

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 by Mayor Sandy Henley. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 4, 2021. This meeting was held in person in the Westampton Township Municipal Building Courtroom. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Carr	Present
Committeeman DeSilva	Present
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present - Arrived 7:01PM
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present

Acting Clerk/Administrator Wendy Gibson and Deputy Clerk Monique Wylie were present. Bob Wright, Township Solicitor, Police Chief Ent and Fire/EMS Chief Farnsworth were also present.

Approval of Minutes of the 10/5/21 Executive Session and Regular meeting; motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Mr. Carr. Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Tax Collector's Report, Department of Public Works, Westampton Township Emergency Services, Westampton Township Police Department.

Resolutions:

- a. 123-21 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 10/05/2021. Motion to approve made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. Motion Carried 5-0.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Mitch Karp, 15 Lancaster Drive, asked about the contract resolution 94-18 for trash collection. He wanted to know why the contract costs have increased. He wanted to know if services have changed and if the Township went out for bid.

Committeeman Wisniewski suggested that Mr. Karp reach out to the Township Administrator for the bid results.

Mayor Henley discussed that the Township received the correct bids, and there wasn't a choice. Mr. Karp asked if there were other solutions considered, and Mayor Henley said that he recalled we took the lowest bid.

John Mumbower, 29 Lancaster Drive, requested to discuss the trash bids. Mayor Henley discussed that when the contract was renewed, there was discussion that services could be improved.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Mr. Mumbower reach out to the Administrator for the bid results. He also discussed that the costs have increased due to growth of the township and the cost of disposal.

Mayor Henley confirmed that the Township will ask the proper questions as to why bids have increased, and that we rely on our professionals for the best solution.

A general discussion of services and cost was had amongst Mr. Karp, Mr. Mumbower and Mayor Henley.

Township Administrator Gibson discussed that the Township used an outsourced company and discussed how the bids went out, the collection rates and fees and driver shortages. She discussed that the services were not favorable to most waste management companies. She confirmed that we took the lowest bid that was provided.

A general discussion of the costs of the contract and the solution of having trash collection in-house was had between Mr. Karp, Mr. Mumbower and Ms. Gibson. Ms. Gibson discussed that the costs will be addressed within the next budget cycle. Ms. Gibson also confirmed that population has a lot to do with the costs for trash collection.

Nancy Burkley, Olive Street, asked Mayor Henley to confirm that we didn't take the lowest bid, but Mayor Henley stated he was providing an example.

Township Solicitor, Mr. Wright, confirmed that the lowest responsible bidder has been selected.

Ms. Burkley also asked about the letters the Land Development Board wrote to the Committee and why it was not on the meeting agenda.

Township Administrator Gibson confirmed that the letters were received from the Land Development Board after the agenda was released. They will be provided to the Committee.

Ms. Burkley also wanted to discuss the Community Center's need for new improvements, including a paved parking lot with handicap parking.

Mayor Henley confirmed that the Committee has already discussed. He also asked if we owned the building and what the cost of the lease was.

Committeeman Wisniewski confirmed the lease was only a dollar.

Mayor Henley discussed that he is willing to discuss helping.

Township Administrator Gibson presented two letters, written by the Land Development Board, requesting to increase the Dropbox capacity and also a Master Plan to be considered. The letters will be emailed to the Committee for a future discussion.

Mayor Henley suggested a future meeting to discuss the issues.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Dates to Remember: Next Scheduled Meeting November 9, 2021, Free CPR Class @ Westampton Fire House November 18th @ 7PM, Trunk or Treat, October 29th, BCIT Front Parking Lot 6-8PM.

Committeeman Wisniewski added November 11th for the Veteran's Day Breakfast, and asked for volunteers.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeeman Wisniewski wanted to thank everyone for coming out to the meeting. Suggested that residents reach out to the Township for more information if they have questions.

Mayor Henley discussed that the Committee cares about the Township and they try to cut costs and do what's best. They confirm that the professionals put in place have the best interests of the Township.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Ms. Mungo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:26PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk