

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:30 PM CLOSED SESSION      7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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 June 28, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

6:30 PM – Closed Session

### **Comments on agenda items**

Janet Curran – asked about the Sports Complex; she wanted to know if the Phase IV improvements include either a bicycle path, running path or playground equipment or is this going to be a football field. It is for a football field.

### **Old Business**

Fernwood Springs Farm – we have a letter from the County regarding its preservation, Donna is addressing this and answering their questions.

Farmer's Market Rules – the rules that we are considering have been taken from Bordentown's Farmer's Market, there are two things that still need to be determined and both involve fees; the Committee has to decide what to do. Are the application fees going to be waived for local farmers? Shall we charge a fixed fee or shall we charge 10% of what they take in during a particular day up to a maximum of \$250? Will a discount be given if an applicant pays for the entire season up front?

Mr. Maybury thinks that charging a flat rate would be better; at least you'd know what your costs would be up front. Donna doesn't think an application fee is really necessary; she thinks the participants should just be assessed a weekly fee. It also depends on whether we will be paying someone to manage the market. Of course, the Township isn't interested in making money from this type of venture. Mr. Robbins thinks that preference should be given to those selling organic items; language should be added to the rules. The County recommends starting small, with ten spaces the first year.

Mr. Robbins asked about the location; he had received emails from people that indicated that the library wasn't aware that the market would be held there in the future. Donna said that the conversations had taken place with the County and they were the ones who recommended the library as a good location. We have not approached them as of yet due to the construction taking place at the library.

### **New Business**

a. EMS Report – Fire Chief Wylie Johnson indicated that the report is for May and June. The Mayor commented that Bennie Lopez had put in 824 hours as a volunteer so far, which was a lot. Mr. Daniels asked about an accident on Springside and Woodlane Road where a medivac was used; it was for a motorcycle accident.

### **Ordinances**

11-2011 Solar Energy System Regulations, first reading – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Second reading would be on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Robbins asked the LDB to look into wind generated energy as well. Mr. Daniels asked where we were with our energy audit and Sustainable NJ. Donna stated that we were awarded grant money, all the lighting was replaced at the firehouse and the municipal building. Two smaller units at the firehouse were replaced. Mr. Daniels would like us to look into Sustainable NJ in order to reduce costs and realize savings.

### **Resolutions**

73-11 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked about a charge on page 2, payable to New World Systems. Chief Smith stated that this is the annual bill for the Police computer system from the County; they are locked into this. It is for licensing and upgrades to the system.

74-11 Hold Harmless Agreement for Parking at 214 Main Street – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

75-11 2010 Audit – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked how many of the findings are repeat findings from last year or previous years; all four are repeats according to Donna. The municipal court issue has been resolved already; the other three are being worked on. She is hoping the medical service fee will be off

next year as she is coming up with a new system to double check the billing. She doesn't think the recreation issues will be solved by next year but we are working on them. Mr. Robbins stated that there was discussion that we just don't have enough people for the internal controls that are necessary to monitor a recreation program that is as large as Westampton's. We were supposed to get feedback from other Townships on how they operate their recreation accounts, however, other Townships don't operate their recreation like we do, they are budgeted expenses; ours comes out of the Recreation Trust Fund. Mayor Camp commented that we are down to four issues from five last year; we did lose one. Mr. Daniels asked if it would be prudent to schedule a workshop session to work on a remedy for these problems. He would not like to revisit these same issues next year. Donna would put this on the workshop agenda; they could look at it in the fall when they start the budget discussions.

76-11 Over the Limit Under Arrest 2011 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

77-11 Award of Bid for Phase IV of Sports Complex – motion to table this resolution was made by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mayor Camp voted no. A special meeting would be scheduled in order to consider this resolution further.

78-11 Municipal Drug Alliance – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

79-11 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

None

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

Rancocas Traffic – Mr. Daniels noticed some poles with reflective material on them near the McDonalds on Rancocas Road; he wanted to know if these were ours or Willingboro's. Mayor Camp says they are in Willingboro, he saw them yesterday.

Snow parking

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program Ordinances

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Wawa – Springside Road – Mr. Robbins asked if they would be coming with information to a meeting. Donna said they planned to come in late September.

## **Dates to remember**

August 9, 2011 – there will be a presentation made regarding Timbuctoo at this next regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting @ 6 PM. Carol Erickson (CBS Channel 3) did a live broadcast from the Timbuctoo site from 5 AM until 7 AM; then there was coverage on Channel 11. Mr. Daniels was at a function in Deal, NJ last week and the conversation turned to Timbuctoo in Westampton Township.

On Thursday a group called Voices of America was out at the Timbuctoo site; they are owned by the US Government and broadcast internationally. They spent 6 hours down at Timbuctoo.

Burlington County Farm Fair – will run from July 20 to the 23<sup>rd</sup>; it will be held in Springfield Township at the new site.

## **Comments**

Police Chief Rick Smith – National Night Out is being held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; he thinks the hours are 7 PM – 9 PM, but would have to double check.

Fire/EMS Chief Wylie Johnson– things going very well; our crews were in Mount Holly for a house fire; they have been busy.

Solicitor George Saponaro – regarding the Westampton Woods project, Orleans' engineer is contacting our engineer Greg Valesi to move forward on this.

Ms. Chang – attended the Salt and Light meeting last night that Kent Pipes hosted, regarding his proposed project in the Township.

Mr. Daniels – had spoken with a Deerwood Country Club resident at a function he attended who complemented our Police Department; specifically the Chief and Sgt. Ent. She was very pleased with the way they handled the problem she had.

## **Open to public Comment**

Dave Guererro – had approached Donna and Gene about solar energy; he was hoping to have multiple proposals to install solar on the municipal building but he only has one. It is the recommendation of the Solicitor to put it out for public bid. He asked the Committee if they had any questions. Mr. Robbins asked if the proposal included multiple buildings; such as the firehouse. Fire Chief Wylie Johnson doesn't think the roof faces the right direction for solar panels.

Janet Curran – wanted to say that the EMS and Police force are outstanding and very professional; compassion was shown at the recent event that happened in Rancocas. We have Westampton softball adult teams; 50 of them. They don't get to use our sports complex; could Ms. Chang bring this up at the recreation meeting. Does anyone know why they don't get to use the fields? Mayor Camp stated that the fields are not designed for adult softball.

There were no further comments and the meeting was closed.

Donna would schedule a special meeting to consider the Sports Complex resolution that had been tabled at this evening's meeting. They could do it next Tuesday, July 19th.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk