

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

August 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:01 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

David Minchello, Solicitor, was present. Administrator James Brady and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

Approve Agenda – motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 7/9/19 meeting; 7/9/19 closed/executive session minutes – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes, Mr. Eckart abstained.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

Monthly Reports (posted on bulletin board); Police, WTES, Public Works

New Business:

- a. Westampton Memorial American Legion Post 509 – annual report
- b. Burlington County Bridge Commission – Economic Development Roundtable Meeting Summary

Resolutions

- a. 82-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 8/20/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- b. 83-19 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Project – this resolution authorizes the submittal and execution of a grant contract between Westampton Township and the NJDOT. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.
- c. 84-19 Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program – this resolution authorizes the Westampton Police Dept. to participate in order to acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- d. 85-19 Appoint Deputy Fire Official – this resolution reappoints Vincent Knott to a second 3-year term as Deputy Fire Official, effective 8/21/2019 – 8/20/2022. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- e. 86-19 Appoint Municipal Clerk – this resolution reappoints Marion Karp to a second 3-year term as Municipal Clerk, effective 9/1/2019 – 8/31/2022. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- f. Consent Agenda: * one motion and vote will approve the following three Chapter 159 resolutions:
- 87-19 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant, \$1,205.30
88-19 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant, \$602.65
89-19 Chapter 159, Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DWI), \$9610.15
- Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- g. 90-19 Authorize Purchase of Vehicles – this resolution authorizes the purchase of two 2020 Chevrolet Tahoes for the Westampton Police Department. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.
- h. 91-19 Authorize Shared Services Agreement – this resolution authorizes an agreement between Mt. Holly and Westampton Townships for Mt. Holly to utilize our courtroom due to re-construction of their municipal courtroom. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.
- i. 92-19 Purchase of Fire Truck – this resolution authorizes the purchase of a

2020 pumper truck in the amount of \$738,009.00 through the HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council) Cooperative Agreement. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

j. 93-19 Refund Taxes, Block 1203, Lot 24 – this resolution refunds taxes in the amount of \$10,532.41 due to an overpayment. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Ordinances

5-2019 Salary Ordinance, Police Officers (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

6-2019 Ordinance Adopting the Amended Redevelopment Plan for Block 902, Lots 1, 2 & 3 (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

Correspondence

- a. The Affordable Homes Group – deed restricted affordable housing units
- b. NJ League of Municipalities – Annual Conference, November 19-21, 2019
- c. Burlington County Route 541 Traffic Study Public Open House, 9/23/2019

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes – Splish Splash Water Bash, August 31st at the Firehouse; Timbuctoo planning is taking place; great family event; middle school students can earn extra credit if they attend.

Mr. Henley – summer camps were very successful and have done extremely well. They are considering holding the fall festival earlier this year; thinking so it won't interfere with Halloween.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked the court staff; they have been doing a great job. They are using our courtroom on Mondays; they have been very helpful and things are running smoothly.

Dates to Remember

August 31 – Splish Splash Water Bash, Westampton Firehouse, 1:30 – 3 PM

September 21 – Timbuctoo Day, begins @ 11 AM

September 23 - Route 541 Traffic Study Public Open House, 4 – 7 PM,
Westampton Municipal Bldg.

September 24 – RVRHS Special Election on bond referendum, polls open 7 AM
– 8 PM

October 11 – Westampton Recreation Annual Fall Festival, 6 – 9 PM, Sports
Complex

NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City, November 19-21

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – thanked Marion for the great job she has done for the Township and congratulated her on her reappointment as Municipal Clerk.

Karl Eversmeyer – congratulations to Marion on her reappointment; spoke about traffic congestion in the township.

James Pastore, 49 Greenwich – asked about the Route 541 Traffic Study. Spoke about the schoolyear and the traffic situation on Greenwich and Tallowood Drive; he has concerns about the busses. He wanted to know if there was something that could be done about the number of large vehicles that use this area for a cut through. The digital sign, when it was there, did help with speeding. He asked if anything had come of the counts that were done when the sign was out there. Steve Ent explained that it does gather data; the sign is on a rotation schedule and moves around town.

Dominic Sanginiti, 50 Greenwich Drive – the digital sign does work. Says it is especially bad now during the times the pool is open. He put a sign up on his own property.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. DeSilva – thanked everyone for coming out; thanked the Police Department for their National Night out; it was a big success. He encouraged all to attend Timbuctoo Day.

Ms. Hynes – congratulations to the American Legion Post 509; they are one of the most active in the County; they are proud of them. She thanked Marion for her efforts; she is happy she is willing to put up with them for another few years. She shares the resident's concerns regarding speeding through developments; she has an 11-year-old son and understands.

Mr. Henley – thanked all for coming out to the meeting; he appreciates the input from the residents; they need to know what the residents want in order to perform their jobs correctly.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked all for taking the time to come out to the meeting; keep up the good work; congratulations to the two new appointees. He thanked Steve Ent for a great National Night Out; he is looking forward to it next year. Springside Road is a County road and is under the jurisdiction of the County; he understands it is a problem as far as traffic. The Route 541 traffic study encompasses the Route 541 corridor and no other roads in the Township. The Township would like to purchase more of the digital signs; it is definitely a concern of theirs. He also has two young children and understands what the residents are saying.

Motion made by Mr. DeSilva to go into closed session; seconded by Ms. Hynes.

The committee returned to open session at 8:28 PM. There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk