

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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

JANUARY 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Carolyn Chang. 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.

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.

Minutes of the 1/14/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Comments on agenda items

Peter Wolfson – is in support of the two resolutions regarding the proposed redevelopment area. Funding is very time sensitive. Porzio, Bromberg and Newman is the firm he represents.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – Ms. Teleisa asked if they could have the 2012 report to compare with the 2013 report.

Police Report – there has been a problem in Deerwood (speeding on West Country Club Drive) according to Chief Smith; the snow and ice have been hampering their efforts. Once it is clear they will be out there.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan commented that the yearly totals for leaves and chipping had gone up significantly. They collect more each year. Besides the snow and ice they are doing okay. They are out of sand and salt is giving minimal traction at best in these cold temperatures. Mayor Chang says the clean up by Westampton was significantly better than the County clean up; she thanked Mike Meenan. Mr. Daniels commented regarding the emergency repair on Creek Road; they did a great job in a short time frame. It is nice to see a supervisor take pride in his department.

Westampton Township Historical Society Annual Report – no one was present to add any additional comments.

Resolutions

19-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

20-14 Proposed Redevelopment Area – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked Mr. Wolfson to give some background on the property. He asked how the residential properties in the area would be affected. A large portion of the property is already zoned R 4, this new zoning would be much less dense and have much less of an impact than the zoning currently in place. Ms. Teleisa asked if they would be setting up an escrow account; Mr. Wolfson answered that they would.

21-14 Preparation of Redevelopment Plan – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Daniels stated that they are a long way between putting a shovel in the ground and residents moving in but for him it represents deliberate smart growth; he feels he can stand behind this and support this. He feels it represents something good for the community that we haven't had in a long time – growth and development. Ms. Teleisa asked if we would be locked in with adopting this resolution; George Saponaro answered they would not. Ingerman is the redevelopment company at this point.

22-14 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues. Motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained.

23-14 Municipal Alliance Fiscal Grant Extension – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. This involves the RCASA Municipal Alliance.

24-14 Holly Lane Phase 2 Roadway Improvements Project – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Correspondence

NJ American Water – the public hearing will be held here on February 11, 2014. Donna would post it on our website.

Dates to remember

2014 Budget Meetings – 1/29; 2/5 and 2/12 @ 6 PM. The first meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Workshops

None

Comments

Deputy Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth – the department has been busy with accidents on 295 and the Turnpike due to the weather.

Fire Marshal John Augustino – reported on items recalled due to potential fire hazards. He distributed a list of 13 items to the Committee.

Solicitor George Saponaro – there have been published reports regarding a proposed incinerator in the city of Bristol; there are lots of nasty pollutants that will be released. There is going to be lots of opposition to this. He would get the Committee a report on this. This would be the first incinerator in Pennsylvania to handle this type of chemical and pharmaceutical waste. He would be happy to propose a resolution if the Committee so desired.

Ms. Teleisa – thanked the Fire, EMS, Police and Public Works Departments for their work during the bad weather.

Mr. Daniels – seconded Ms. Teleisa's comments.

Open to public Comment

Peter Wolfson – thanked the Committee for approving these first preliminary steps for the redevelopment zone; looks forward to working with the Solicitor.

Janet Curran – thanked the Mayor for what she said about her at the last Township meeting. We helped 11 families this Christmas. She asked the Mayor if she attended the conference of Mayors in Washington last week; Mayor Chang answered that she did not.

Mayor Chang will be providing the essay topic for the Black History Month essay in the next three days. It will be provided both to HHS and WMS students.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk