

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 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
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present

Township Solicitor Robert Wright, Township Administrator/Acting Clerk Wendy Gibson, Deputy Clerk Monique Wylie and Police Lieutenant Brian Ferguson were also present.

**Presentation**

A presentation to honor former Committee member John Wisniewski was read by Committeeman Anthony DeSilva. Mr. DeSilva recognized Mr. Wisniewski for his years of service on the Westampton Township Committee and presented him with a plaque.

Approval of Minutes of the 2/1/2022 regular meeting; motion to approve by Mr. DeSilva; second by Ms. Burkley. Motion Carried 4-0-1 with an abstention by Ms. Mungo.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items** – none.

All in favor to close public comment.

**Monthly Reports:** Westampton Township Fire and Emergency Services January 2022 Report, Department of Public Works February 2022 Report.

**Ordinances:**

1-22 Ordinance of the Township of Westampton to Accept the Dedication of that Portion of Hancock Lane Located in BLOCK 902, LOT 1 (First Reading, motion and second required)

Motion to introduce made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolutions:**

- a. 37-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 02/15/22.

Motion to introduce made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion Carried 5-0.

**Consent Agenda Resolutions**

- a. 38-22 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement – Excel Holdings 2, 18 Western Drive, Block 904, Lot 5
- b. 39-22 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement – Woodlane Associates, 798 Woodlane Road, Block 1201, Lot 20
- c. 40-22 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement – Friends Academy, 315 Bridge Street, Block 201, Lot 6
- d. 41-22 Resolution Amending Res. 52-11 Establishing A Policy for Applications Approved for Totally Disabled Veterans

Motion to approve Resolution numbers 38-22 through 41-22 made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. Motion Carried 5-0.

**OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:**

None.

**Open to Public Comment:**

Mr. Gary Berberian 138 Winstead Drive attended the budget workshop. He said everyone did a good job. He wanted to note that in the Rolling Hills East development, there was a disconnect in the water, causing residents to lose water pressure.

He noted from the budget meeting, there was a request for a ladder truck. An article posted in NJ.com noted an impact study that prohibited all future construction of warehouses. Said warehouses could relocate to other areas, such as Westampton.

He then presented other articles referencing the redistricting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, where Westampton would then be under Troy Singleton; one referencing federal

payments for families that have had a death related to COVID; and one referencing a driving program in Texas that can send a violation notice via text messaging.

Mr. Chris D'Allesandro 119 Second Street wanted to go on record to mention the burglaries in his neighborhood. He felt that if an arrest was made, it may deter others from coming back. He requested some action to be taken to educate others to keep their doors locked.

**Dates to Remember:**

Next Scheduled Meeting March 1, 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 John Wisniewski again for his service, and he thanked the residents for coming out.

Committeewoman Burkley noted that she spoke to the Superintendent of Westampton Schools regarding the Black History Month theme for essays, noting the theme will be "Hidden Heroes". The school will award winners.

She also noted that she is working with the school to get senior citizen residents involved with the students. Through the Recreation Department, she was assisting with planning a picnic sometime in May or June.

She extended the invitation to all Westampton residents to attend the Historic Society events, noting the Timbuctoo event upcoming. She also noted that she saw a developer performing preconstruction actions in the field that is adjacent to the Rancocas Village.

Lastly, she requested an Administrator's report.

Committeeman Carr wanted to note that Resolution 41-22 helps to lessen the burden on the Tax office and residents and agreed with the call for action for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street burglary.

Committeewoman Jaime Mungo thanked John for his service. She thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and hopes to see the data presented from the studies.

Mayor Henley thanked John for his service and for helping to build up Westampton Township.

He noted the call for action is appropriate and acknowledged the Police Department is diligent in solving the crimes in Westampton. He suggested the Police Department start circulating pictures and a description on Facebook and social media platforms to assist the public.

He commented on Ms. Burkley's comments, noting that it's important for senior citizens to be involved in activities, and that it helps build respect for the community.

Ms. Burkley noted that seniors could help bridge the gap with the students with a lower grade reading ability.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk