

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

December 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:03 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. DeSilva. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 11/12/19 meeting; 11/12/19 closed/executive session minutes; 11/12/19 workshop minutes – motion to approve by Mr. Henley; second by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes, Mr. De Silva abstained.

**Scheduled Appointments:**

None

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

John Mumbower – asked about how involved the Township Committee is in the rate proposal for Willingboro MUA.

**New Business:**

None

**Resolutions**

a. 120-19 Payment of Vouchers - this resolution approves the payment of bills

through 12/3/19. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

b. 121-19 Change 2020 Township Committee Reorganization Date – this resolution changes the date of the annual reorganization from 1/7/20 to 1/2/20. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Eckart. All voted yes.

c. 122-19 Cancel Taxes, Block 1805, Lot 4 – this resolution cancels taxes on a property that has been declared totally tax exempt for a 100% disabled veteran. Motion to approve made by Mr. Henley; seconded by Ms. Hynes. All voted yes.

d. 123-19 Refund Taxes, Block 203, Lot 2 & Block 203, Lot 3 – this resolution refunds taxes as the tax assessor has combined these properties. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. All voted yes.

e. 124-19 Bond Reduction, KCA Westampton, LLC, Block 203, Lot 5 – this resolution reduces the performance bond by 70% due to satisfactory completion of some of the site improvements, as per the township engineer's recommendation. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

None

### **Correspondence:**

Willingboro MUA – rate hearing for proposed 2020 rates, 12/18/20 @ 4:30 PM

### **Committee Liaison Reports**

Ms. Hynes - WTES pictures with Santa was this past weekend; it was a huge success. Their Santa Run is coming up; thanks to the department for all the extra things they do. The next school board meeting is Monday December 9 at 7 PM; they have finally completed the HPC ordinance review; their next meeting is December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be openings on the Timbuctoo committee for 2020. HPC also finally has a flyer to distribute to real estate agents when showing homes in Rancocas.

Mr. Henley – Breakfast With Santa is approaching. He thinks that moving the date for the Fall Festival was advantageous; they will be doing it again next year as well as thinking about about activities for the adults at this festival as well.

### **Dates to Remember**

Burl. Co. Elected Officials Seminar, Dec. 5 @ 5:30 PM, O'Connor's

Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM

Westampton Recreation's Annual Breakfast with Santa, WMS, December 14<sup>th</sup>

WTES Annual Santa Run, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Open to public Comment**

Nancy Burkley, Olive Street – thanked Linda Hynes for her work on the HPC brochure and the ordinances; she really feels they were needed and important. We need to put openings on the website for particular boards and any skills that are necessary; we need to put them on Facebook as well.

Alda Harris-Copeland, Mt. Holly – is interested in Timbuctoo, she wanted to know if she had to live in Westampton to participate. The 2020 Census is approaching; she is here to facilitate partnerships. This is the first time the Census is being offered online. Jobs pay \$20/hour minimum and are paid weekly; no experience is necessary; the Census Bureau provides training, the only requirement is to be 18 years old. She had information that could be posted on our website. She would like someone on the Committee to act as a representative on the Complete Count committee. Linda Hynes was already involved in this particular committee. There are 50,000 jobs available.

John Mumbower, Lancaster Drive – asked about the affordable housing; he understands that we have requirements that we have to fulfill; he asked the committee to please not accept any more PILOTs.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Ms. Hynes – Census 2020 is very important; it has much more of an impact than most people realize. With regard to the Willingboro MUA, Mr. Berberian attends most meetings but they are scheduled at the most inconvenient times during the day when working people can't attend. She wanted to recognize some talented individuals; RVRHS put on The Addams Family; many in the show were from Westampton Township. The talent was amazing and the support was amazing; many WMS teachers attended the show in support of their former students.

Mr. Henley – he and the administrator had met with Willingboro MUA about a month ago. They seemed very open to anything Westampton mentioned; they left the meeting feeling that they had not been taken advantage of. They had met with the executive director. He wanted all to know that the Committee is trying to do the best they can for the residents of Westampton regarding the affordable housing. Thanks to all for coming out.

Mr. DeSilva – thanks to all who came out to the meeting.

Mayor Wisniewski – the Complete Count Committee is very important; the time for the census is approaching. He thanked all for coming out and attending the meeting.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk