

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

October 2, 2018

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 January 5, 2018. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Henley	Present
Committeewoman Hynes	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Absent
Mayor Wisniewski	Present

David Minchello, Solicitor, was present. Marion Karp, Clerk, was present.

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

Minutes of the 9/18/18 meeting; 9/18/18 workshop & closed session minutes of 9/18/18 – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive – commented regarding the vacancy resolution; he is puzzled. Westampton doesn't have a specific ordinance for vacancies; we are subject to the municipal vacancy law. He argued that a new vacancy isn't created by David Guerrero refusing to take the oath; the same vacancy still exists. He urges the Committee to not vote for the resolution.

New Business

America Recycles Day 11/15/18 – the Township would participate with Mt. Holly, Eastampton and Lumberton and sponsor an electronic recycling event to be held on Saturday November 10th from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at Rancocas Valley Regional High School. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

129-18 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 10/2/18; motion by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

130-18 Chapter 159 – this resolution approves the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2018 budget; FEMA AFG Grant in the amount of \$111,429.00; motion by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

131-18 Vacancy on Township Committee – this resolution authorizes the Clerk to receive 3 names to be submitted for consideration by the Township Committee to fill the vacancy created when David Guerrero refused the oath of office to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Lopez’s resignation; motion by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

132-18 Cancel Taxes, Block 1704, Lot 30 – this resolution cancels and refunds taxes on a property declared exempt for a 100% disabled veteran; motion by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

133-18 Authorize Purchase of Ballfield Safety Netting – this resolution authorizes the purchase of safety netting for the Township Sports Complex and awards the contract to Creative Concepts at a cost of \$189,757.00. (This resolution was previously numbered as #123-18 and had been tabled at the 9/4/18 meeting); motion by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

134-18 Terminate Employment Agreement – this resolution terminates the employment contract between Westampton Township and Administrator Maria Carrington, effective 10/19/18; motion by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Letter from Westampton Township to Burl. County Engineer re: speed limits and traffic signals on county roads

PSE&G – notice of public hearings for “Zero Emission Certificate Recovery” charge

Committee Liaison Reports

Mr. Henley – Timbuctoo day was a success and the attendance has really grown; he thanked everyone who attended and was involved.

Ms. Hynes – the next school board meeting is being held on Wednesday, October 10th; our WTES has some real issues that need to receive priority.

Mr. Henley – the Westampton Fall Festival is approaching

Dates to Remember

Oct. 4, 6 – 8 PM, WTES Fire Safety Rocks Concert, Burl. Co. Amphitheatre

October 13 – PTO Fun Run (rain date October 14) HHS

October 11, WTES 6-9 PM Open House, Firehouse

October 26, Westampton Recreation's Fall Festival, 6-9 PM, Sports Complex

October 20 – Trunk or Treat, Special Services School complex

October 19 – Movie Night sponsored by the Westampton Police Department

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – Rancocas Ham dinner on Oct. 6th, 4-7 PM, take outs are available.

Gary Berberian – attended the Willingboro MUA meeting last week; he asked them to update their records. They have a terrible website but are working on updating it. They finally posted their June minutes. They will be holding another meeting on October 17 at 4:30 PM and they are discussing the budget, this is on a Wednesday. Attended the Freeholder's meeting the same night, asked about Block Grants.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Henley – thanked the department heads for their work and the residents for coming out; it's nice to have more folks in the room.

Ms. Hynes – thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked all for coming out to the meeting. He thanked Guy Weston for going above and beyond for Timbuctoo Day. He wasn't able to attend due to a planned vacation.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk

