

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present. Resolution 5-2-16 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 14, 2016. The flag was saluted. There was a moment of silence.

### Roll Call:

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| Committeewoman Chang         | Present |
| Committeeman Lopez           | Present |
| Committeewoman Smith-Hartman | Present |
| Committeewoman Teleisa       | Present |
| Mayor Daniels                | Present |

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 5/2/16 Agenda – motion to amend (added Resolution 47-16) this evening's agenda and approve it made by Ms. Chang; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes 4/18/2016 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. Lopez, Smith-Hartman, Teleisa and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Regular Meeting Minutes 4/18/16 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. Lopez, Smith-Hartman, Teleisa and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

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

Anthony D'Errico – asked about the resolution to authorize the local examination of the budget. He doesn't think this is a good idea based on past history and comments in the audits. He doesn't think we are in the position of being able to monitor ourselves. He asked about the Burlington County road improvement program which includes the overlay of Burrs Road this year. He says there is a dangerously steep ditch along the road and would like the County to look at this; it on the left near the Deacon farm. There also used to be a deer crossing sign near the Deacon farm which has been taken down and replaced with a speed sign; he would like the sign to be replaced since many deer continue to be struck by cars here. Donna would check with the County on both of these issues by writing a letter.

Mr. Lopez wanted to respond regarding the budget examination question from Mr. D'Errico; the State still does look at our budget but they only look at this year's budget, not at last year's audit recommendations. Donna explained that we never have over expenditures and thus we are permitted to conduct our own self-examination.

**New Business**

None

**Resolutions**

39-16 Payment of Vouchers – the bill list was tabled until the next meeting because the CFO had been on vacation. Motion to table made by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

40-16 Authorize Local Examination of Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained, Ms. Teleisa voted no.

41-16 2016 Budget to be Read by Title Only – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

42-16 Public Hearing of 2016 Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang and Ms. Teleisa voted no.

43-16 Refund Taxes, Block 1806, Lot 29 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

44-16 Cancel Taxes, Block 1806, Lot 29 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

45-16 Cancel Outstanding Checks (Municipal Court) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

46-16 Execution of Lease for Storm Sewer Improvements – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

47-16 Rescind Resolution 32-16 – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

**Ordinances**

10-2016 Bond Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Lopez. This was opened to the public for comment. A new dump truck, boom lift purchase, completion of a pole barn, salt storage barn and a township road construction program are amongst what is being paid for with this bond. All voted yes.

11-2016 Amend Chapter 212, Streets & Sidewalks (second reading) – motion to rescind by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Chang. The time needs to be 24 hours instead of 12 hours for removal of snow around fire hydrants; the fine also needs to be adjusted from up to \$500 to \$75. All voted yes.

12-2016 Amend Chapter 95, Brush, Grass, Weeds & Debris (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Ms. Teleisa wanted to know what is to be done with people that already have bamboo. They would not be required to remove it but they must take measures to contain it. All voted yes.

13-2016 Amend Chapter 54, Police Department (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Ms. Chang asked for an explanation; Donna stated that our ordinance was old and didn't have the proper number of officers listed; it was technically illegal and will now be in conformity. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang and Ms. Teleisa abstained.

14-2016 Amend Chapter 232, Vehicles & Traffic (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

**Dates to Remember**

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Timbuctoo Day, 11 AM – 1 PM. Information will be added to the website in the next day or two.

Memorial Day – May 30<sup>th</sup>; there will be celebrations held in the township

May 7 – Rancocas Village Ham Supper, 4 – 7 PM

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Housing Expo 2016, Kennedy Center, 9 AM

May 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service for fallen firefighters, Public Safety Center. There is one at 10:30 AM for fallen police officers.

May 22 – Armed Forces Freedom Ride – will be coming through Westampton, they expect about 1000 motorcycles to participate. 10:30 – 11:00 AM.

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Power in the Pines Air Show, McGuire Joint Airbase

**Correspondence**

NJ Dept. of Education – 2016/17 Equalized Valuation Table

NJ DOT – Springside Road Bikeway Grant/Holly Lane Phase 4 Grant

Burlington County 2016 Road Overlay Program – Burrs Road (Rt. 541 to Oxmead Road)

**Open to public Comment**

Cheryl Del Galdo – asked what the Holly Lane Phase 4 grant is for. The area in front of her home should not be disturbed since it was just paved but mark outs were just made and she is nervous. Donna would check on this. There is usually a moratorium for several years that new paving cannot be disturbed.

Garfield Harper – asked who is responsible for clearing the snow around the hydrant on Woodlane Road which is a County road. There is a hydrant on his neighbor's property. There is no way he could ever clear this. If this would occur we could send a crew out to take care this.

Vernita Jones – asked if the bamboo is grandfathered for residents that already have it. They will be responsible if the bamboo encroaches into a neighbor's yard. They can keep it if they have it now but they need to contain it. She wanted to know if people could know exactly what the difference is between the old police ordinance and the new one that is being passed ahead of time.

Janet Curran – May 14<sup>th</sup> – Westampton Historical Society and Boy Scouts will be doing the flower beds at Timbuctoo.

Anthony D'Errico – said it would help if the tax exemption resolution would identify if it was for a disabled veteran. He suggested that the Assessor ask for letters from those eligible every year or two in order to keep current. Mayor Daniels explained that he himself experienced this as a disabled Veteran and he lost his exemption. He thinks we should strengthen our internal controls.

Lori Hustus – her father who lived in Willingboro was required to show his exemption letter each year.

**Comments from Department Heads and Professionals**

Mayor Daniels - this week is National Small Business Week as well as National Teacher Appreciation Week. Public Works Week is also coming up.

Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield– had submitted first packet of information to FEMA for reimbursement for the winter storm; he hopes to hear back from them soon. Mayor Daniels thanked him for his efforts.

Vincent Knott – on August 31, 1968 a Westampton firefighter was killed, Mr. Mohn. He encouraged everyone to come out to the ceremony.

Ms. Chang – it is her hope that Timbuctoo Day is a great success; she hopes everyone comes out.

Mr. Lopez – on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM a special meeting will be held at the Firehouse; more information is forthcoming. Any and all questions will be answered. Thanks all for coming to the meeting tonight. They met with the residents of Fernbrooke and held a community roundtable that was well attended.

Mayor Daniels – April 19<sup>th</sup> was the ribbon cutting ceremony for Project Freedom. He thanked Donna, Marion, Gene and Elaine for attending on behalf of the Township. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments. April 22<sup>nd</sup> was Senator Menendez's economic summit at the War Memorial. April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the AM Vets ribbon cutting in Willingboro. He thanked all who attended that represented Westampton Township. April 24<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day at the Rancocas Nature Center; April 27-29 is the NJ Conference of Mayors.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Municipal Clerk