

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:01 by Mayor Sandy Henley. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 10, 2022. 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:

Committeewoman Burkley	Present
Committeeman Carr	Present
Committeeman DeSilva	Present - Arrived at 7:06PM
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Absent

Acting Clerk/Administrator Wendy Gibson, Township Solicitor Robert Wright, Chief of Police Stephen Ent, Fire/EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth, Deputy Clerk, Tax Assessor and Tax Counsel were also present.

Executive Session

Resolution No. 2-1-2022: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Committee and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public From that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions – Attorney Client Privilege – Litigation: Friends Academy v. Westampton, Woodlane Associates, Ltd, LP v. Township of Westampton and Excel Holdings v. Westampton tax appeals.

Motion to approve Resolution and enter into closed session made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Burkley. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. DeSilva arrived at closed session at 7:06PM.

Meeting readjourned at 7:32PM. Motion to return to the regular meeting made by Mr. DeSilva, seconded by Ms. Burkley with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of the 01/18/22 Regular meeting; motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Mr. Carr. Motion Carried 4-0.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Mr. Gary Berberian 138 Winstead Drive wanted to note that the roll call vote on one of the Resolutions needed to be updated and had former Committeeman Wisniewski's name on it.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Tax Collector December 2021 Report.

Resolutions:

- a. 31-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 02/01/22.

Motion to introduce made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. Motion Carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

- a. 32-22 Resolution Appointing Full Time Patrolman
- b. 33-22 Resolution Authorizing Computer Technology Upgrades
- c. 34-22 Resolution Amending Appointment Municipal Judge
- d. 35-22 Resolution Appointing LDB Secretary
- e. 36-22 Resolution Authorizing Enforcement of Chapter 95 of the Township Code (Grass Cutting, Weeds and Debris)

Motion to approve Resolution numbers 32-22 through 36-22 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Burkley. Motion Carried 4-0.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Mr. Gary Berberian 138 Winstead Drive wanted to bring to the Committee's attention that the Washington Post ran an article regarding the hiring of lobbyists to secure funding for infrastructure. He provided a printed article for reference.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Dates to Remember: Next Scheduled Meeting February 15, 2022 Budget Workshop @ 6PM, Regular meeting @ 7:00PM, Historic Society Presentation on Timbuctoo @ Rancocas Community Center Feb 18th @ 7:00PM; Recreation Department Easter Event April 7th.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeeman DeSilva wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their hard work plowing during the snowstorm. It was very hectic plowing. He also wanted to thank

the Police and Fire departments on responding to all the calls. He thanked them for being out there and wished them to keep up the good work.

Committeeman Carr wanted to acknowledge Mr. Ed Baldinger, who was laid to rest at 82 years of age. He was an American Legion post 509 member, a Marine and Police Officer in Westampton, and a firearms instructor. He wished to thank him for service to the township.

Committeewoman Burkley wished to add on to Mr. Carr's comments, noting he was an amazing servant to Westampton. She noted his accomplishments. She also wished to thank the Police Department for sending someone to the funeral and processional. She noted the family was grateful.

Ms. Burkley also noted that the school referendum passed. She met with Dr Petruzzelli to work with the school for students who participate in the art fair, to have their artwork posted in the township building. They both thought it was a great idea.

She noted she discussed Black History Month with Mayor Henley. They discussed an essay contest for students, and they have a couple of ideas for the topics of the essays. She also reached out to Mr. Guy Weston to discuss possible topics.

She wanted to thank and appreciate Public Works for working all day, also noting that the Police and Fire Departments were out all day.

Mayor Henley wanted to thank everyone who came out to the meeting, noting its good to get some fresh air after the snow. He thanked the resident who made it out. He also wanted to acknowledge and thank the Commander who did a lot for Westampton. He wished that he rests in peace. He also wanted to note that members of the Township were present at the funeral to show their appreciation.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Carr. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk