

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
7:00 PM Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 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	Absent
Committeewoman Wright	Absent

Township Administrator Wendy Gibson, Township Solicitor Robert Wright, Chief of Police Brian Ferguson and Fire/EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth were also present.

**Proclamation:**

- a. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Presentation:**

- a. Introducing New Canine Officer “Bruce”. Chief Brian Ferguson and Handler Patrolman Joshua Woods introduced the new K9 Officer, Bruce, a Bloodhound, who was obtained by grant funding to aid in assisting with search and rescue.

**Workshop:**

- a. Neighborhood Fences

Township Solicitor Robert Wright introduced the workshop by confirming that a change to the existing Ordinance can be made to properties that do not have deed restrictions or HOA defining regulations against certain types of fences.

Gary Berberian, 138 Winstead Drive, commented that he would like to see other types of fencing allowed for homeowners.

Mayor Henley and Committeewoman Burkley briefly discussed that they would like to make changes to allow for other materials to be used for fences. Ms. Burkley commented that there was a time and place for chain link fencing, specifically for maintaining dogs to backyards.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a. September 19, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr.  
Motion carried 3-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley  
Naye: none  
Abstain: none

b. September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Ms. Burkley.  
Motion carried 3-0.  
Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley  
Naye: none  
Abstain: none

**Open Meeting for Public Comments on Agenda Items Only:**

Vanessa Nichols, 50 Lawrence Drive, commented on the Ordinance to amend Chapter 88 of the Township Code. She stated that she would like more limited deed restrictions but it will be easier to enforce.

Victoria Stevenson, 210 Main Street, commented that at one time, the village was approved for crosswalks. The current crosswalks need to be repainted and she would like to see new signs erected.

Kelly Gehin-Scott, 3 Valley Farm Road, thanked the Committee for putting up signs to restrict truck traffic, but asked about what could be done on the Willingboro side of the neighborhood.

Trina Wakeley, 200 Main Street, commented on the traffic down Valley Farm Road. Mayor Henley commented that he will ask the County to assist with traffic issues.

All in favor to close public comment.

**Ordinances: First Reading**

- a. 10-2023 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 88 of the Township Code of Westampton

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Carr; seconded by Mayor Henley.  
Ms. Burkley wanted clarification regarding if the specified roads were already written into Ordinance as restricted.

Mr. Carr requested to motion to have the Ordinance tabled; seconded by Mayor Henley.

Motion carried 3-0.  
Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley  
Naye: none  
Abstain: none

- b. 12-2023 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 232 of the Township of Westampton for the Exclusion of Trucks Over Four Tons

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

**Resolutions:**

- a. 144-23 Payment of Vouchers – this resolution approves the payment of bills through 10/03/2023.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

- b. 145-23 Resolution Adopting Annual Financial Audit for 2022

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

Ms. Burkley requested a workshop to discuss the findings from the Annual Audit.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

**Open Meeting for Public Comment:**

Debbie Price, Executive Director, commented on the Underground Railroad, and provided details of the platform. She presented the Committee with information on the upcoming events and the museum of Burlington County.

Robert Thorpe, 222 Olive Street, commented that he requested to have the Ordinance updated to allow for the Historic Commission to be changed to a Strong Commission, in order to have more capability to protect the historic preservation of the village.

All in favor to close public comment.

**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

RESOLUTIONS NOTE: 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. 146-23 Resolution Approving Release of Performance Bond – PSE&G  
Westampton Metering & Regulation (M&R) Station on 2032 Burlington-Mount  
Holly Road

- b. 147-23 Resolution Recognizing the Authorizing and Activation of K-9 Officer/Handler Joshua Woods and Said K-9 Bloodhound “Bruce”
- c. 148-23 Resolution Renewing the Shared Services Agreement with Hainesport Township for Construction Office Services
- d. 149-23 Resolution Awarding a Construction Contract for Greenwich Drive Roadway Improvements

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

**Dates to Remember:**

Next Township Committee Meeting October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM, Historic Commission Oct 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM, Land Development Board Meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> @7PM, Recreation Committee Meeting October 11<sup>th</sup> @7PM, Fire Prevention Open House Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 6PM, Coffee with a Cop @ 7-11 Woodlane Road Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 9-11AM, Trunk-or-Treat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> at WMS @ 3-5PM.

**Committee Liaison Reports/Comments:**

Committeewoman Nancy Burkley gave an update on the schools, noting the survey that was sent out to residents regarding improving the district. She also requested to have the agenda approval on the agenda. She commented on the Cintas contract, and requested the Director of Public Works to come speak regarding contract terms and costs.

Committeeman Odie Carr thanked the neighbors for their input and comments.

Mayor Sandy Henley commented on the recent celebration of Timbuctoo Day, noting that Ms. Danita Curry is the new Chair to the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee.

He also commented that he was asked to speak on behalf of the Change Church and the Division of Children and Families regarding a recent donation of five thousand dollars to help teen mothers. He noted that the donation received was the only donation they had ever received.

He thanked everyone for coming out and stated he will reach out to the County for help to support the needs of Westampton Township. He will continue to do what’s best for all the residents.

**Executive Session**

Resolution No. 10.03.2023 - 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: Attorney-Client Privilege – Pending Litigation.

Motion to approve executive session resolution was made by Ms. Burkley; seconded by Mr. Carr.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ayes: Burkley, Carr, Mayor Henley

Naye: none

Abstain: none

The committee exited the regular meeting at 8:00 pm and entered into Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Gibson, Municipal Clerk