

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

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 6, 2023. 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

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

Workshop: Master Plan Revision Review – this discussion will be limited to one half hour for residents and Committee to voice concerns prior to Ordinance.

Mayor Sandy Henley introduced the workshop by describing the preparation of the Master Plan revision amendments, and the process the Township Committee will take to finalize the plan.

Motion to open the workshop was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Ms. Mungo
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Naye: none

Abstain: none

The workshop was opened for public discussion.

Kirsten Bjork-Jones, 120 W. Maple Tree Drive, discussed with the Township Solicitor, Robert Wright, and Committee Members Mayor Henley and Committeeman Carr, about the timing between pending applications and the process of the Ordinance approval. The residents are asking for accountability with the timing of the process.

An unidentified resident commented on the budgetary and legality of the process of the approvals.

Raymond Francis, 228 Main Street, asked if he could see the full Master Plan. He also commented on the Grovatt Farm and indicated that is should not be sold for warehouse development.

Committeewoman Burkley spoke about the zoning of the land surrounding the Rancocas Village. She also added that she would like to request specific changes to the plan surrounding the residential areas.

Other unidentified residents commented on the water and sewer and traffic issues surrounding the area between Springside Road and the Rancocas Village.

Township Solicitor Wright commented on the technical appendix of the Master Plan recommendations, and confirmed that the Grovatt property would fall under the general recommendations instead of the revision recommendations. He stated that the comments will be sent to the Planner for reconsideration.

Committeeman Carr discussed with an unidentified resident the provisions surrounding OR-3 properties.

Amber Pingitore, 71 Sherwood Lane, thanked the Committee for listening to the residents and working with the Planning Board for the amendments.

Committeeman Carr requested substantive comments from the residents.

Kelly Gehin-Scott, 3 Valley Farm Road, would like to know if a traffic study could be completed in her neighborhood. She commented that people drive very fast and noted that entering Springside Road would be tricky with the new development.

Committeeman Carr noted that a traffic study is not part of the Master Plan revision, but it could be something that is completed at another time.

Committeewoman Burkley noted that she recommended that a four-way stop be placed within the neighborhood.

Mayor Henley recommended more police attention to the area to Police Chief Ent. One resident recommended speed bumps. Mayor Henley stated that he will reach out to the County for more information.

An unidentified resident also commented about a traffic study. Ms. Burkley responded to the resident by stating that many years ago, the residents were asked if they wanted a stop sign placed on the road, and many declined.

An unidentified resident commented that Rancocas Road has a high speed limit for a residential road. Drivers are seen entering the setbacks to go around traffic.

There was a discussion between several unidentified residents about the engine breaking and parking by the Wawa on Rancocas Road.

Due to audio issues, many residents who spoke during the workshop could not be identified.

All in favor to close workshop.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. January 3, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Both December 20, 2022 and January 3, 2023 minutes were tabled.

Open Meeting for Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, commented on the Police Department report, and acknowledged the appreciation of the hard work. He also commented on the Public Works report. He asked if changes could be made to the information reported. He also asked if there was a focus group to review software, and on the E-Z Pass charges on the bill list.

Chief Ent provided clarification on the E-Z Pass charges, and who was accountable.

Mr. Berberian also commented on Resolution number 27-23, stating he did not believe the State Contract number was written correctly. He also stated that there may be a discrepancy with the cost of the vehicles.

Ms. Burkley confirmed that the information was clarified within the agenda packet. Mayor Henley also confirmed the truck package to be purchased, and explained that the money paid for the vehicles came from Federal grant funds. Mr. Carr also addressed that vehicle availability is limited.

All in favor to close public comment.

Monthly Reports:

- a. Construction Department
- b. Police Department
- c. Public Works
- d. Fire/EMS Department

Resolutions:

- a. 24-23 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 01/17/2023.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Mungo.
Motion carried 4-0-1.

Ayes: Carr, Mungo, Wright, Mayor Henley
Naye: none

Abstain: Burkley

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. 25-23 Resolution Authorizing Release of Performance Bond – 86 Stemmers Lane
- b. 26-23 Resolution Authorizing Tax Refund Overpayment
- c. 27-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Public Works Vehicles through State Contract
- d. 28-23 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Police Department Vehicles through State Contract

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Ms. Mungo.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Naye: none

Abstain: none

Open Meeting for Public Comment:

None

Dates to Remember:

Next Township Meeting February 7th @ 7PM.

Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:

Committeewoman Nancy Burkley made a comment about the bussing situation for the preschool program. The school hopes to have answers regarding that issue.

Committeeman Odise Carr thanked all the residents for coming out to the meeting and voicing their concerns. He looks forward to seeing them at the next meeting.

Mayor Sandy Henley thanked all the residents for coming out to the meeting. He commented that everyone is taking notes on the comments, so that the Committee can answer the questions and be helpful for the residents. He also thanked the Township staff for their support. Mr. Henley also congratulated Mr. Carr on his new role as the Undersheriff for Burlington County.

Executive Session:

Resolution No. 01.17.2023 - 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 - Personnel.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Ms. Mungo; seconded by Ms. Wright.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Naye: none

Abstain: none

Executive Session began at 8:05PM and concluded at 8:40PM.

All in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Acting Municipal Clerk