

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP  
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Donna Ryan. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 3, 2013. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Donna Ryan explained that former Mayor Chang Sidney Camp had submitted a letter of resignation and would not be sworn in this evening. She read the letter aloud. He had relocated out of state and the Committee would be following the correct procedure to replace him at the next meeting. Committeeman Robert Maybury was sworn in for a three year term by Judge Bookbinder.

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Committeeman Daniels; second 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. Committeeman Maybury nominated George Saponaro, of Saponaro and Sitzler, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. 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 Daniels. There were no other nominations. All voted yes. CME Associates were appointed as Township Engineer for a one year term.

Nominations for Planner – Mayor Chang asked for nominations for Planner. Committeeman Daniels nominated Harry McVey, Louis Glass Associates, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. There were no other nominations. All voted yes. Louis Glass Associates was appointed as Planner for a one year term.

Mayor Chang's Appointments (one year term)

Police Liaison – Mayor Chang, Mr. Daniels would serve as the alternate

Public Works Liaison – Mr. Maybury

Recreation Liaison – Mayor Chang, Ms. Teleisa would serve as the alternate

Municipal Court Liaison – Mayor Chang

Westampton School Board Liaison – Ms. Teleisa

Rancocas Valley Regional High School Board Liaison – Ms. Teleisa

EMS/Fire Liaison – Mr. Maybury

Veteran's Affairs Liaison – Mr. Daniels

Senior Citizens Liaison – Mr. Daniels

**Appointments – (miscellaneous terms)**

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

Class IV Member Land Development Board (4 years) – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Rhonda Coe, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

Land Development Board Alternate #1 (2 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Robert Thorpe, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Recreation Commission (3) (3 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Bud Slack, Dan Miller and John Mumbower, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Recreation Commission (1) (1 year) – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Stephanie Lott, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

Environmental Advisory Committee (2) (3 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Len Godleski and Dave Guerrero, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Historic Commission (1) (4 years) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Norm Miller, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

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

Building Sub code Official – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Gene Blair, Jr., seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Construction Official – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Gene Blair, Jr., seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Plumbing Sub code Official – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Paul Buchhofer, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

Electrical Sub code Official – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Dave Buchhofer, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Fire Official – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint John Augustino, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Registrar – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Marion Karp, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

**Appointments – 1 year term**

Prosecutor – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Dean Buono, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

Alternate Prosecutor – any prosecutor licensed to practice in Burlington County

Public Defender – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint James Grace, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

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

Bond Counsel – motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to appoint Parker McCay, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

COAH Special Counsel – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Mike Mober, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Tax Special Counsel – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Wisniewski & Associates, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

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

Zoning Officer – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Gene Blair, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

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

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

Historic Commission (Committee member) – motion was made by Committeeman Maybury to appoint Mayor Chang, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

Environmental Commission (LDB Member) – motion was made by Committeewoman Teleisa to appoint Ron Applegate, seconded by Committeeman Daniels. All voted yes.

### **Automatic Appointments**

Mayor is a member of the Land Development Board

Zoning Officer is a member of the Land Development Board

Deputy Mayor is a member of the Economic Development Commission

**Resolutions**

- 1-13 Professional Appointments - Motion was made by Committeeman Daniels to approve the professional appointments, seconded by Committeeman Maybury. All voted yes.

The following Resolutions #2-13 through #12-13 are part of the consent agenda and were subject to one motion and vote. Motion to approve resolutions was made by Committeeman Maybury, seconded by Committeewoman Teleisa. All voted yes.

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

The meeting was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment and the meeting was closed to public comment.

The next Township Committee meeting will take place @ 7 PM on January 22nd.

**Comments**

Louis Lopez – gave the Committee a New Year's card; he missed the December meeting.

Police Chief Rick Smith – congratulations to everyone.

Fire/EMS Chief Wylie Johnson – Happy New Year; congratulations on everyone's appointments

Public Works Director Mike Meenan – congratulations to everyone

Fire Official John Augustino – congratulations; he looks forward to working with everyone this year

Administrator Donna Ryan – congratulations to everyone, she looks forward to working with everyone, they all have to get through another budget

Deputy Clerk Marion Karp – congratulated everyone on their appointments; she looks forward to working with everyone again this year.

Solicitor George Saponaro – congratulated everyone; particularly Mayor Chang, he looks forward to working with her in this new capacity.

Committeeman Daniels – wished everyone a Happy New Year, congratulated everyone on their appointments. As a Committeeman and school board member he needs to significantly advance the community agenda. He thanked Mayor Chang for the opportunity.

Committeewoman Telesia – congratulations to everyone; she congratulated Carolyn and Bob, thanks for helping make this a great time.

Committeeman Maybury – thanks for the confidence in voting him Deputy Mayor. He wanted to recognize Senator Steve Sweeney; thanked the residents for re electing him; thanked all the Township departments for their quality work and thanked all Township professionals. He looks forward to working with new Mayor Chang.

Mayor Chang – thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She wanted to recognize Senator Sweeney, the newly elected freeholders, Aimee Belgard and Joann Schwartz and Councilwoman Diane Stinney of Pemberton Township. She is humbled by the confidence that the other members of the Township have placed in her; she thanks them for their support. She pledges that in this time of partisanship they will work together to make Westampton an even better place to live and work. She thanked her sisters of the Association of Black Women Lawyers; they are her professional support system; they are

there for her failures and successes. She thanked her friends, colleagues and office staff for their support; her family who has put up with her busy schedule over the years; very special thanks to her husband Ronald; her daughter Chelsea and her son Christian for enduring what they refer to as a workaholic wife and mother. This Committee reflects the town's diversity; we have seen across the country many women taking office; she is the first African American woman to serve as Mayor in Westampton. She truly loves this town and it is her goal to serve with honor and distinction.

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