

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

June 28, 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, Township Tax Attorney, Township Labor Attorney, and Police Lieutenant were also present.

Executive Session:

Resolution No. 6-28-2022: 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 – Personnel and Litigation: Dolan Contractors, Inc. Tax Appeal.

The Executive Session began at 7:05PM and returned to the regular meeting at 7:30PM.

Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2022 Regular and Executive meeting minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mr. DeSilva; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, questioned several items on the agenda. He questioned the Police Department reports and terminology within. He questioned the differences between the categorization of Megan's Law within the report versus the New Jersey State Police website.

Mr. Berberian also questioned items on the Fire/EMS report; specifically, mutual aid resources, the 27801 apparatus, fire incidents within the township and training. He commented that he was proud of the Fire Department's training accomplishments.

Deputy Mayor Jaime Mungo pointed out a correction in Mr. Berberian's comment to reflect the status of the apparatus.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Westampton Township Police Department, Westampton Township Fire/EMS and Westampton Township Public Works.

Ordinances:

a. 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.

The Ordinance was opened for public comment.

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead, asked why the Ordinance did not have specific vendor information listed, specifically with the Taser technology that was purchased prior to adoption of the Ordinance. He commented that he wanted to review the products that were purchased in advance, to ensure that the product was not defective. He also wanted to ensure that the Police Department was properly trained on the devices.

Township Solicitor Bob Wright affirmed that the Taser would only be used when a firearm couldn't be used, and that the State of New Jersey follows strict Attorney General guidelines for safety and training.

Mr. Carr also confirmed that the Attorney General only releases specific equipment to be used in Police Departments in New Jersey.

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

Resolutions:

a. 98-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 06/28/2022.

Motion to approve Resolution 98-22 made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Mr. DeSilva.
Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

- a. 99-22 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes – 100% Totally Disabled Veteran
- b. 100-22 Resolution Approving Tax Appeal Settlements
- c. 101-22 Resolution Approving Non-Residential Development Fee
- d. 102-22 Resolution Approving Tax Lien Block 1406, Lot 16
- e. 103-22 Resolution Approving Annual Liquor License Renewals
- f. 104-22 Resolution Approving Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Execution of a new Police Chief Contract

- g. 105-22 Resolution Approving Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Execution of a new Fire/EMS Chief Contract

Motion to approve Resolutions 99-22 through 105-22 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 if the Committee had reached out to the Burlington County Prosecutor, Scott Coffina (now retired), to hold a symposium on Megan's Law.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Dates to Remember: Next Scheduled Meeting July 12, 2022 @7PM, July 10th Cool off with a Cop @ Cool Breeze Frozen Treats and Eats (old Rita's) 1:30PM-4:30PM, Timbuctoo Advisory Committee Historical Site Tour July 16th @ 1:00PM, National Night Out August 2nd – Various Locations..

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Ms. Burkley announced that the last day for the current school Superintendent is October 1st, and they are actively seeking a replacement. She also commended the Police Chief and Lieutenants for spending time adequately training the department staff, and offered to anyone to reach out to him if they had any questions.

Mayor Henley noted that Ms. Burkley had made a good point, and agreed that the Township was blessed to have Chiefs that are hands-on. He agreed that the Chiefs are always available to discuss items with any members of the community. He also noted that the Township Administrator can redirect any information to any department.

He then thanked the Committee members for their continued engagement, and proclaimed he was grateful for everyone to be present. He thanks the residents for their feedback, and stated that everyone is always there to help out.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. DeSilva. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk