

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes
November 1, 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

Township Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Township Solicitor, Chief of Police and Fire Chief were also present.

Approval of Minutes:

October 18, 2022, Regular meeting minutes.

Mayor Henley advised that the minutes from the October 18th meeting will be tabled to the next meeting.

Open Meeting for Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

No comments were made.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports: Westampton Public Works

Resolutions:

a. 152-22 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 11/1/2022

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Mr. Carr.

Motion carried 5-0

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion; any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of funds; any items requiring discussion will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

- a. 154-22 Resolution Authorizing Eastampton Shared Services Agreement
- b. 155-22 Resolution Rescinding Resolution 96-22 Person to Person Liquor License Transfer
- c. 156-22 Resolution Refunding Taxes Overpaid due to Tax Court Judgement
- d. 157-22 Resolution Approving Person to Person Liquor License Transfer
- e. 158-22 Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refunds
- f. 159-22 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Donation
- g. 160-22 Resolution Approving the Use of Municibid for Public Sale

Motion to approve 154-22 & 160-22 was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr.
Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

OPM Mailbox & Correspondence:

None.

Open Meeting for Public Comment:

Ronald & Eileen Kuriskin, 4 Oaktree Court, both expressed many concerns about the Master Plan regarding the potential warehouse going up on the corner of Woodland Road and Irick Rd. He was concerned about some of the issues, such as traffic conditions and noise reports, not being addressed with the Planning Board.

Mrs. Kuriskin commented that some of neighboring buildings and properties should be taken into account when proposing the new warehouse. She also had some questions regarding the process for vote of approval. She was very concerned about the schools and public service for the township.

Township Attorney Robert Wright replied to Mr. and Mrs. Kuriskin's comments, advising that the Land Development Board would be having a public hearing about the Master Plan on Wednesday November 2nd at 7:00pm, and that they should attend that meeting to address all the concerns they mentioned in the committee meeting tonight.

Terrance Brown, 9 Pine Tree Drive, thanked the committee for getting the microphones fixed. He also thanked the Westampton Police officers for detaining a suspect in Irick Woods, who was trespassing in one of his neighbors' homes. Terrance expressed concerns about all the dust that is coming from the construction on Springside Road, asking if there was anything that can be done to prevent the dust and debris in our township. He also brought up concerns about the Master Plan, and also if the property by Timbuctoo is purchased, he would like to see it purchased by someone who will keep the historic heritage within that community.

Amber Pingitore, 71 Sherwood Lane, asked if the Tarnsfield sign, which was on the Woodlane Road entrance of the development next to the Fire House, was going to be replaced. She expressed that she would like the Committee to consider having the sign be put back up, so its easier for people to identify the development, while driving by on Woodlane Road.

Mayor Henley replied to Ms. Pingitore, saying that they will look into her concern, and also possibly creating a sub-committee for the evaluation and replacement of the neighborhood signs. He mentioned that some of the funds that were used for the basketball courts could be used for the new signs.

Gary Berbarian, 138 Winstead Drive, commented on Ordinance 7-2022, noting that the CFO was to supply a report on bond sales. He stated that he did not see a report on the findings, and wanted to know if it was a public record, if the Committee was in receipt of the report, and what is the Township's credit rating. He was concerned about the sale of the bonds going forward.

All in favor to close public comment.

Dates to Remember:

Next Scheduled Meeting December 6th @7PM; Rabies clinic November 12th 9-11AM@ the Westampton Township Municipal Building; Santa Around Town December TBD.

Administrator's Report:

Ms. Gibson was happy to announce that all the veterans parking spots have been painted at their designated areas at all township buildings.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeewoman Nancy Burkley mentioned that any seniors who are interested can sign up for the senior holiday dinner, which will happen in December. The date of the event and menu will be announced shortly.

Ms. Burkley is meeting with the Superintendent next week to discuss plans on the essay contest and getting artwork put up around the building. She also wanted to thank Committeewoman Jamie Mungo on helping her out at the Trunk or Treat with getting decorations up on her car and commented on the fact that it was great to see the number of kids who came out to the event. She noted all the hard work Todd Mitzelman did on planning the event.

Ms. Burkley also requested that we have an additional meeting before December to discuss payment of the bill list, since our next meeting isn't until December 6, 2022. She also asked if the minutes from the October 18th meeting were tabled.

Mayor Henley suggested that they discuss the additional meeting at another time. Ms. Burkley wanted to make sure that there was a discussion regarding the Master Plan reexamination before it appears on the agenda for a vote.

Committeewoman Jaime Mungo commented about how well the Trunk or Treat went this year. She noted that there was a great turnout, and thanked Todd, the head of our Recreation Department, and all the volunteers who came out to help with the event as well. Jamie also mentioned that Recreation Committee was still looking into having a breakfast with Santa this year, and she hopes to have clarification on that soon.

Mayor Henley thanked all the residents for coming out to the meeting and expressing their comments and concerns. He stated that he hopes that a lot of the Master Plan questions get addressed at the Land Development Board meeting. He also stated that he plans to have an open forum to address the residents' questions.

Mayor Henley thanked Ms. Pingitore for her idea and he hopes to have an opportunity to address it with everyone.

Executive Session:

Resolution 11-1-2022 Resolution Authorizing the 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: Tax Settlement & Real Estate Property.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Ms. Mungo. Motion carried 5-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

All in favor to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk