

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

### REGULAR MEETING

MAY 22, 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 April 24, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Daniels abstained. Closed session minutes from April 24, 2012 – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Daniels abstained.

#### **Scheduled Appointments**

7:00 PM – Police Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year Award Presentation. Ed Baldinger, Commander of the American Legion Post 509 presented the Police Officer award to Chief Smith, which is a certificate of commendation for outstanding Police service. Fire Chief Wylie Johnson accepted the award on behalf of Justin Nusspickel for firefighter of the year. Another award was presented to Tiffany Hunt for EMT of the year, which Chief Johnson also accepted.

#### **Comments on agenda items**

Louis Lopez – asked about the notice of public hearing for the Mt. Holly MUA

#### **New Business**

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – Mayor Camp asked what the registrations consisted of. Fire Official John Augustino explained that these are payments for annual fire inspections.

Police Report – Mayor Camp had a question about one of the vehicles that had an extensive amount of mileage on it. Chief Smith explained that it went back and forth to Atlantic City for a seminar for one week; it is an older vehicle. There were 1700 miles put on it last month. The Impala, another Police vehicle, had 1600 miles put on it; Mr. Maybury wondered why. Chief Smith would

confirm this number. Mr. Daniels asked if any additional progress was made on the aggravated assault case that took place last week.

EMS Report – Fire Chief Johnson stated that the 911 Memorial is moving along; their goal is to have it ready by late summer so it can be opened to the public. Kevin Coutts, who served for 5 years has been hired in North Carolina, they all wished him well. Mayor Camp failed to mention the several letters of commendation that were contained in the Police report. He asked if it was possible if John Augustino could provide mileage with his report monthly.

Public Works Report- the roof over the court office still has a couple of issues; it is still leaking. They did find where the last leak is coming from; it is coming in from an HVAC unit. Supervisor Mike Meenan explained that he had both the roofing contractor and the HVAC contractor here working on it. Mayor Camp wanted to know if he could include a spreadsheet showing monthly mileage on his vehicles. Ms. Chang commented that the cracks in the Saddle Ridge development are very large and cannot be filled adequately. Mike Meenan explained that they would be dug out and saw cut, then filled. They would be filling the large cracks soon.

Memorial Day Weekend Tribute – Timbuctoo, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Transportation would be provided to the site from the Holly Hills School.

Mr. Daniels – read aloud a press release about Timbuctoo; wants to make sure that the residents and groups (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Legion) that were involved are recognized. Mayor Camp stated that this was done solely by the National Park Service; the Township Committee was not involved.

### **Resolutions**

60-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Maybury abstained. Mr. Maybury asked about the \$1632.00 charge to the Municipal Open Space Fund. Donna Ryan explained that this was the signage for the Sports Complex that lays out the rules.

61-12 Chapter 159, Clean Communities Grant - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. These funds are used to pay OTC to pick up litter in Westampton six times a year; part of the money funds the salary of a Public Works employee to pick up litter. It is also used for supplies for Cub Scout and Girl Scout groups to pick up litter in the Township.

62-12 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This is sort of a retroactive look at how we did spend our money. It had to be put in writing and will be sent to the State.

63-12 Authorize Special Emergency Notes – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. When the tax revaluation was done, each year it is reduced by 1/5 and we have to pass a resolution. It is reduced by about \$98,000.00 each year. This is how it has to be done.

64-12 Executive Session – for discussion of real estate and pending litigation. Motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

13-2012 Tax Abatement Ordinance Extension (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed.

### **Correspondence**

Mount Holly MUA – Notice of Public Hearing for rate adjustments (6/14/12) @ 6 PM

Notice from National Park Service – Timbuctoo Memorial Service

Seminar on effective animal control – feral cat problem

### **Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date**

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance

### **Dates to remember**

There will be a Memorial Day event on Sunday, May 27th at the Timbuctoo cemetery, from 2 PM – 4 PM. They asked people to please park at Holly Hills School, there will be transportation provided.

Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – American Legion @ 10 AM – Memorial Day ceremony.

The Learning Experience – June 2 @ 10 am, ribbon cutting ceremony.

### **Comments**

The roof leak should be addressed shortly. Mayor Camp asked if this leak has impacted the work flow in the court; it has not. It will not cost the Township anything.

The new police Expeditions will be in shortly; the white Charger was rear ended last week. It is still operational; it won't be fixed until a few of the new cars are delivered; they are short on vehicles.

The assault that took place was a targeted assault according to the information that was in the BCT.

Dave Shaw has put together a video on Facebook; he is one of the two finalists in the country. The contest will be decided on June 11<sup>th</sup>; the winner will be recognized by the National Fire Agency. You can vote once a day for the video. Chief Johnson thanked all the Department heads for their efforts regarding JIF; meetings are very productive; everyone has been doing a great job.

The Fire Department also had a vehicle get rear ended. There were no injuries, just property damage. The vehicle will be ready in about two weeks.

Solicitor George Saponaro– will forward a letter to the Committee tomorrow regarding a contractual issue.

Donna Ryan – the Comcast ordinance will be ready for the next meeting; RVTv will finally be available to those residents on the other side of the turnpike.

Mr. Daniels – wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

### **Open to public Comment**

Patricia Iannone, 55 Rolling Hills Drive – asked about the Farmer's Market. It will take place at the Burlington County Library on Thursdays from 4-7 PM.

Sam Hayes, Westampton American Legion – will be sponsoring a coloring contest at Holly Hills School and will present awards at the Westampton Middle School. The Legion also runs an awards program at the Special Services School; they sponsored an RV student who did very well and competed on a national level.

Louis Lopez – asked if he missed any important items at the May 8, 2012 meeting. It was a very short meeting. He asked when the next budget meeting would be; it won't be discussed until January. WE are on a different fiscal schedule than Mount Holly is.

Mayor Camp– June 5 is primary day. The polls are open from 6 AM to 8 PM. He had the opportunity to meet the new school superintendent, Virginia Grossman. She will serve as the principal at the middle school as well. We should be proud of South Jersey magazine's rankings of South Jersey's best communities. Westampton came in at #11; the top Burlington County towns were named and we ranked #5 on that list. The article is now posted on our Township website.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk