

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times February 25, 2011. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeeman Robbins	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Mr. Robbins. Mr. Maybury wanted a few sentences added to the minutes to reflect his opinion regarding the Rancocas traffic issue that was discussed. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM - Closed Session – to discuss contracts and litigation.

Comments on agenda items

No comments were made.

Old Business

Timbuctoo – they want to do conduct another summer excavation but have not secured funds as of yet. The Township would contribute \$10,000, which will come out of the Open space fund. The dig will take about four weeks. The Township has contributed about \$30,000 to this already. Mr. Maybury voted to approve funding the summer excavation; Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. All voted yes.

New Business

Raffle License #5-2011, Burlington County 4-H Leaders, Rancocas CC, 11/11/2011 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Approval of AFSCME Contract – Mr. Robbins and Mr. Daniels participated in the negotiation process; it went well, it was very smooth. Steps in the contract were frozen as they were in the Police and Fire/EMS contracts. This is of good economic benefit to the Township. The contract

is a five year term and salary increases are 2% each year. This is the union that was due a 4% increase last year; instead they received 0%. The union was very workable as a group, they were happy with the contract. Mr. Maybury made a motion to approve the contract; the motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Resolutions

2011 Municipal Budget – Public Hearing – open meeting to public for comment. No comments were made.

42-11 Budget Amendment – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked Donna for clarification on this. We will get the clean communities grant, we just don't know the amount yet, the State asked that we remove it, it was approximately \$12,000. There was also the elimination of the comparable expense line item.

43-11 Authorize Budget to be Read by Title – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

44-11 Adoption of 2011 Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins voted no.

Ordinances

5-2011 Bond Ordinance - second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. This was opened to the public for comment. No comments were made. This bond ordinance includes the purchase of a 3rd ambulance. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins voted no.

Resolutions

41-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Ms. Chang asked how many copy machines are in the building; there are 4 in total; some are ours outright, the others are leased.

45-11 Award Bid for Ambulance - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins abstained. Mr. Robbins asked how many bid packets went out. Donna explained that two packets were requested but only one bid was submitted. The bid was advertised in the BCT and on our website. Mr. Robbins commented that the company he works for does business for this company, which was the reason for his abstention. The ambulance is a demo unit, which will reduce costs.

46-11 Organize & Establish Westampton Township Community Emergency Response Team – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Rick Smith and Wylie Johnson gave a brief synopsis of how this program would work and how the training would be undertaken. It is for serious disasters (hurricanes, etc) but could also be used for large planned community events, such as Westampton Day (crowd and traffic control). The CERT team could be used for when the creek areas flood, etc. They would start recruiting by going to members of Town Watch first, but other residents can be trained. Mr. Daniels commended them

for getting this project started. It would depend on the magnitude of the disaster as to when the CERT team would be activated.

47-11 2010 Recycling Tonnage Resolution – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes. Marion Karp explained that the grant monies were being used to pay off the blue paper carts and also for recycling buckets.

48-11 Award Bid for Dump Truck – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. The price deadline is good until approximately May 1st for the truck.

49-11 Executive Session – for discussion of contracts and litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance – will be held on May 24th; Donna asked Bob Thorpe to notify the Commission.

Snow parking – we are thinking of extending this to the entire Township; Donna is working on this.

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinances – Donna doesn't have a date on this yet

Dates to remember

School Board Election – April 27th, Wednesday, at Holly Hills School 2 PM -9 PM

Comments

Mayor Camp – asked Fire Official John Augustino about putting a Knox box on the concession stand at the sports complex. John stated that township buildings would most likely be the last to be done.

Police Chief Rick Smith – met with the manager of the new Marriott Courtyard hotel; department awards will be held on Monday.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – responded to the fire at Animal Kingdom yesterday; our truck sustained some minor damage due to the heat. Mayor Camp commended the crew on a job well done, we were the first to respond to the fire; the bridge being out was problematic. It was an intensely hot fire. They were there about 6 minutes by themselves. The hiring process for the grant is going along nicely; they are down to 18 candidates; interviews will take place in early May. Originally they had 67 applicants.

Solicitor George Saponaro – began reviewing the Orleans file and the bonding company to make sure that Westampton Woods project gets finished.

Donna Ryan – the roads aren't finished in the project; since Orleans has filed bankruptcy it has been turned over to the bonding company. Land Engineering will get together with them and get the rest of the work finished; it is not an easy way to finish the project but we have to do it.

Mr. Daniels – at our last meeting we read a Proclamation honoring Sharon Scott Rogers; he attended the ceremony on Thursday March 31 at Merion Caterers. Three weeks ago Congressman Runyan held an information forum at BCC; it was widely attended by Veterans, staff from the VA and elected officials. On Wednesday May 18th Senator Menendez will hold a Veterans information day at the Camden County Boathouse; it might be of interest to our citizens.

Open to Public Comment

Jim Lutz – asked what % would be paid for health care costs in the AFSCME contract. Mayor Camp answered 1.5%.

Janet Curran – asked about the soccer program at the sports complex. She asked about scheduling of games at the field; is there a time limit at night; will there be late night games on the fields. She asked why the temporary lights were there already.

Mayor Camp – the lights are there for the purpose of try outs which have already started. Ms. Curran asked if there is any kind of curfew at the fields and if the soccer organization has any kind of limit as to when they can use the fields. As far as the Mayor knows, Todd is meeting with the PDA to work these details out.

Ms. Curran asked the Committee to move the meetings back into the old meeting room; she thinks this large room is a waste of electricity.

Mayor Camp – thanked Public Works for putting up the new flags at the American Legion. The old flags were in bad shape; the new ones look nice. We need to find a way to fund future purchases of flags; they cost several hundred dollars per set of flags. Donna asked if Mr. Daniels could approach the American Legion since he attends their meetings and get some ideas; maybe we can take the flags down in the winter and they would last longer.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk