

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION    REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013

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, 2013. 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

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

6:00 PM - Workshops on the Rancocas Nature Center and the Budget

### **Comments on agenda items**

No comment was made.

### **New Business**

JIF Elected Officials Seminar – Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 @ 5:30 PM, Charley's Other Brother.

### **Resolutions**

48-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

49-13 Utilize Average Tax Collection Rate for 2013 - motion to approve by Ms. Telesia; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

50-13 2013 Westampton Township Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

51-13 Refund Taxes, Block 906.04, Lot 3 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Telesia. All voted yes.

52-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Telesia. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

3-2013 Amend Chapter 250, Zoning (second reading). Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

Safe Routes to School Program – letter from the Department of Transportation, we applied for a grant but did not receive one this year.

### **Dates to remember**

JIF Elected Officials Dinner, 3/13/12 @ 6 PM, Charley's Other Brother

Easter Egg Hunt – Eastampton Community School, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11 AM

### **Comments**

Daryl Caulfield – Emergency Management Coordinators must obtain 24 CEUs in preparation for natural disasters. He has an emergency supply list pamphlet for distribution and can get more.

Mr. Daniels – on March 2<sup>nd</sup> he had the opportunity to attend the Rancocas Nature Center open house. People attended from Philadelphia, Collingswood and other surrounding areas with the singular mission of saving the center. He attended with the Mayor. He is excited about the possibilities of the Center as it has been a point of pride destination for the community.

Mayor Chang– was present at the Open House. There were about 300-500 people that attended; it is obvious that the community supports the Nature Center. There have been no decisions made yet by the County as to what will occur; it is her hope that it will survive and prosper.

Ms. Telesia – attended the Rancocas Valley Board of Education regional meeting last week on March 5th, their 2013- 2014 Budget was approved. Westampton Township received an \$18 dollar tax increase for the average home.

Mayor Chang – thanked Mr. Zimmaro from the BCT who wrote a wonderful article in the Times with regard to the Black History Month essay contest sponsored by the Committee. It was an extremely positive article, wonderful work and she appreciates it.

Mr. Daniels – the Freeholders posted Mr. Zimmaro's article on their Facebook page.

**Open to public Comment**

Janet Curran – spoke about the families that were helped at Christmas; she thanked Donna for her help. Public Works has done a fantastic job cleaning up after the storms. She spoke with Todd today about the sports complex and the lighting that will be installed. She would like to see the basketball court at Holly Hills School get the necessary repairs. She asked if the Township was going to purchase any ground in the near future.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk