

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2012. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of February 14, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa abstained.

Comments on agenda items

No comments were made

Old Business

None

New Business

EMS Report – Chief Wylie Johnson commented that on March 28 they will be picking up their piece of steel from the World Trade Center, it will be on display at the Fire House.

Police Report – Chief Rick Smith spoke regarding the incident on Springside Road which involved pistol whipping and possibly some street gang activity. Individuals showed up at the party courtesy of social media. The victim was treated and released from the hospital. Mr. Daniels asked if the person who rented out the building had been contacted. Chief Smith said that evidently they hired security for the party, which is strange. They were private security guards that were hired by the individuals who rented the hall. It was the same security that worked another event there when there was a fight. This was supposed to be a family function. There were about 40 – 50 people outside the building when they got there. Ms. Chang asked if Chief Smith had reviewed the application for the building rental that these people had made; he

said that the detectives were reviewing it. Donna stated that alcohol was not permitted to be in the building. Chief Smith said that there was someone underage who was intoxicated; he didn't know whether or not he arrived there already intoxicated. Mr. Daniels says it isn't unusual for people to hire outside security at events; the Chief thinks that it is unusual for what is supposed to be a Sweet 16 family function. Mr. Daniels stated that perhaps it might be a good idea to have the applications reviewed by the Police Department. The capacity on the form is 60 persons.

Mr. Maybury asked about the rifle that was returned; this was the weapon that was won via a raffle. It had to be returned for repairs. Mayor Camp asked if the Committee could receive a calendar of the rentals for the month of March. They also wanted a copy of the application with the rules and regulations. Mr. Daniels gave kudos to the Police Department in support of Lumberton Township.

Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino stated that they are actively working with businesses on the Knox box ordinance, he hopes by the end of this year to be at 100 percent installation. Mayor Camp asked if some of the businesses were grandfathered at the time of the introduction of the ordinance. John Augustino stated that they were not. He has been going out and explaining the procedure to the businesses. Regarding the incident at the Recreation Center; the applications for rentals don't necessarily reflect what is going on there. There is a provision in the code to require a fire safety permit; the Committee might want to require that this is conducted. They could go to the function and do an inspection while the function is happening. It might also be a good idea to require that a floor plan be provided to all renters that would detail the fire exits. Ms. Chang thinks he is right, if we are going to rent this building, we need to protect the town from liability. Mayor Camp thinks we need to set up a stricter criteria for the usage of the building.

Public Works Report – Ms. Chang asked about turning the water service back on at the concession stands; Mike Meenan explained that there is baseboard heat that is on minimum settings so that the pipes won't freeze. The temperature is being monitored. Mr. Maybury asked what is the purpose of filling a tire with calcium. It is for flat tires; it lasts forever. Mr. Daniels thought it was an exceptional report and he doesn't know how they find the time to do what they do. The fact that we haven't had snow is helping. Mayor Camp asked if Mike Meenan would show the Committee their new training room after the meeting.

Ordinances

1-2012 Authorize Acquisition of a Preservation Easement for Fernwood Springs Farm, Block 803.08, Lots 37 & 38 – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Chang. Mr. Maybury asked about the appraisals, we would need two of them at a cost of about 6 thousand dollars each. The homeowners are gathering information for Donna at this point, before the appraisal process would be started. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made. All voted yes.

2-2012 Cap Bank Ordinance – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made. All voted yes.

Resolutions

27-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. Mr. Maybury asked what the charge was for Verizon video conferencing; it is for the court. There were three charges to the open space fund, these are to finish up work at the sports complex for the playground; it is for filter fabric and wood carpet. All voted yes.

28-12 – Refund Taxes, Block 1001.06, Lot 9 - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

29-12 Cancel Capital Appropriation Balances of Completed Projects – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. Donna explained what the expenditures were for; one was for the purchase of the Sharpless piece; we try to clean up our ordinances. This is an auditor/house keeping issue. All voted yes.

30-12 2012 Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes, Mayor Camp voted no.

31-12 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

32-12 Award Contract for Golf Course Appraisals for Tax Appeals – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Correspondence

The Home for Aged Women of Burlington County – this was for informational purposes. We can't contribute even though they are asking for funds.

Burlington County Alliance for Action, Chapter Meeting, 3/16/12 –

Letter of thanks, Lumberton Police Department – this was contained in this month's Police report as well.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance -

Rancocas Traffic – set up a meeting with the Rancocas Civic Association; Mr. Daniels and Mr. Maybury would attend.

Dates to remember

Wed., March 14 – JIF seminar, 5:30 PM, Charley's Other Brother – all Committee members are signed up to go, along with Donna. We receive \$250 off our premium for each person that attends the seminar.

Legislative District 8 Round Table - Red Lion Diner at 8 AM, 2/29/12

Comments

Saponaro – had expected to hear from Orleans people but hasn't received any new communications.

Chang – on Feb. 19th went to the Sports complex for the PDA women's soccer game; people want the concession stand to open and they would like the bathrooms to be open. The stand will be opening soon, as soon as the threat of frost is over.

Daniels – Evelyn Robinson started a cheering squad, the team won Nationals is competition this year, in both divisions. They will be traveling to Florida for the World competition. Veterans liason – Diane Allen introduced two bills of note – one is state assistance to blind and paralyzed veterans, increase in assistance. There is a referendum question to go on the ballot – one is a civil service component and the other is a property tax issue. This should be a bi partisan bill that should be taken care of as soon as possible.

Open to public Comment

None

Mayor – will be an article in the paper regarding the Westampton Schools tax increase, it will be small and within the CAP; they are also looking at hiring a new superintendent. They are exploring the possibility of having one of the principals serve a dual role. Popeye's restaurant should be coming in for their permits soon. The Farmer's Market work will be beginning soon; Donna and Marion will meet with someone from the library who is interested in partnering with us.

Mayor – is exploring ways of saving on electric costs; it is more or less an auction. We belong to a group such as this and we realized savings last year. Sidney was considering offering this to our business people in town; the hotels might realize real savings from this. Sid will reach out to some businesses in town to see if they were interested.

There is starting to be some recognition of our Sports Complex; there is a group in Willingboro who is interested in using our fields.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk