

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

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 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	Absent
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present

Acting Clerk/Administrator Wendy Gibson, Township Solicitor Robert Wright, Fire/EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth, and Deputy Clerk also present.

Executive Session

Committeewoman Burkley asked if the Executive session could be moved to the end of the meeting, since so many people were in attendance. It was decided they wouldn't be long and Mayor Henley thanked the audience for being patient.

a. Resolution No. 4-5-2022: 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: CM Westampton Hospitality, LLC Tax Appeal.

Motion to approve Resolution and enter into closed session made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion carried 4-0. The Committee entered into executive session at 7:04pm.

The Committee returned to the regular meeting at 7:15PM. Motion to return to the regular meeting made by Mr. Carr; second by Ms. Mungo, with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes of the 03/15/2022 Regular meeting: Ms. Burkley asked if minutes could be moved until committee could address the corrections. The Administrator/Acting Clerk advised the committee a vote would be needed to make the corrections. The Committee discussed a motion to move, but there was no second motion made.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 3-1-0.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Terrance Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, commented about the minutes not being accurate, and wanted to know if there was a video recording of the meeting.

Marion Karp, 15 Lancaster Drive, commented that in her opinion, the minutes did not reflect what was said at the previous meeting and felt it was detrimental to a certain employee.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports:

Westampton Township Tax Collectors report, February and March 2022.

Ordinances:

- a. 2-2022 Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank.

(second reading, motion & second required, then open to public)

Motion made by Ms. Burkley; second by Mr. Carr. Motion carries 4-0.

- b. 3-2022 Ordinance of the Township of Westampton: Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Various Capital Improvements in and for the Township of Westampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,256,150.

(Second reading, motion & second required, then open to public)

Motion made by Mr. Carr; second by Ms. Mungo. Motion carries 4-0.

- c. 4-2022 Ordinance of the Township of Westampton Authorizing to Grant a Deed of Easement to the County of Burlington for the Preservation of Property Located at Block 203, Lot4, within the Township of Westampton.

(Second reading, motion & second required, then open to public)

Resident Ms. Pat asked where the property was located. Motion made by Ms. Mungo; second by Ms. Burkley. Motion carries 4-0.

Resolutions:

- a. 56-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 04/05/2022.

Motion made by Mr. Carr; second by Ms. Burkley. Motion carries 4-0.

- b. 57-22 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds

Motion made by Mr. Carr; second by Ms. Mungo. Motion carries 4-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

- a. 58-22 Resolution Authorizing Person to Person transfer of Liquor License from CB Westampton, LLC to Nineteen Twenty West, LLC.
- b. 59-22 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlement for CM Westampton Hospitality, LLC
- c. 60-22 Resolution Approving Tax Lien Block 1401, Lot 6
- d. 61-22 Resolution Authorizing the Annual Update of the Income Limits for Affordable Housing Units
- e. 62-22 Resolution Approving Refund for Overpayment of Taxes
- f. 63-22 Resolution Appointing Unexpired Term of Regular Land Development Board Class IV Member
- g. 64-22 Resolution Appointing Unexpired Term of Regular Land Development Board Class IV Member

Ms. Burkley asked who was going to be appointed for resolutions 'g' and 'f' on the consent agenda, since it was not listed. Names were given by the Mayor. Ms. Burkley asked if Ivan Alvarez had a residency requirement. Our Township Solicitor believed Mr. Alvarez meets the residency requirement.

Motion to approve Resolution numbers 58-22 through 64-22 made by Mr. Carr; second by Ms. Mungo. Motion carried 4-0.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Patti McKernan, 119 Second Street, thanked the Committee for their support for the Historic Society events. She also wanted to see if she could get the word out about the Historic Society and the events, they have especially with the new development coming in. She asked the committee for help with paving the parking lot and talked about the upgrades to the firehouse/historical society center.

Marion Karp, 15 Lancaster Drive, asked about the liquor license and what was going on with it. Deputy Clerk Ms. Wylie stated that the license for Charlie Brown's was being transferred to a lady, but had no more information. Ms. Karp also commented that website needed to be updated for the 2022 township meeting minutes, as it still says 2021.

She also noted that she was confused as to why a RICE notice was sent to an employee, rather than discussed with the supervisor. She said she worked at Westampton township for 27 years,

voiced her opinion that a person should not have two important positions, and that positions should be kept separate. She noted that the township is only getting bigger.

Terrance Brown, 9 Pinetree Drive, volunteered to help out with the website. He also wanted to know how to petition to get a new Master Plan. He said that the world is changing and the zoning, variances, and businesses need to be reviewed. Mr. Brown said that he is entrusting the committee to let residents know how and when the master plan can be updated.

Christine Goetz, 109 W. Maple Tree, backed up what Mr. Brown said. She doesn't want all the land taken up and would like some open space. She said most open space to Recreation. She said she could get federal grant information from her cousin, if that would help. She also mentioned Mansfield's ordinance to prevent warehouses from being a certain amount of feet from a residential zone.

Daniel Bird, 104 Irick Road, talked about how he attended the meetings about the MRP development for almost a year. He would like to see the master plan revisited, or a temporary Ordinance enacted to stop warehouses. He says there have not been any changes to the industrial zones, and asked how we can prevent over-development.

Mayor Henley advised Mr. Bird that he would answer his questions later on, and that he was taking notes.

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead, mentioned that the master plan was done in 2010 with Mayor Andre Daniels, and was in effect for 10 years. We are now 2 years overdue. He also wanted us to connect with the county about their plan, because of the 541-redevelopment plan. Mr. Berberian wanted to know if we could hold an open house or a workshop regarding Megan's Law since the summertime was coming up.

Jerry Kilkenny, 7 Pine Tree Drive, wanted to know if the school passed the bond without a Master Plan. He also wanted to ask if the ground that MRP planned to develop was on the preserved county list. If another school is needed, he requested that additional areas be viewed.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Meeting April 19, 2022 Budget Hearing, Recreation Department Easter Event April 9th @ 9AM.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeewoman Burkley noted that our Mayor is also on the County Planning Board, which is a plus for Westampton Township, and thanked him for being on the board. She also thanked Committeeman Carr for reading and scoring the black history essays from the school. She asked the committee for certificates for 1st and 2nd place. Ms. Burkley also thanked Chief Ent for explaining the various officers' jobs and titles, and for a tour of the police station. Ms. Burkley noted the pictures with the union completing the basketball court project on Facebook, and thanked the Mayor for working on his birthday. She asked the committee if they could come up

with other ideas from the residents to enhance other areas of the community, using the \$233,000 community improvement funds from the MRP PILOT negotiation.

Committeewoman Mungo thanked all the residents for voicing their concerns, and noted she would be addressing them.

Committeeman Carr thanked residents who gave their opinions, and noted he looks forward to speaking with them individually.

Mayor Henley thanked all residents for coming out, and stated he really appreciated them. He said he hopes he will see everyone April 19th. He stated that the Committee members get calls all the time, and that the job was very demanding but also very rewarding for the community. He also thanked the Fire, Police and Public Works departments. In regard to the RICE notice, he stated it was fair to discuss in public.

Mayor Henley commented that he had a discussion with the school Superintendent, and he believes the schools will get a grant to add on to the schools. He stated that it was only a conversation. He also talked about Nixle as a way of getting information out to residents, as some people don't have Facebook or internet.

He briefly discussed the Master Plan being very expensive, and that the Committee is trying to figure out a plan. He briefly discussed the need to hire a Township Clerk. He stated that all five of the committee members would need to make the decision. He discussed the cost of a new Clerk and the need to hire more police officers. He also touched on the inquiry of the minutes and their accuracy.

Mayor Henley ended the meeting by talking about the needs of individual groups. The Historical Society requests help, but he also has conversations with the Veterans about what they need done to their building. He noted that they and put their life on the line for us. He stated that they don't charge for activities, but the Historical Society charges people to rent their building; and asking for help from the Township would be double dipping. He said he would look into a 503C to see if that could be of any assistance. He also told the residents that he is free to talk to anyone after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Mr. Carr; second by Mungo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Wylie, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk