

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present, Mr. Maybury was absent. Resolution 10-13-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss police and EMS contacts and police promotions.

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 on January 6, 2015. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence. Mr. Daniels wanted the moment of silence to be taken in honor of two firefighters lives that were lost in Kansas City, Missouri.

Roll Call:

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

Justin Yost, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 10/13/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Closed session Minutes of 9/22/15 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Minutes of the 9/22/15 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

Police Lieutenant Promotions – Mayor Chang swore in 3 new Police Lieutenants. Roger Rogers, Steve Ent and Brian Ferguson were all sworn in. Mr. Daniels congratulated all three new lieutenants; this community is grateful for having them serve. He is proud of all of them. He had the opportunity to see their children this evening who were all proud of their fathers; it was a precious moment.

At this point a five minute recess was taken for refreshments.

EMS/Fire Chief Jason Carty presented a plaque to former Fire Official John Augustino, who had been with the Township 12 years and has since retired.

A representative from Verizon presented the EMS Department with a grant to be used for wellness and firefighter fitness in the amount of \$6,000. Jason thanked Verizon; it has been a significant number of years since they have upgraded their exercise equipment at the firehouse.

Public Comments on agenda items

Mr. Robert Lee, 3 Mayfaire Circle – commended the Committee on the appointments that they made. He sees that the Township is moving in the right direction; there is diversity in our Police Department. We need diversity in all departments; change is coming. The community ought to be reflective of this change. Two weeks ago they made the Timbuctoo Committee appointments. He wanted to thank them for that too, they will be a welcome addition.

New Business

1. Timbuctoo Committee Appointments:
 - a. Class F members (3) residents of Westampton Township (3 year terms)
 - b. One class F member, term ending 12/31/16- Ms. Teleisa made a motion to appoint Corey Jones; the motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.
2. Recreation Committee Appointment:
 - a. Term ending 12/31/16 – Ms. Teleisa made a motion to appoint Amy Paulus; the motion was seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.
3. Proclamation – Caribbean Association of NJ and PA. The Mayor summarized the proclamation for the audience. The association has awarded many scholarships to students over the last 25 years.

Resolutions

124-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

125-15 Chapter 159 for DWI Grant – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

126-15 Springside Road Grant Application, DOT Grant for Bikeway Improvements – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

127-15 Sidewalk Improvement Grant Application, County Route 541 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

128-15 Holly Lane Phase 4 Grant Application– motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

129-15 Chapter 159 for FEMA Assistance to Firefighters – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

130-15 Chapter 159 for FEMA SAFER Grant - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Ordinances

12-2015 Amend Township Code of Westampton, Establish Policy for Employee Use of Township Owned Vehicles (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; John Mumbower asked if the whole ordinance would be read tonight; it would not since it is published in full on the website.

13-2015 Amend the Code of the Township of Westampton, Establish Provisions Governing the Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Properties (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; John Mumbower asked why the entire ordinance isn't read in full. Donna explained the procedure of ordinance adoption.

14-2015 Ordinance of the Township of Westampton Adopting a Redevelopment Plan in Accordance with NJSA 40A:12-A-7 for Block 401, Lots 2, 7 & 8 (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made.

Correspondence

RVRHS – Relay for Life, 10/16/15; 6 PM to 12 AM

Letter from Hampton Hospital – thanked the Police and Mayor for attending their ground breaking ceremony

Dates to Remember

Westampton Township Annual Fall Festival – October 30, 2015, 6 PM to 9 PM

Open to public Comment

Denise Blain, 136 Winstead Drive – a lot of intersections on Holly Lane are flooding; it's been a big concern for parents. Donna thinks it will be okay once the topcoat is applied which should be completed this week.

Mr. Lee – in the beginning of September there was much talk about the apartments going to be built; there were many negative opinions that were offered that night. He decided not to speak since there were so many speaking that night. Now he has heard that the Committee has rejected the whole program; he is disappointed with this. The proposed workshop to discuss the apartment project never came to pass; we never got to go up to bat so to speak.

There being no further comment from the public, the meeting was closed.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

No further comments were made.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Daniels – is truly proud of our new lieutenants; and thanks to our fire fighters as always. Kelsey Worrell has been nominated as the breakout swimmer of the year; it may be a precursor to her making the US Olympic team in the future. She is a resident here and attended our schools; it is a point of pride.

Mr. Thorpe – congratulations to the new Police lieutenants. A big thank you to Verizon and to our EMS Department.

Ms. Teleisa – The Fire/EMS Open House was quite a success; they acted as a team and did a great job. Congratulations to the new lieutenants; the promotions were truly earned and well deserved. Thanks to them for their commitment to our town and to our residents.

Mayor Chang – it was her honor to swear all three new lieutenants in. Thanks to the EMS/Fire Department for a great Open House last week. She asked Donna how much the stipend is for a Committee person each year. The stipend is \$3710 per year which is paid quarterly to each Committee member. It has remained this amount for 15-20 years and there has never been an increase.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk