

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2011. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Absent
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 February 8, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Maybury abstained. Closed session minutes of February 8, 2011; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes, Mr. Maybury abstained.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM – Budget discussion; the budget will be introduced on March 8th.

Comments on agenda items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Court Reports – the report submitted was Administrator Karen Cochran's report; Donna would begin her report in March; she would submit them quarterly. It was a huge month for State Police tickets, many were written.

Public Works Report – PW Supervisor Mike Meenan is hoping winter is over soon.

Raffle License #2-2011 (Kingsway Learning Center 5/17/11) – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – no comments made.

Police Report – Mr. Daniels wanted to commend the Chief and the department on the exemplary work they are doing. The 200 club has decided to honor the entire department; this speaks very highly of the department. Mr. Robbins asked if this was the first time an entire force was honored; Chief Smith answered that he thought it was. It is outstanding.

Alliance for Action, Inc., Chapter Meeting, 3/18/11 – invitation to attend the Chapter meeting

EMS Report – David Furtado was with them until this past Sunday; he looks forward to when the episodes will appear, which will most likely be in three to four weeks.

Ordinances

4-2011 Cap Bank Ordinance - first reading. Opened to the public for comment; no comment was made. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Resolutions

26-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mayor Camp asked about a bill for Home Depot. For the month of January the total spent was \$1600.00; is there one credit card or more? There is one account; the Police have a card and Public Works has one. Much of the bill was for the concession stand; there were lots of repairs. Only three people can sign for purchases.

27-11 Defer School Taxes - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Correspondence

NJ DOT - Improvements to Holly Lane, Rancocas Road Sidewalk Improvements & Springside Road Bikeway Program – we were denied grants for all three projects

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance – will take place on April 26, 2011 @ 6 PM; everyone will be notified.

Rancocas Traffic – workshop meeting on March 22, 2011 @ 6 PM

2011 Budget - completed

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinances – will be scheduled at a later date

Dates to remember

Primepoint, LLC – having a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 24th from noon – 7 PM; includes tours of the building and refreshments

Township Committee Meetings will be moved to 7 PM beginning with the March 8th meeting.

Comments

Solicitor George Saponaro – is nearly finished with the nuisance ordinance; it will be completed by the next meeting.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – the JIF Safety meeting will be held tomorrow morning. We achieved gold status last year once again. We will receive the maximum amount of money that can be earned. From 2004-2009 we beat JIF's six year loss average ratio. We got an award for outstanding claims management largely due to Marion.

Mr. Robbins – his thoughts are with Carolyn this evening; she is ill. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Mr. Daniels – also wishes a speedy recovery to Committeewoman Chang. He attended the Fire Department awards ceremony last Wednesday; he thanked the Chief and Deputy Chief.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – congratulations to the Firehouse regarding the article in the BCT; she is very proud of the department, there are many caring people. We have the best Police Department and EMT/Fire Department in Westampton. There was a story in the BCT about our sports complex. She thinks the field is supposed to be for our children; we will be obligated to the company that is coming in for ten years if we sign a contract. What will they offer for our Township? She doesn't think this belongs in Westampton; not at this point. The sports complex should be for families.

Mayor Camp – there are many out there that are very excited about the new program; certainly there are some that don't want it, but it should be very good for the Township. The agreement hasn't been signed yet; it is still being discussed.

Janet Curran - there hasn't even been an official opening day for the complex, much less a sign identifying it. She hopes the residents have a chance to look at the agreement before the contract is signed.

Jim Lutz – asked about Ordinance 4-2011; he asked what the increase is for. Donna explained it is for a cost of living increase; this is money that we bank, it will not be spent. This is an ordinance that has been in existence for close to 20 years. It will not be projected to be used for

next year. Mr. Robbins explained that it gives us the ability to increase the expense side of the budget without raising taxes. It does not authorize an increase in taxes. It can be funded through a grant, new construction, etc.

There were no further comments and the meeting was closed for public comment.

Mayor Camp – we are working on a resolution for the Farmer’s Market for this June. The person who was in charge of it and had a passion for it now has a new job with the County; hopefully we will find someone else to take his place and get it moving along. He would like to come up with some dates to have town hall/neighborhood type meetings with residents. Perhaps the Nixle system could be used to advertise these meetings. He thanked Public Works for the fantastic job they have done this winter.

Donna Ryan– are we using the name Westampton Recreation Complex for our new sports complex? We should work on getting a sign out there.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk