

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

September 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:02 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 the agenda made by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 8/20/19 meeting; 8/20/19 closed/executive session minutes – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

Presentation on RVRHS referendum by Lisa Giovanelli (B.A.) and Dr. Heilig (Superintendent) – Dr. Heilig gave an overview of the improvements proposed for the school. They began strategic planning back in 2016; improvements include new windows, climate control and safety and security through visitor management. The special election will be held on Sept. 24. The total cost of the project is \$21.7 million, with about 40% in state aid, bringing the cost of the project to about \$13 million. Yearly increases in the five sending districts will be between \$37 and \$78.

Nancy Burkley – asked about the formula used to determine the cost shares. Ms. Giovanelli explained that Westampton pays about 25% of the share. Our percentage share is \$3.2 million and is based upon number of students and ratables. She asked if the windows in the school would remain the same size; they would.

Dan Breslin – was part of the planning sessions; it is a no brainer. He can't imagine teaching in an environment with no air conditioning; it is equally important for the staff as for the students.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Nancy Burkley – has questions about letting Rowan College use our Sports Complex fields; she wanted to know if it was because PDA pulled out and isn't using them as much. She doesn't want this to prevent our school or Westampton Township from using the fields. We have to think about our residents first; who is making the schedule and how much time are they going to be using were questions that she posed.

Dan Breslin – thanked Ms. Hynes and Mr. Eckart; he is concerned with the refurbishing of the Holly Hills basketball court; couldn't we do it when we do the road improvements as part of the grant.

New Business:

Memo from Township Clerk re: GHM Redevelopment Plan, Block 805, Lot 1 – the LDB had been delayed in memorializing their resolution recommending the adoption of the redevelopment plan since their August meeting had been cancelled. They would be doing it tomorrow evening, on September 4th at their meeting.

Resolutions

94-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 9/3/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

95-19 Authorize Agreement between Westampton Township & Rowan College- this resolution approves an agreement to allow Rowan College to use our soccer, baseball and softball fields for a period of one year per the attached agreement. Mr. Henley answered Ms. Burkley's questions; Todd Mitzelman, Recreation Director, will be managing the schedule of use at the Sports Complex; they will be helping us out as well. Mr. Eckart commented that he has coached baseball; most of their games will be during the week and between noon and 1 pm; college games start early. Occasional Saturdays at 11 AM; only 1 field is big enough for them to use and it's the one way in the back. This new agreement has no impact with the PDA agreement according to Jim Brady; these fields are idle and we are in control of the schedule; it is a one-year agreement and would be looked at to see if any revision needs to be made at the conclusion of the agreement. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

96-19 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – this resolution extends the due date of the 3rd quarter taxes until September 6, 2019 at 1 PM due to delays in the County budget certification process. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Ordinances

a. 7-2019 Amend Chapter 134 of the Code of Westampton, Food-Handling (first reading) – this ordinance changes the definition of “Retail Food Establishment” by excluding the Township Recreation Department as it relates to their sales of food at the Westampton Sports Complex. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

b. 8-2019 Adopt Redevelopment Plan, Block 805, Lot 1 (first reading) – this ordinance adopts the amended Redevelopment Plan as recommended by the LDB, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

c. 9-2019 Salary Ordinance, Police Supervisors (first reading) – this ordinance sets the salaries, wages and compensation of Police Supervisors for the year 2019. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

d. 10-2019 Salary Ordinance, Public Works, Administration and Municipal Court Employees (first reading) – this ordinance sets the salaries, wages and Compensation of Public Works, Administration and Municipal Court employees for the year 2019. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes - the WTES held their Splish Splash Water Bash on August 31; she couldn't attend but the kids enjoyed it. Westampton schools open on Thursday; the first Board of Education meeting is being held on September 9th; the Middle School has a new vice principal. The next HPC is meeting on the 25th of September.

Dates to Remember

September 21 – Timbuctoo Day, begins @ 11 AM

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

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

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

NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City, November 19-21

Open to public Comment

Gary Berberian – attended the Willingboro MUA meeting on August 21st; they passed a resolution regarding how a public utility could be sold as well as how such a utility is assigned valuation. They are opposing these bills.

Committee Members Comments

Ms. Hynes – please be patient with the busses as they learn their new routes; be mindful of the students. August 31 was National Overdose Day; there were about 300 people in attendance; Westampton had a real presence there.

Mr. Henley – thanked those that came out; thanks to Gary Berberian for his research and for attending the MUA meetings.

Mr. DeSilva – thanks to all for coming out and to the RVRHS Superintendent for his presentation.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanks to all for coming out and thanks to Gary for attending the meeting at the MUA. He thanked Parker for his efforts over on Tallowood Drive.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk