

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 7, 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. Mayor Wisniewski dedicated the meeting to Karen Womack, a Westampton Township employee who recently passed away suddenly. She had been employed in the Township Municipal Court office for over 6 years.

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 4/16/19 meeting; 4/16/19 closed/executive session minutes; 4/16/19 workshop session minutes – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes, Mr. Eckart abstained.

Scheduled Appointments:

Presentation of Proclamation for Nora Dunfee – Mayor Wisniewski read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Ms. Dunfee’s family.

Resolution #59-19 Hire Class II Police Officer, Joseph Dellavella, effective 5/6/19 – motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Swear in new Class II Police Officer Joseph Dellavella – Mayor Wisniewski administered the Oath of Office.

A five-minute recess was taken.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Resolutions

60-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 4/16/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

61-19 Authorization to Read 2019 Budget by Title Only – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

62-19 Local Examination of Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

63-19 Public Hearing of 2019 Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Eckart; second by Mr. DeSilva. The meeting was opened to the public for comment. Nancy Burkley asked if there was going to be a presentation of the budget this evening. The Mayor explained that they had done this at a prior meeting and a presentation would not take place this evening. She wanted a copy of the budget summary that was read at the meeting a month ago; the Administrator would see that she received it. All voted yes.

64-19 Approve Tax Appeal Settlement, Block 906.07, Lot 4 – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Ordinances

3-2019 Bond Ordinance (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Notice of Public hearing: Proposed Burlington County Highway Master Plan, 5/14/19 @ 3 PM, Burlington County Engineer's office, Mt. Laurel

2019-2020 Allocation of Equalized Valuation

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes – the School Board passed their budget last night at the public hearing; the Timbuctoo Committee not only received a grant but they received an award to be presented to them on May 21st.

Mr. Henley – the next Recreation meeting is tomorrow; he has nothing additional to report on.

Dates to Remember

May 15 – Fallen Police Officers (10 AM) & Firefighters (7 PM) Memorial Services

May 16 – Mock Crash @ RVRHS

May 17 – Mock Crash @ BCIT

May 19 – Freedom Ride (motorcycles)

May 27 - American Legion, Am Vets - Sam Hayes invited all for their Memorial Day services at the 10 AM ceremony. It is open to the general public.

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

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – spoke about the storm that occurred on April 26th in Rancocas; there was lots of damage from winds that swept through with the storm. The response from the Township WTES and police was amazing; we get exemplary service from them. Public Works came out on Monday morning to pick up brush and help remove branches.

The Boy Scouts from Westampton came and helped with the Ham Dinner; the Fire Police helped with the parking.

Shirley Jacob, Sharpless Blvd. – spoke regarding the person who has been slashing tires and keying cars in the Holly Hills development. She has lived here for 24 years and loves her home. She does feel like her development has deteriorated and it is very upsetting. She spoke about temporary signs left for months, lawn equipment left on someone's front porch, trees cut with stumps left and the sign at the entrance to the development, which is deteriorating. The Committee advised the Jacobs that they should call the municipal building to report things such as this but they understand what they are saying.

Sandy Henley said he lives there and would spend some time looking around some of the streets.

Gary Berberian – attended the Willingboro MUA meeting; he read from a resolution that had been on the meeting agenda and was concerned that water and sewer line insurance should be made available to residents of Westampton as well as those in Willingboro.

James Pastore – spoke about Greenwich Drive and the lack of speed signs where it intersects with Tallowood Drive. He hoped something could be done. Police Chief Steve Ent explained that there are issues there as well as on Holly Lane; there have been speeding problems for years.

Jim Jacob - wanted the Committee to know that the berm that was installed to separate the homes from the Camuto warehouse has been very effective in stopping noise from the trucks.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Eckart – apologized for his appearance; he got stuck at work and couldn't get home to change clothes. He thanked all for their comments and for attending the meeting.

Mr. DeSilva – thanked all for coming out and for their comments; congratulations to the new officer; prayers go out to Karen's family.

Mr. Henley – prayers go out to Karen's friends and family. He appreciates the residents who came out to voice their concerns.

Ms. Hynes – Nora Dunfee dedicated her life to community service; the new police officer will do so as well. She thanked those that came out to the budget meetings and thanked Jim Brady for his work on the budget; it was a monumental task and he did a fantastic job. She thanked the residents who came out to speak to them and let them know what the issues are; this is exactly what they needed to do.

Mayor Wisniewski – keep the Dunfee and Womack families in their prayers; congratulations to our new officer. Thanks to the residents for coming out, they appreciate it. They will look for solutions to solve their problems. He thanked Jim for going above and beyond for his work with the budget.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk