

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

May 3, 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	Present
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present

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

Presentation – Students from the fifth and sixth grades at Westampton Schools presented Black History Month essays, entitled “Hidden Heroes”. The Students were awarded first and second place winner certificates by Mayor Henley and the rest of the Township Committee.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. April 5, 2022 - Regular Meeting & Executive Meeting Minutes
- b. April 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting & Executive Meeting Minutes
- c. April 28, 2022 – Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Ms. Burkley abstained from the April 28th meeting minutes and Mr. DeSilva abstained from the April 5th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, noted that there were no minutes on the agenda for this meeting. He commented that the Public Works report was still not comprehensively showing information that should be there, per Township code. He noted the report included information regarding the Recreation Center doors, and inquired if damages were from vandalism or from renters. He asked if the renters could pay for the damages, and not the taxpayers. He presented a book to the Committee for reference and assistance with the departmental reports. Ms. Gibson commented that she would connect with him after the meeting.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Westampton Township Public Works Department Report.

Resolutions:

- a. 71-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 05/03/2022.

Motion to approve Resolution 71-22 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Burkley.
Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

- a. 72-22 Resolution Appointing Westampton Township Construction Official / Zoning Officer
- b. 73-22 Resolution Rescinding Resolutions 63-22 and 64-22, and Appointing R Fagan as Unexpired Term as Regular Land Development Board Class IV Member
- c. 74-22 Resolution Re-appointing Acting Municipal Clerk
- d. 75-22 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Taser Technology Upgrades
- e. 76-22 Resolution Appointing Registrar of Vital Statistics

Ms. Burkley questioned tabling a resolution due to a typo, and Ms. Gibson confirmed that it didn't need to be tabled. It can be adjusted after the approval. Motion to approve Resolutions 72-22 through 76-22 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 5-0.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, discussed an article he read regarding Bitcoin mining. He also discussed the potential displacement of foxes due to the new development on Springside Road. He commented that Ordinance 99-5.1 was outdated, and new criteria should be added for Peddlers and Solicitors. He questioned the criteria for evaluation on the Deputy Clerk position, and also commented on the information posted on the website concerning the former Construction Official. He commented on the mandatory reports necessary to be sent to the Department of Community Affairs, and that on the State's website, certain months were not available.

Terrance Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, inquired if there was an update on the Master Plan.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Dates to Remember: Next Scheduled Meeting May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Westampton PTO
Spring Fling Basket Auction May 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeeman DeSilva congratulated all of the kids who submitted essays, and commented on how difficult it is to speak publicly in front of a large audience. He noted that they did a great job and he was very proud.

Committeewoman Mungo also congratulated the students on the essay contest. She wished them the best and hoped they will enjoy their summer.

Committeewoman Burkley commented that the kids did a great job. She noted that the Superintendent awarded them with a monetary prize to be spent in the classrooms. She commented on the resignation of the Deputy Clerk and wished her well. She also requested that the Committee hold workshops at least once a month to discuss issues that cannot be discussed during regular meeting times.

Committeeman Carr also wanted to congratulate the students. He noted that the essays were very well done, and that he also has trouble speaking in public. He commented that he was confident that the new Construction Official will work very well with the Township.

Mayor Henley thanked the students and commented on his appreciation of their hard work. He answered the resident's question about the Master Plan, and noted that the work had been budgeted and will be moving forward.

He discussed the issue about workshops, but wanted to make sure there was a plan to keep the meetings moving forward and efficient on everyone's time. He commented that he is always available to answer questions and field calls from the community.

Mayor Henley congratulated Mr. Holshue and noted he is a great addition to our team. Mr. Holshue addressed the Committee and audience and commented that he will always be available to residents, and plans to keep the township moving forward. Mr. Holshue also noted that the students did a phenomenal job in presenting knowledge on things people wouldn't ordinarily think about.

Mayor Henley concluded with a comment to Mr. Berberian for always bringing information to the meetings, and that it helps keep everyone sharp on topics that may not be visible to everyone.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Mungo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk