

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 26, 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.

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk was present.

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of April 12, 2011; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM – Workshop – EMS Five Year Plan – Chief Wylie Johnson presented the department's 5 year plan to the Committee.

7:00 PM – Presentation – Tom D'Orio – Environmental Resource Inventory. In 2006 Tom D'Orio, a resident, became very concerned regarding environmental issues in the Township. Mayor Camp was able to make the initial motion to create the Environmental Committee, which Mr. Maybury seconded. They helped to foster the Committee. An ERI was recently completed; the presentation was very good. It was dedicated to Tom D'Orio. Mayor Camp is happy to say he was a part of creating the ordinance. He would like to present the ERI to Mr. D'Orio; it has been signed by all of the Township Committee members. Mr. D'Orio thanked everyone; it was a great honor. None of it would be possible without the support and approval of the Township Committee who had the foresight to create the Committee. They nominated some very outstanding members to the Committee; Joe Krulik, Norm Miller, amongst others. His mentor was Barbara Rich, who is an inspiration to others in the State regarding environmental issues, he thanked her for everything. Mayor Camp thanked Norm Miller for suggesting this presentation to Mr. D'Orio.

Comments on Agenda Items

Norm Miller – asked about an overview for the community farmer’s market. Mayor Camp explained that it would most likely be located next to the Firehouse on Thursday afternoons, from 4 PM – 7 PM. Local farmers would be invited to participate. The location is a good one due to the fact that the County Offices are in close proximity. There a few towns in the area that have their own farmer’s markets; Bordentown, Medford Lakes.

New Business

Raffle License #6-2011, St. Joan of Arc School PTA, Deerwood CC, June 6, 2011 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Raffle License #7-2011, Masonic Charity Foundation, Burlington CC, Sept. 26, 2011 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Amend Bingo License #1-2011, Crescent Temple Shrine – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Green Acres Funding – we have been approved to receive a \$450K grant for open space.

Police Report – Mayor Camp commented that attached was a letter from Mt. Holly’s Police Chief; it was a nice gesture for him to send it. He is also a Westampton resident. He thanked the Department for doing a good job, and asked Chief Smith to thank the officers.

Public Works Report – no further comments

EMS Report – Fire Chief Wylie Johnson thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present their long range plan. The Department is part of the Burlington County Technical Rescue Task Force and has been working on training and equipment for a few years. On April 15th the team began active service. The Department’s first webisode debuted on thebattalion.tv. The hiring process is moving along. Mayor Camp – their report contained several thank you notes; keep up the good work.

Ordinances

6-2011 Farmer’s Market - first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins abstained.

Resolutions

50-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins – there is a charge on page 4 for the dues membership for the Fire Official; he asked if this is shared with other Townships. John Augustino explained that it is not, it is a line item in the budget. Mr. Robbins also asked about Recreation Fund; there was a bill from Eastampton Township for use of their gym; he wanted to know what it was for. It is most

likely to pay for janitorial services; we use other facilities besides those in Westampton. Mr. Robbins would like the other Townships that John Augustino works for to split the fee for the dues membership instead of it just being solely paid for by Westampton Township.

Correspondence

Burlington County – Long Term Tax Exemption Law – in lieu of taxes agreements. The County sent out a letter to Townships that have these kinds of agreements in place.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance – May 24th

Rancocas Traffic – a new date would be set soon

Snow parking

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinances

Dates to remember

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

May 7th – Rancocas Ham Supper 4 PM – 7 PM

Comments

John Augustino, Fire Official – inspections are keeping him busy, the office is running on a normal schedule

Mike Meenan, Public Works Supervisor – the guys are working hard, they are doing what they can

Police Chief Rick Smith – Detective Angelaccio was released from the hospital today. She had been in for testing.

Solicitor George Saponaro – commented regarding the Orleans performance bond issue; he sent a letter out regarding Westampton Woods to the surety company. They are trying to track down the bonding company. We would have to arrange to complete the public improvements.

Mr. Daniels – compliments to Chief Johnson on the presentation; he would like to commend him, especially when we receive letters from Township residents praising them on their efforts, like the one that was contained in the report this evening. Thanks to Chief Smith and all of the officers, they make a fine team. He attended the police awards ceremony; we have such fine officers in our Township. They provide excellent service to our residents. He spoke regarding the flag replacement at the American Legion meeting; he let the members know that the

Township cannot pay for the entire cost to replace the flags. They may be able to get people to sponsor particular flags; a particular service organization for each flag.

Mayor Camp – thinks the financial aspect is the important issue; how do we fund the replacement of the flags which will need to be done on a regular basis.

Open to public Comment

No public comment was made; the meeting was then closed for public comment.

Mayor Camp – we have had a lot of rain in recent weeks; he has noticed problems that have occurred in the baseball fields. They are correcting problems that were caused by incorrect engineering of the sports complex. It becomes a mud pit behind the baseball fields whenever it rains. We are starting to spend money based on the lack of proper planning for the complex and rushing into it.

Mr. Robbins asked if there was any recourse regarding this engineering firm; is there any legal recourse. George Saponaro would be happy to look into it; he would review it with our present engineer as well as with Todd Mitzelman, Recreation Director, to see what could be done.

Mayor Camp - we now have to go back and make repairs; he gives credit to Mike and the Public Works Department for trying to keep the fields dry and usable. George Saponaro asked if it was designed improperly. If so, it would be a professional negligence case and would cost money to pursue if so. If it was the contractor's fault, it would be another issue.

Mr. Robbins – we have now executed an agreement with an outside organization, PDA, are we under any kind of obligation to them? He wanted to know if there was any recourse they could take against us if the facilities prove to not be functional for their needs.

Mayor Camp – we are already paying our current engineer to review and suggest repairs to the site based on the former engineer's design.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk