

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM WORKSHOP 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 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

Katelyn McElmoyl, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the October 22, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. ; second by Mr. .
All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – Swear in Officer Michelle Ent, Police Officer – Mayor Chang swore in new Police Officer Michelle Ent.

Recognition of Police Chaplains, Mr. & Mrs. Randolph, Chaplain Hutton and Fire Chaplain Santelli – Daryl Caulfield recognized them because they volunteer their time and services; they are helpful to the Police Department, Emergency Management team and Fire Department. Craig Farnsworth presented them with plaques in honor of their efforts and dedication.

Comments on agenda items

Gil Gehin Scott – asked about getting a copy of the bill list; Donna gave him one.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Resolutions

127-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. The Mayor had a question about an expense for tee shirts; it is for the Fire Department tee shirts that they order in bulk once a year.

128-13 Hire Police Officer, Michelle Ent – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

129-13 Authorize 2014 CDBG Application – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment. Janet Curran stated that she liked the walkway very much and hoped there would be more in the future. The meeting was closed for public comment. All voted yes.

130-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

Mayor Chang received an email from a resident in Deerwood Country Club regarding the recent typhoon in the Philippines; there is a large population of Phillipino residents that reside in Deerwood. Mayor Chang encourages people to contact the agencies that have been set up to provide aid to the typhoon victims.

Dates to remember

November 16, 2013 – Annual Rabies Clinic; 9 to 11 AM, Public Works Garage

December 11 – Annual Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner, 6 PM - WMS

Workshops

None

Comments

Fire Official John Augustino – advised residents to not park cars over the piles of leaves; the catalytic converters are hot and can start fires. He advised the Committee about electric candles and footed pajamas for kids that have been recalled.

EMS Lieutenant Craig Farnsworth– the Firehouse is a drop off point for Toys for Tots; the collection box is full at this point.

Police Office/Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield – is busy working on the County’s hazard mitigation plan.

Solicitor Danielle McElmoyl – on behalf of everyone in their office, congratulated Mayor Chang and Robert Thorpe on their reelection.

Deputy Clerk Marion Karp– gave the Committee a brief update on the upcoming annual rabies clinic.

Mr. Daniels – yesterday we celebrated Veterans Day; he extended heartfelt thanks to every veteran in the room. We often times forget about our spouses and families of veterans; while they are out there doing their duty someone has to take care of the home front. It is one of those things that we don’t think about often. The American Legion Post 509 and Am Vets held a breakfast yesterday morning at the Rec Center. Congratulations to Mayor Chang and Committeeman Thorpe on their re election.

Mr. Maybury – in addition to the items that John Augustino spoke about, there was a large amount of dehumidifiers that were recalled; John Augustino is aware of this. He congratulated Mr. Thorpe and Mayor Chang.

Ms.Teleisa – congratulations to Mayor Chang and Mr.Thorpe. She looks forward to working with them both. She thanked Mr. Daniels for recognizing her father, a veteran of World War II. Thanks to all the men and women who put their lives on the line for us.

Mr. Thorpe – thanked all the voters in the Township for participating last week. He thanked the poll workers who were amazing; they put in a 16 hour day. Congratulations to Mayor Chang on her reelection.

Mayor Chang– thanked the poll workers as well; they do a phenomenal job. She thanked all the residents who voted for herself and for Mr. Thorpe.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – the article in the BCT kind of took her back a bit. Mayor Chang told Janet not to assume that she said anything. Her opponents were not approached to talk about their feelings about the election; the Mayor said she has to ask the reporter why they weren’t approached, as she had no idea why. For the first time of many years voting in Westampton the poll worker asked her name and she was taken aback. The Mayor advised her that this was legal. The spaghetti dinner didn’t have as good a turnout as in previous years. Veterans Day is very important; it is sad to go around the Township and

see very few flags. She asked what the plans were for the grant money received from the State – the park grant will be used for a playground at Holly Hills School and for a nature scape at the Sports complex. Donations are being accepted for Thanksgiving for needy residents. Gift cards from grocery stores are being accepted.

Louis Lopez – congratulated the Mayor on her re election. He ran for office in Mt. Holly but wasn't elected; he will keep trying. He asked her what she thought about the approval of the minimum wage; she thought it was a good thing and was necessary.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk