

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 PM 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
Mayor Henley	Present
Committeewoman Mungo	Present
Committeewoman Wright	Present

Acting Clerk/Administrator Wendy Gibson, Township Solicitor, Township Labor Attorney, Chief of Police and Fire/EMS Chief were also present.

Presentations:

Assemblyman Brandon Umba spoke to the audience about the services his office can provide, and how to contact him.

Mayor Henley gave a speech for Mr. Anthony DeSilva's resignation from the Township Committee.

Resolution 127-22 was pulled and read before Executive Session.

- a. 127-22 Resolution Naming Democratic Candidate

Mayor Henley named the three Democratic Candidates: Carolyn Chang, Vernita Jones and Genel Wright.

Motion to appoint Ms. Wright made by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 3-0-1.

Ms. Wright was sworn into appointment by the Burlington County Commissioner Allison Eckel as the Democratic Candidate to fill the vacancy of Mr. Anthony DeSilva.

Ms. Burkley wanted to note that she met with Ms. Wright and will be abstaining from the vote, because she was upset over the manner of resignation.

Executive Session:

- a. Resolution No. 9-6-2022: 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

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Ms. Mungo; Seconded by Ms. Burkley. Motion carried 5-0 Executive Session started at 7:10 PM and ended at 7:40 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

August 9, 2022, Regular and Executive meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 3-0-2.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Anthony Goetz, 109 West Maple Tree Drive, questioned Resolution 132-22, the Corrective Action Plan for 2021 Annual Audit. Since the findings are the same every year, he wants to know what the plan is. The findings that have taken place have had no corrective action.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Westampton Township Construction Report.

Ordinances:

- a. 7-2022 A Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Fire Apparatus for the Township of Westampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey; Appropriating the sum of \$1,600,000.

Public Comment on Ordinance:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, commented on the 7-2022 Bond Ordinance, encouraging the residence to vote in favor of this Ordinance because they deserve it, and he feels we are way overdue for this fire apparatus. Gary stated he was a little disappointed in Mr. Brandon Umba for leaving the meeting because he is putting himself out there as someone we can count on. He wants to see if the state can assist with some of these needed resources for the Fire Department.

Ms. Burkley wanted to note that she was also in favor of the vote. She stated many people did not know what the ladder truck was capable of handling.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 7-2022 made by Ms. Mungo; Seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions:

- a. 125-22 Payment of Vouchers- this resolution approves the payment of bills through 09/06/2022.

Motion to approve Resolution 125-22 made by Mr. Carr; Seconded by Ms. Mungo.
Motion carried 3-0-1.

- b. 126-22 Resolution Adopting Annual Financial Audit for 2021.

Motion to approve Resolution 126-22 made by Ms. Burkley; Seconded by Mr. Carr.
Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

- a. 128-22 Resolution Waiving Performance Deposit Bond Fee for Sewer Main Break.
- b. 129-22 Resolution Recommending Bond Release for Tesla, Inc. Electric Vehicle Charging Station.
- c. 130-22 Resolution Appointing Alternate Fund Commissioner.
- d. 131-22 Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks for Eastampton, Hainesport and Westampton Township Court.
- e. 132-22 Corrective Action Plan for 2021 Annual Audit.
- f. 133-22 Resolution Approving Memorandum of Agreement and Authorizing Execution of a new Police Patrol Contract.
- g. 134-22 Resolution Authorizing 2023 RCASA Municipal Alliance Grant.
- h. 135-22 Resolution Accepting Assistance to Firefighters Grants.
- i. 136-22 Resolution Authorizing the MOA with FOP 147 Patrol.
- j. 137-22 Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale.
- k. 138-22 Resolution Appointing Alternate Deputy Registrar.
- l. 139-22 Resolution Appointing Alternate Land Development Board Member.

Motion to approve Resolutions 128-22 through 131-22 and 133-22 through 139-22 made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Burkley. Resolution 136-22 was deleted per Ms. Gibson as a duplicate of Resolution 133-22.

Ms. Burkley requested to have Resolution number 132-22 voted separately. She stated she doesn't agree with the corrective action plan and feels that more should be done.
Motion to approve Resolution made by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Mr. Carr. Motion carries 3-1-1.

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open to Public Comment:

Chris D'Alessandro, 119 2nd Street in the Village, stated his comment is on Gregory Boyer Jr., who he claims is a vandal in the village. He stated that he researched the case and wants to know why nothing is being done to him. He doesn't feel that the residents should have to confront him.

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, stated his comment is to thank Committeeman DeSilva for his service and to wish him well in his future endeavors. He also welcomed

Committeewoman Wright to the Committee. Gary made a suggestion that the street sweepers not come on the same days as the trash and recycling pick up days, since it creates too much difficulty to clean the roads when the trash or recycling bins are out on the streets and curbs.

Anthony Goetz, 109 West Maple Tree Drive, brought up a suggestion that he saw from another township, where they sent out a list for residence to sign up if they want to be put on a no soliciting list. One the residents are on the list, they would purchase a sticker and display it on their front doors to stop solicitations. He feels that it is a good idea and something our township should think about doing.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Meeting September 20th at 7:00PM.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeeman Carr mentioned that the Master Plan committee met a couple weeks ago and that they are waiting on recommendations. He would like to congratulate Committeewoman Wright and thank Mr. DeSilva for his service.

Committeewoman Mungo would like to congratulate Committeewoman Wright. She thanked Mr. DeSilva for his service and wished him well in his new home.

Committeewoman Burkley discussed that the school board will be hiring a new Superintendent next month, and she heard wonderful things about him. She wanted to congratulate Ms. Sherman, an English teacher at Rancocas Valley High School for getting elected as Burlington County Teacher of the Year. She has worked at the school for the last seven years, and is the founder of the Black Student Union, runs the school student newspaper and also teaches at Rowan University.

Nancy expressed that they started a Westampton Seniors Facebook page to announce information to all the seniors in town. She will miss Mr. DeSilva but congratulates Ms. Wright.

Committeewoman Wright thanks everyone for this opportunity as a resident of Westampton she says its an honor to serve as a member of the Township Committee. Her goal is to help represent the town and all its residents.

Mayor Henley would like to congratulate Ms. Wright for being a part of the Committee but will miss Mr. DeSilva and wishes him well. He noted that Mr. DeSilva was always accessible to anyone who needed to reach him.

Mayor Henley expressed his concerns about the annual audit, and how it has not been successfully attended to yet, but that they are trying their best. He also addressed Mr. D'Alessandro on the issues that are happening in the village with Gregory Boyer Jr., and is confident that Chief Ent is doing all he can to make sure things are being taken care of.

Mayor Henley loved the idea that Mr. Goetz brought forward about the no soliciting Ordinance. He also thanked Mr. Carr for bringing up the Master Plan, because he wants the residents to know that it is being worked on and talked about, even when the residents aren't the ones discussing the issue.

All in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk