

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

June 14, 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, Chief of Police Stephen Ent, and Fire/EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth were also present.

Proclamation – Mayor Sandy Henley read a proclamation honoring the life of Mr. Nelson Grovatt, Jr.

Executive Session:

Resolution No. 6-14-2022: 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: Dolan Contractors, Inc. Tax Appeal.

The first portion of the Executive Session for the Tax Appeal was cancelled.

Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2022 Regular and Executive meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Burkley. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, questioned several items on the agenda. He questioned the Construction Department reports and terminology within. He asked for definitions of certain items of the report. He questioned why the Prosecutor's salary had not been changed on the Salary Ordinance to reflect a more competitive wage. He also asked why the Per Diem Fire/EMS employees had wage scales less than those working in the Recreation Department.

Mr. Berberian also asked about Resolution No. 87-22, with regard to intrusive equipment and administrative fees. He then commented on Resolution No. 90-22, offering a contest to the students of Westampton Township to come up with a name for the truck.

He welcomed Ms. Horton and advised the Committee to have a party. He asked if her salary had to be posted within the appointment Resolution. He then commented on Resolution No. 94-22 and asked if the Committee would reach out to Senator Singleton for resources. His last comment was whether it would be permissible to list qualifications on a Resolution.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Westampton Township Construction Department Reports.

Ordinances:

a. 5-2022 An Ordinance of the Township of Westampton to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of Certain Officials and Employees of the Township of Westampton for the Year 2022.

The Ordinance was opened for public comment, but there was none.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 5-2022 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Mungo.
Motion Carried 4-1.

b. 6-2022 An Ordinance of the Township of Westampton Appropriating \$905,278.33 of American Rescue Plan Funds to Fund Public Safety Measures and Technology Investments

Motion to introduce Ordinance 6-2022 made by Ms. Burkley, seconded by Mr. DeSilva.
Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions:

a. 85-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 06/14/2022.

Motion to approve Resolution 85-22 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Carr.
Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

- a. 86-22 Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund Overpayments
- b. 87-22 Resolution Approving the Right-Of-Way use to Cross River Fiber
- c. 88-22 Resolution Accepting Body Worn Camera Grant
- d. 89-22 Resolution Accepting Clean Communities Grant
- e. 90-22 Resolution Authorizing Sourcewell Co Op Purchase Dump Truck

- f. 91-22 Resolution Authorizing Sourcewell Co Op Purchase Kubota Air Compressor
- g. 92-22 Resolution Appointing Deputy Clerk Samantha Horton
- h. 93-22 Resolution Supporting an Appropriations and Levy Cap Exemption
- i. 94-22 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – 100% Totally Disabled Veteran
- j. 95-22 Resolution Appointing James Grace as Regular Member to Land Development Board
- k. 96-22 Resolution Authorizing Person-to-Person Transfer of Liquor License
- l. 97-22 Resolution Appointing Frank Jones as Alternate Member to Land Development Board

Motion to approve Resolutions 86-22 through 97-22 made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Burkley. Motion carried 5-0.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, inquired about the Police vehicles being the same color. A discussion was started with the Chief of Police, but Acting Clerk/Township Administrator Ms. Gibson reminded them that this was not the time for a discussion and should remain for public comment only.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Dates to Remember: Next Scheduled Meeting June 28, 2022 @7PM, June 16th Cool off with a Cop @ Cool Breeze Frozen Treats and Eats (old Rita's) 12:00-3:00PM, Timbuctoo Advisory Committee Historical Site Tour June 25th @ 1:00PM, National Night Out August 2nd – Location to be determined.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Ms. Burkley announced that a new school Board of Education member and Superintendent were intended for the upcoming school year. She commented that she was able to obtain a more comprehensive list of senior citizens in the Township from the County for upcoming events. She thanked the Grovatt family for coming out, and shared some memoirs of knowing Mr. Grovatt.

Mr. Carr thanked the Grovatt family for coming out.

Mayor Henley thanked the Grovatt family for coming out, he said he was very sorry for their loss and noted that the community was thankful to have had him.

He then looked to Acting Clerk/Township Administrator Ms. Gibson to answer the question regarding the Prosecutor's salary comment. She noted that the process was done through Request for Performance at the end of the year, and the professionals will tell the Township what they expect to be paid.

Mayor Henley then commented on the Per Diem salary and asked Fire/EMS Chief Farnsworth to comment. Chief Farnsworth said the Per Diem employees are not under contract, and the industry is becoming more competitive. He is beginning to look toward more long-term planning strategies.

Ms. Gibson also noted that the Salary Ordinance was just a guide, and does not dictate fixed salaries.

Mayor Henley then welcomed Ms. Horton, and hoped that she will have a productive career that will assist the residents of the Township. He stated that they all welcome her as a collective group.

Executive Session:

Resolution No. 06-14-2022: 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 – Personnel. This session will occur after adjournment. No official action will be taken.

The Regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM, and the Executive Session began at 7:45 PM. The Committee adjourned the Executive Session at 9:12 PM. Motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Ms. Burkley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk