

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr Maybury. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of September 10, 2013 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM Workshop – Closed session (personnel)

7:00 PM JIF – Hardenburgh Insurance – no one was present at this evening’s meeting from Hardenburgh; perhaps the date was incorrect or else they forgot. Donna would reach out them.

Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the Bikeway Path resolution; she asked where it is located. We would like to take it from where it ends at Rolling Hills all the way to Rancocas Road.

Old Business

None

New Business

2014 Best Practices Inventory – every municipality must answer this survey; your state aid amounts are based on this. We are doing well in terms of answers to the questions.

Fire/EMS report – the training on the ladder truck has started. Dave Shaw has secured funding for fireworks for the Open House. The truck should be in service shortly; there are some minor adjustments to be made; there was a small leak in one of the hoses.

Police Report – no additional comments made

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan apologized for being late with his report. He thanked Chief Johnson and Mt. Holly MUA for their assistance with the problem at East Dogwood. Our drainage pipe was approximately 80% blocked and was causing some flooding at a resident's house. Mike has been repeatedly checking Holly Lane with every rainfall that we have had.

Fire Prevention Report – Fire Prevention week is in October. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires".

Resolutions

116-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels . All voted yes.

117-13 Authorize Holly Lane Road Improvement Project, Phase 2 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

118-13 Authorize Springside Road/Woodlane Road Bikeway Improvements Project – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

119-13 Authorize Burlington-Mt. Holly Road Sidewalk Improvement Project – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

120-13 Contract Change Order, Sports Complex Walkway Improvements – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked if this project was 100% complete; Donna answered that it was. There is a maintenance bond posted as well.

121-13 Refund Taxes, Block 1709, Lot 19– motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

122-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

10-2013 2013 Salaries & Wages, Public Works & Administration (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment. All voted yes.

11-2013 2013 Salaries & Wages, full time EMT/Firefighters (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment. All voted yes.

12-2013 2013 Salaries & Wages, Police Officers (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment. All voted yes.

13-2013 2013 Salaries & Wages, Chief of Police, Police Captain, Police Lieutenant (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Burlco JIF Member Update – informational form that gives all pertinent statistics for Westampton Township; how much we received back in dividends; average reporting time of accident claims; loss ratio, etc.

Mayor Chang received a letter from the Governor informing her that Westampton Township will receive a \$250K grant to re surface Holly Lane; she is proud to have played a part in the grant submission process. We didn't get any state transportation grants; we were able to get this grant via extra ordinary aid.

Dates to remember

October 10 – Westampton Fire/EMS Open House

October 13 – Rancocas Nature Center Event

October 25 – Westampton Recreation Fall Festival- Westampton Sports Complex

Comments

Daryl Caulfield – is working on the emergency operation plan.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – reminder about the portion of the Open House for seniors which is 3 to 6 PM.

Mr. Daniels – spoke to the seniors with Dave Shaw and at the Am Vets and American Legion meetings. This Saturday is Community Day at Spring Meadows; Pastor Pearson of the New Life Covenant Church is sponsoring this.

Mayor Chang – took part in a memorial service on September 11th for 9/11. Mr. Daniels was also present; it was a somber service; she thanked Wylie for putting this together.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – read an article in the BCT regarding solar panels and fires. She asked about the assessment article in the BCT; Donna explained that it was primarily commercial appeals that date back to 2008 and 2009. She wishes that we could save some of the open space that we have. It is very nice seeing the farming that is still going on in the Township.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk