

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:45 PM WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

April 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Wisniewski. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 4, 2019. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman DeSilva	Present
Committeeman Eckart	Present
Committeeman Henley	Present
Committeewoman Hynes	Present
Mayor Wisniewski	Present

Walter Denson, Solicitor, was present. Administrator James Brady and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

Approve Agenda – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 3/19/19 meeting; 3/19/19 closed/executive session minutes – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments: presentation of Proclamation to Kaila Mungo. Mayor Wisniewski read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Ms. Mungo.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Allan Hynes, 881 Rancocas Road – he thanked the Committee for their recognition of Ms. Mungo.

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

51-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 4/2/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. Ms. Hynes and Mr. Henley abstained, Mr. DeSilva, Mr. Eckart and Mayor Wisniewski voted yes.

*Resolutions 52-19 through 54-19 approved with one motion & second. Motion made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

52-19 Deferred School Taxes – this resolution approves the deferral of school taxes in the total amount of \$4,905,340.00, an increase over last year of \$138,000.

53-19 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement, Warren Stevens – this resolution approves a tax appeal settlement for Warren Stevens for block 906.07, Lot 4.

54-19 Burlington County Community Development Block Grant Program & HOME Investment Partnerships Program – this resolution authorizes the participation of Westampton Township in these programs for fiscal years 2021-2023.

54a-19 Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation – this resolution provides for an emergency appropriation in the temporary budget in the amount of \$295,000 for a judgement. Motion to approve by Mr. Eckart; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes, Ms. Hynes abstained.

55-19 Municipal Budget Notice – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes. Mayor Wisniewski gave the public an overview of the budget; Administrator Jim Brady had prepared a summary. The budget reflected an increase of 1 cent per \$100 of valuation. The average home increase was \$26.01/year. The capital budget includes the purchase of a new fire truck for approximately \$800,000 amongst other expenditures.

Correspondence

Willingboro MUA – public hearing on bulk water rate, 4/17/19 @ 4:30 PM.

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes – WTES is working with other department chiefs and is working on their website. The HPC is finalizing a brochure that will be distributed to local realtors featuring homes in the village.

Dates to Remember

April 13, 9 AM, HHS – Westampton Recreation’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 25, 8 AM to 1 PM – Westampton Township Employees Bring Your Child to Work Day, Westampton Firehouse

April 27, 10 AM to 2 PM – Drug Take Back Event, Westampton Firehouse

May 6, 7 PM – Public Hearing on School Budget, WMS Media Center

May 14, 4-7 PM – Burl. Co. Bridge Commission, public review of Route 541 Traffic Improvement Project – Westampton Municipal Bldg. lobby

June 8 – Nicky's Run & Family Fun Walk, Eastampton

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – wants the Committee to consider taking questions at the meetings, not just comments. They are elected officials and she wants to see how they answer questions all together, what their ideas are and how they feel. She wants to see the Township move forward. She wants to see more response from them to the public at meetings.

Gary Berberian – went to the Willingboro MUA meeting held on the 20th. They want to start using wireless meters.

Karl Eversmeyer – asked about the process regarding appointments to the Environmental Committee; they were doing great things; can we bring them back.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Eckart – thanked everyone for coming out; Kaila Mungo really did something special; she will be the first girl in the State to have won a wrestling championship. This will be motivating to other girls for a long, long time and is a true inspiration; he is proud.

Mr. DeSilva – thanked all for coming out; what Kaila did was amazing in only four months. He thanked her parents for supporting and motivating her and her teammates and coaches.

Mr. Henley – thanked the department heads and his fellow Committee members. It was a wonderful accomplishment by Kaila Mungo. Addressing Ms. Burkley's comments, he feels like he and the Committee members are very easy to talk to. He is available for questions at any time; he also wants to move Westampton forward.

Ms. Hynes – has had the privilege of knowing Kaila for over a decade as well as her family. She is an amazing athlete and competitor.

Mayor Wisniewski – Kaila is someone to be proud of; he is impressed. He thanked Committeewoman Hynes for drafting the proclamation; it was very well written. He understands Ms. Burkley's concerns; there are opportunities for discussion at times other than at the formal business meeting. He believes that the Committee has been accessible to the residents and encourages them to contact the Committee. He thanked the department heads; keep up the good work.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk