

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

November 12, 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	Absent
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 10/15/19 meeting; 10/15/19 closed/executive session minutes; 10/15/19 workshop minutes – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

New Business:

None

Resolutions

a. 114-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills through 11/8/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

b. 115-19 Chapter 159, 2018 CDBG – this resolution permits the insertion into the 2019 local budget of a special item of revenue. The amount is \$78,000 and is for the Community Development Block Grant (pickleball court). Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

c. 116-19 Refund Taxes, Block 1606, Lot 3 – this resolution refunds taxes on a property due to an overpayment of \$1,724.24. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

d. 117-19 Cancel Taxes, Block 803.01, Lot 1 – this resolution cancels interest on a property that had grass cutting charges assessed to it in the amount of \$44.44. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

e. 118-19 Transfer of Appropriation Funds – this resolution allows for the transfer of funds from line items that have an excess to line items which are insufficient. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

f. 119-199 Approve Animal Control Contract – this resolution authorizes the signing of a contract between Westampton Township and Willingboro Township. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence:

None

Committee Liaison Reports

Ms. Hynes - the Historic Preservation Commission will meet on the 18th; the meeting was being re-scheduled. The next Board of Education meeting is December 9 at the WMS library; Timbuctoo is meeting this Saturday at noon; they welcome any and all to attend. Westampton Township Emergency Services is having photos with Santa on Nov. 30 @ 6-8 PM at the firehouse. The annual Santa Run will be held on December 17th & 18th.

Mr. Henley – the invitations for the annual Senior Citizens Dinner are being mailed out this week, it is being held on December 12.

Mayor Wisniewski – two new babies were born to members of our Police Department.

Dates to Remember

Annual Rabies Clinic, November 16, 9 AM – 11 AM

NJLM Annual Conference, Atlantic City, November 19-21

Burl. Co. Elected Officials Seminar, Dec. 5 @ 5:30 PM

Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner, December 12th, 6 PM

Breakfast with Santa, December 14th

Open to public Comment

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive – saw in the BCT that Troy Singleton is introducing a bill, hopes the Committee gets it on their radar.

Jillian Cargill, 5 Berkshire Court – is concerned with loitering happening behind her property. Her children are afraid to play in their backyard; they can't go to the stores without being accosted anymore. They have been calling the police a lot, they are looking for support from the Township to see what can be done about the situation with the homeless.

Peter Arbello, 19 Berkshire Road – he echoes her sentiments; he has seen a majority of this firsthand. It is detrimental to the neighborhood and the community and to property values. He is curious as to what the Township can do to remedy this situation. He brought up the proposal of Salt and Light Church that was made at the LDB meeting in September.

Pam Overton, 1 Devonshire Drive – handicapped parking is continually blocked at the middle school; she brought up her concerns at the Board of Education meeting last night. She has a handicapped child; this isn't safe. She hopes the Township Committee can do something to help.

Committee Members Comments

Ms. Hynes – the loitering issue is a real problem; they are aware of it. The Committee will put it on their workshop agenda and invite Chief Ent as they need a plan of action. Regarding Salt and Light, she can't give an opinion since she didn't know of it; she will research it though. Her husband is on the School Board; Chief Ent was out today; she thinks the parking issue is unacceptable and she will follow up; this needs to be rectified. They won't meet again until after Thanksgiving; she wished all a happy Thanksgiving. She is proud and thankful for the police department, the fire department and the public works department. She is thankful for Nancy Burkley, an engaged resident who attends all the

meetings. She is also thankful for her colleagues; also, for the packed house this evening; she thinks it is great.

Mr. Henley – they are aware of the issues presenting themselves over at the shopping center; he feels terrible that the children are afraid to play in their own backyards. This definitely has their attention; they are working on it. As far as the Salt and Light project, he is a person that believes in giving people a second chance. They will look into the parking problem over at the school. Congratulations to John and Linda on their victorious elections; they worked hard.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked everyone for coming out; meetings aren't that long but they handle all the Township business that has to take place. They are going to work on the issue with the shopping center and the vagrants; it is being looked into. They are working with the County on this as well. All Committee members are very accessible and are available to talk to residents at any time. He will be around after the meeting for anyone that would like to discuss anything with him. The Salt and Light presentation was very informal and preliminary; no plans were presented. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone; see everyone in December.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk