

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

### REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 25, 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	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 December 14, 2010 meeting: motion to accept the minutes by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting: There were a few corrections to be made to the minutes, suggested by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Maybury and Mr. Robbins. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

#### **Comments on Agenda Items**

Janet Curran asked about Ordinance 3-2011 and if it would take into account what people can afford or will it be one set charge. Mayor Camp explained that the ordinance doesn't speak to the rate that will be charged; we have been billing for years.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Approve Taxicab/Limousine License (Robert Lowe) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked if there is a limit to the number of licenses we issue; Donna answered that we don't limit them at this time since we've only had to approve two licenses in total. If there was a lot of activity we would bring it to the attention of the Committee.

Appoint Barbara Ortiz to Recreation Commission (1 year term) – Mr. Robbins asked if the Recreation Committee was familiar with this person; Donna answered that they are familiar with her. He asked if Todd has met her; Donna answered that he has. Mr. Daniels is happy to see the appointment is taking place, he thought it would happen earlier, at the reorganization meeting.

JIF – Elected Officials Seminar – there are two dates: 1/31/11 or 3/2/11. The March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is in our area; for each person that attends we receive a \$250 credit towards our insurance premium. Mr. Daniels asked if Donna would send out a reminder.

Proclamation – Read Across America – Mr. Daniels read the proclamation aloud.

Westampton Township Historical Society (Annual Report) – this is an update on the Society's activities over the past year. Mr. Robbins – congratulations to the group for fulfilling their commitments to the Township, we appreciate the hard work they have done.

Bowman & Company – NJ Municipal Budget Process Seminar – 2/3/11 – Ms. Chang and Mr. Maybury would be attending.

Bureau of Fire Prevention – November 2010 Report – no further comments made

EMS Report (November & December 2010) – Ben Moore was killed on January 12<sup>th</sup>; they attended the services. Mr. Robbins – on behalf of the Committee, they express their condolences. The monthly report contained a letter from the Chief of Police thanking our EMS Department for their help in Mt. Laurel.

Police Report – Mr. Daniels thanked the Department for their vigilance; regrettably, they have been busier than usual lately. He asked the Mayor if we could communicate anything to the hotels regarding the inordinate amount of time the police department has to spend at some of our Township hotels. Mayor Camp commented that we are researching adding to existing ordinances in order to address this problem.

Public Works Report – the recent snow storms have kept the Public Works Department very busy. The Mayor has personally gotten calls from residents pleased with the snow removal efforts; he thanked Mike Meenan and the Department. Mr. Robbins commented that they have done a great job especially considering the economic situation.

## **Ordinances**

1-2011 Amend Chapter 206 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Recycling of Designated Recyclable Materials & Modification for Violations – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

2-2011 Amend Chapter 250 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Design of Containment Areas for Designated Recyclable Materials on Residential Sites – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

3-2011 Establish Billing System for Services Provided by Westampton EMS – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked when the fees would be determined; it would be determined at the second reading and would be done by resolution.

### **Resolutions**

14-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked about a \$3,200.00 bill from Pinelands Collision Center; it was for a police department motor vehicle accident. Every accident requires an internal affairs investigation, according to Police Chief Rick Smith. Mr. Robbins asked about the Office Business Systems bill for nearly \$6,000.00 – this was for the new court reporting recording machine.

15-11 Refund Taxes, Block 1502, Lot 35 (909 Russo Drive) - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

16-11 Approve Shared Services Agreement with Burlington County – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked if this was required; it is.

17-11 Bond Release, Family Service of Burlington County, Block 1701, Lot 30 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

18-11 Bond Reduction, Westampton Woods, Block 1102, Lot 9 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

19-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked about the bills for Central Parts Warehouse, they are spreader and plow parts for the snow plowing equipment. The bill for Hess Corporation for \$11K is for electricity and natural gas; Donna explained that we purchase our electricity from Hess. We did go over our budget; we are looking at it carefully and may get out of this contract in June. The bill for Municipal Court ticket software is related to the E ticket software and is a monthly cost and is billed to the Municipal Court. The Trenton Thunder ticket bill is for Recreation; we buy some tickets every year to use as gifts and prizes. We have done this for about five years now.

20-11 Appoint Special Counsel (Mike Moubert) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

21-11 Authorize Lease Agreement between Westampton Township & the Player Development Academy (PDA) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Robbins voted no. Mayor Camp explained that the Township was approached last year with regards to baseball improvements (Cooperstown); it has since died off. PDA has contacted the Township; they specialize in soccer tournaments and have agreed to install artificial turf on a portion of our fields. Mr. Robbins thinks the agreement should come before the entire Committee for review and not just the Mayor and the Solicitor.

22-10 Executive Session – for discussion of litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

1. Letter from resident to Comcast CEO – Donna told the resident we would keep this in the file and consider it when it comes time for the renewal of the franchise.

### **Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date**

1. Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance
2. Rancocas Traffic
3. 2011 Budget
4. Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinances

### **Dates to remember**

January 26, 2011 @ 6:00 PM – Budget Meeting Workshop

Mr. Daniels – this Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Trenton War Memorial there is a joint session with the NJLOM and the NJ Education Association from 9 AM -3 PM.

### **Comments**

Fire Marshal John Augustino – we are in the middle of the winter heating season; fireplaces should be checked; heater filters should be changed and cleaned monthly. Make sure to clean dryer vents at least twice a year.

Mike Meenan– the Public Works department is still good with salt; we have enough at this time.

Solicitor George Saponaro – met with the Police Chief; he thinks it is a good idea to update the ordinance for nuisance type violations; he has been compiling the best ones from around the County.

Mr. Daniels – we missed the last meeting due to a snowstorm; he had wanted to introduce a proclamation regarding Martin Luther King’s Day of Service. He attended the Westampton Town Watch meeting last week. From an education standpoint reform is a big issue; stay tuned. Municipal governments and school boards must meet the mandate of a 2% cap.

### **Open to Public Comment**

Janet Curran – thanked Public Works and Mike Meenan. The Rancocas Civic Association sponsored 11 families for Christmas. She attended the LDB meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> and was very disappointed to hear that Fred Hardt was not re appointed as solicitor for the Board.

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

Mayor Camp – Town Watch had a presentation by the Sheriff's Department on gang awareness; it does exist. He met with Donna and Dan Kennedy from the County in order to have a Farmer's Market started in mid June on Thursday afternoons at the Westampton Firehouse in the evenings. We received two \$20 thousand dollar grants for a solar analysis and possible upgrade to the municipal building; we are waiting for a report. The RV Mayors meetings will resume in February to explore consolidation and shared services. Senator Sweeney is putting together a bill that will penalize municipalities for not exploring shared services and will amount to a reduction in state aid.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk