

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

February 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all Committee members present. Resolution 2-21-17 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss Fair Share housing, litigation, American Legion building and building use permit policy.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:02 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2017. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence. Today was the birthday of Trooper Sean Cullen, let the moment of silence be in his memory.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Wisniewski	Present
Mayor Daniels	Present

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Maria Carrington, Administrator and Marion Karp, Clerk, were present.

Approve 2/21/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 2/6/2017 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes. Minutes of the 2/6/2017 Closed session meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

Doug Johnson from Remington and Vernick was present at the meeting, Mayor Daniels acknowledged him and introduced him.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Public Comments on agenda items

No comments regarding agenda items were made.

New Business

Proclamation – Westampton Middle School Girls' Basketball Team. Mayor Daniels presented the team with a proclamation in honor of their winning season. For the first time in the history of the school, the team qualified for the playoffs and went on to win the championship.

Police Report – no further comments were made

Burlington County Community Development Program – 2017 General Advisory Committee Meeting on 2/23/17 @ 5:30 PM – Mayor Daniels would be attending

NJDEP – public hearing on FY2017 Annual Fee Report – 3/8/17 @ 1 PM

EMS Report – Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth stated that the ladder truck is back from KME; they provided them with a list of all work that has been done on the truck since they purchased it. They extended the warranty an additional 18 months. Mr. Wisniewski asked when the extension starts; Craig would let the Committee know. Mr. Lopez would like the Committee to be able to review and approve the warranty extension.

Status of Fire Police truck – Craig told the Committee that the truck needs extensive repairs; the motor needs replacing, which will amount to about \$9,000-\$12,000. They got a second opinion and received the same estimate. He went online and looked at similar trucks which are valued at \$6,000 to \$8,000. Replacing the truck would cost in the area of \$45,000-\$55,000. They have the ability to lease/purchase a truck through the fire official's account which would not require any kind of tax increase. It is financed through fire inspections. He recommends letting the students at BCIT work on the truck as they can; it could take 9-12 months for them to complete the project. If fixed all departments could share the truck– Public Works, Police, etc. Mr. Lopez made a motion to have a resolution ready for the next meeting to purchase a new truck; Ms. Teleisa seconded the motion; all voted yes.

Resolutions

48-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

49-17 Tax Appeal Settlement, Block 1002.01, Lot 12– motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

50-17 Joint Purchasing Agreement for MACCS – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa asked for an explanation, Maria explained that it is for the trash pickup for the Westampton Courts condominiums.

51-17 RCASA Municipal Alliance Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

52-17 Contract Change Order #1-2017, Dale Road Drainage Improvements – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

53-17 Authorize Temporary Closure and Detour of Woodlane Road – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes. The Committee wanted to know why the work couldn't be done at night; Lt. Ferguson answered that it was due to the homes along Woodlane Road. He thought they might be working through June. Ms. Smith-Hartman said a light is really necessary there (at Deerwood Drive/Woodlane Road).

Ordinances

1-2017 Amend Chapter 250, Section 250-4, Zoning (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa abstained. Mr. Lopez explained that this is being done to eliminate some red tape; the ordinance was outdated and needed revision to encourage development. He considers it an economic development stimulus. Ms. Teleisa commented that the roadway is extremely busy; she thinks we need a traffic study done. A traffic study would be required when they submit their site plan to the Land Development Board. She has concerns about the traffic there; it is terribly busy at peak hour.

Correspondence

None

Dates to Remember

3/29/17 @ 6 PM Elected Officials Liability Seminar, Eastampton, NJ, O'Connor's Restaurant – all Committee members would attend; we receive \$250 off of our insurance premium for each that attends.

PTO Spring Fling Basket Auction, Crescent Shrine – March 10, 2017

2017 Budget Meetings – 2/21/17 @ 8 PM; 3/2/17 @ 5:30 PM; 3/6/17 @ 8 PM; 3/16/17 @ 5:30 PM

3/18/17 Rancocas Nature Center Beef n Beer, Mt. Holly Moose Lodge, 7-10 PM

3/4/17 – Mt. Holly St. Patrick's Day Parade and Run. The Cullen vehicle will be in the parade

3/3/17 – Beef and Beer, for Police Unity Tour, Florence

Open to public Comment

Roger Roslowski – thanked everyone for the motion to approve the purchase of a new fire police truck; he is the captain, they cannot function without a truck. He appreciates the Committee’s continued support.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth – Deputy Fire Marshal Vince Knott had an article published in a National Magazine recently. He is doing a great job, we are lucky to have him.

Police Chief Joe Otto – congratulated the coaches and basketball team from WMS

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Wisniewski -thanks to all who came to the meeting, thanks for their interest. All the department heads are doing a great job.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – congratulations to the WMS basketball team, they are a talented group. She is extraordinarily proud of the parents who supported these girls.

Ms. Teleisa – thanked all the departments; it was a very busy January. The Police Department solved a lot of cases. The Fire Department is out there saving lives as well as our EMS and Fire Police; we have an amazing staff, an amazing town. The Public Works Department is amazing. She wanted to acknowledge what a great town we have; it was a warm and heartfelt meeting tonight.

Mr. Lopez – shares the same sentiments; thanks for coming out tonight.

Mayor Daniels – it was more than simply a basketball game; these girls will go on to do great things. It was very important to them to be acknowledged. He is proud that he and his colleagues could honor the girls tonight.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk