.

76-15 Refund Taxes, Block 1001.04, Lot 20 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

77-15 Refund Taxes, Block 1001.08, Lot 14 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

78-15 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

79-15 Chapter 159, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

80-15 Refer Ordinance 8-2015, Medical Campus District Overlay Zone to LDB – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Ordinances

6-2015 Establish a Timbuctoo Advisory Committee (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made. All voted yes.

7-2015 Project Freedom Financial Agreement (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made. All voted yes

8-2015 Amend Chapter 250, Zoning, Medical Campus District Overlay Zone (first reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Servicios Latinos De Burlington County – thanked the Mayor for her continued support and for attending their 15th anniversary celebration

Dates to remember

Ribbon Cutting at Spring Meadows Tot Lot – May 30 at 11 AM – a great job by Public Works according to the Mayor. The condition of the play equipment was terrible.

Westampton Middle School Awards – June 10 at 7 PM, WMS Cafeteria

Westampton 8th Grade Graduation – June 20 at 10 AM, PAC, RVRHS

May 30 – Walmart in Lumberton, Heroes Day. EMS is getting a \$500 grant which they will use towards their Open House this year.

Rancocas Yard Sale – first Saturday in June, the 6th. The Strawberry Festival is the same day.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Jason Carty – congratulations to Dave Shaw; this is not his first time being recognized. He does a great job with public outreach and social media for the Department. They were honored to attend the Timbuctoo Day celebration and commended our volunteer Fire Police, whom are all volunteers, for directing traffic.

Joe Otto – congratulations to both Ryan Bieri and Dave Shaw on their awards.

George Saponaro– will be speaking to the Woodmont developers to set up a meeting with the senior citizens to get their input and get a time frame for the addition and improvements to the Rec Center.

Open to public Comment

Mary Weston – is very excited about the Timbuctoo project; the day was fabulous. She thanked everyone who worked on it and took part.

Bill Warren, Post 509 – thanked the Committee for helping them celebrate Memorial Day; it ties everything all together. Mutual aid agreements are very important; anytime there is an emergency like the floods in Lumberton it is so important to have outside help.

Mayor Chang – it was her honor to appear at the ceremony.

Abraham Lopez – everything at Timbuctoo Day was heartfelt and very good; he enjoyed it very much. It had that great community feeling that he wants to see more of.

Lori Hustus – fantastic Memorial Day services; wanted to know if this information could be posted on the calendar for next year. Mr. Daniels would follow up on this.

Gil Gehin Scott – two bids doesn't sound like a lot considering the magnitude of the municipal building improvements project; could we possibly go out for bid again to get more bids?

Lindsay Hustus – would have been nice if the Fire and Police Department could have attended the Memorial Day ceremony.

Dave Barger – wanted to follow up on the budget approval. He wanted to know what the “shovel ready” projects are that the Mayor alluded to at a prior meeting. George Saponaro stated that the most significant one is the Woodmont project of high end apartments. It will have low impact on Township services and will be a good source of revenue for the Township. It will consist of 456 units. The hospital will bring in a large amount of other ratables although they can't really project these now. The Ingerman project isn't really a source of revenue but will address the Township's low and affordable housing numbers. Our COAH projection is now in excess of 600 units.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Daniels - Congratulations to Dave Shaw and Ryan Bieri who represent examples of two fine departments. He took part in the Timbuctoo celebration on Saturday; it wasn't a black event; it was a point of pride destination and energized on something great happening within the community. He also attended the AM Vets and American Legion Memorial Day ceremony with Mr. Thorpe yesterday. We should get the word out about

these events as much as we possibly can. He would like to see our town have a parade as well; it's good to see the community come together.

Mr. Thorpe – the Timbuctoo event was fabulous; a spectacular job by the Public Works department. His favorite part of the event was taking a photo with Mary Weston. The Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony was an honor to attend.

Ms. Teleisa – awesome job by Public Works on the new tot lot. Congratulations to Ryan Bieri and Dave Shaw on their awards. The Memorial Day weekend is time to remember America's men and women who sacrificed their lives. She wanted to thank the town's residents, our veterans, anyone active or retired, Committeeman Daniels, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be having the freedom that we enjoy. She especially wanted to thank her father for his service.

Mayor Chang– congratulations to Dave Shaw and Ryan Bieri. Over the last several months a group of people decided to volunteer their time; they held conference calls every Friday night well into the night and planned this event (Timbuctoo ceremony). It was a wonderful celebration of community; the site has received interest not only from Temple University but from Rutgers University's History department; they will provide us with graduate students to do research there. She appeared and spoke at yesterday's Am Vet and Post 509s Memorial Day service; it is her honor to be there. We need to remember and honor these folks.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk