

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present, Ms. Chang was absent. Resolution 4-18-16 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss contracts.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:02 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 14, 2016. The flag was saluted. There was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Absent
Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk were present.

Approve 4/18/16 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes 4/4/2016 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Regular Meeting Minutes 4/4/16 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Ms. Teleisa had a correction to the minutes; she wanted it to be clearly stated in the minutes that it was the budget notice. All voted yes as corrected.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments were made.

New Business

EMS Report – no further comments were made.

Police Report- Ms.Teleisa asked about the motor vehicle accidents that had occurred. Police Chief Joe Otto explained that one of them involved a tractor trailer that hit a car which was parked in the Municipal Building parking lot. She wanted to know if the

insurance company was pursuing subrogation; Marion Karp would provide her with the police reports and other information in the files for both accidents.

Public Works Report – no further comments were made.

Resolutions

36-16 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

37-16 Dedication by Rider – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

38-16 Dedication By Rider – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Donna Ryan explained that when the money gets deposited it can be spent now or can be accumulated to be spent the next year or later.

Ordinances

6-2016 Springside Urban Renewal financial Agreement (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

9-2016 Ordinance to Establish a CAP Bank (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

10-2016 Bond Ordinance (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

11-2016 Amend Chapter 212, Streets & Sidewalks (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Ms. Teleisa said she hasn't seen Chapter 212 so she doesn't know what to compare it to: Donna Ryan stated that this adds language regarding fire hydrant clearing and clarifies the language. It is standard and was taken from an existing state ordinance. Ms. Teleisa wanted to know what would happen if there is an elderly couple that has a fire hydrant on their property; would they be required to do this. She has a problem mandating this kind of Ordinance. Mr. Lopez stated that this is necessary in the case of a fire; it is to insure that the hydrants are cleared after a storm. This is a major concern in Deerwood Country Club. Ms. Teleisa thinks it will be a hardship for certain residents. Mr. Daniels said that we would maintain some degree of discretion regarding this; no one would expect an 80 or 90 year old to go out and clear the fire hydrant. He thinks it is in the community's best interest to be proactive on this issue and would be more an exception rather than the rule. This helps both the Public Works Department and the Fire Department. It is a good idea to notify residents that have fire hydrants on their properties of the new ordinance. Donna Ryan stated that

we would notify all residents about the new snow ordinance and that the hydrant information would be included as well. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa voted no.

Dates to Remember

May 28th – Timbuctoo Day, 11 AM – 1 PM.

April 19th – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 11 AM

May 7 – Rancocas Village Ham Supper, 4 – 7 PM

April 23 – ribbon cutting at new AM Vets facility

April 24 – Rancocas Nature Center Arbor Day Festival, 12 PM – 4 PM

Lindsey Hustus – asked if anything was being put together for a Veteran’s ceremony on Memorial Day.

Mayor Daniels – would love to see Westampton Day return; he thinks it is the embodiment of community.

Open to public Comment

Vernita Jones – thanked the Committee for contributing to send a student to Boy’s State. They are sending 11 students and have 1 as an alternate. She asked if a newsletter could be sent out to the residents; Mayor Daniels answered that it is an issue of economics. She asked if perhaps we could start a spring cleanup day like other municipalities do. He thinks it is a great idea and they would get together to start discussing it and what they could do.

Lori Hustus – loves the idea of a spring cleanup day and a community wide yard sale.

Pat Iannone – asked about the gas station that was just sold; do they have any idea who is purchasing the property. It is at the intersection of Woodlane and Springside Roads. Mr. Lopez stated that the tanks were removed and remediated but there is no interest in the property yet nor a project slated for this site. She asked if Wawa was planning to return with an application for their site like they had done years before. There is no application that has been submitted at this time.

Nancy Burkley – Rancocas Village has had a yard sale every June for many years. They have a Civic Association in town that does many things: ham dinners, the strawberry festival, etc.

Janet Curran – spoke regarding the Vision statement prepared for the Township in 2009 and what was happening with it. She is concerned with the Route 541 area and traffic congestion. She is concerned with how residents of Project Freedom will get to the local shopping area. She wants to stop the growth in the Township and is worried about the future.

Mayor Daniels – we are following the Vision Plan; it is a living document. There has always been a concern regarding the lack of a town center for Westampton.

Janet Curran – spoke regarding the Sports Complex.

Mayor Daniels – thinks our recreation program is top notch and is innovation personified. Todd Mitzelman does a great job managing the recreation facility and programs. He suggested that Ms. Curran attend the Recreation meetings in order to keep up to date on the Sports Complex; she stated she was unable to attend those.

Vernita Jones – the fire hydrant information could be put in the flyer with the tax bills.

Comments from Department Heads and Professionals

Ms. Smith-Hartman – is happy that people spoke this evening; we used to have a Halloween parade and we did have a 4th of July parade and a triathlon. Perhaps a walkathon could be planned.

Mr. Lopez – thank you to all who attended tonight. He is still working on organizing a Business Association. He will be working on a township wide cleanup program.

Mayor Daniels – thanked all who came out and for their comments. He wants to move forward on what the best of community has to offer. He thanked each of his colleagues and all of the professionals

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Municipal Clerk