

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

November 20, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. Mayor Daniels welcomed all guests.

Roll Call:

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

Brian Schotts, Solicitor, was present. Township Engineer, Doug Johnson was present. Administrator Maria Carrington and Municipal Clerk Marion Karp were present.

Approve 11/20/17 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Regular Meeting minutes of 11/6/17– motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 11/6/17 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Nancy Burkley – asked if we could post the closed session/workshop agenda on the website, Clerk Marion Karp answered that it was already there; both agendas are always posted.

Old Business

None

New Business

Police Report – no additional comments made

Fire/EMS Report – Chief Craig Farnsworth has added a link in the report to view GIS to see where their calls are; it didn't work perfectly yet but they are working on it. Mayor Daniels asked about a call this evening; Craig explained there was a bathroom fire in a condo and an overdose call that came in at the same time.

Mayor Daniels – congratulated Committeewoman-elect Linda Hynes and Committeeman-elect Sandy Henley as well as David Guerrero and Casey Colona. This has been one of the most rewarding things he has done in his life, serving as Committeeman and Mayor).

Resolutions

138-17 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. All present voted yes.

139-17 Refund Taxes, Block 1606, Lot 8 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

140-17 Private Sale of Police Car – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Ordinances

15-2017 Amend Chapter 95 of the Code of Township of Westampton, Brush, Grass, Weeds & Debris (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Mr. Wisniewski. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

17-2017 Amend Chapter 212 of the Code of the Township of Westampton, Streets & Sidewalks (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Wisniewski; second by Mr. Lopez. Ms. Teleisa had some questions; there haven't been any changes made in the ordinance as she had requested and she wondered why. Township Engineer Doug Johnson explained that many of the general contractors have a much higher insurance liability; the lower amount is for a smaller contractor doing a small job for a resident. This ordinance covers this but there is a line in the ordinance that if the risk is deemed to be higher it will provide for us asking for a higher liability from a larger contractor (in the last line of the ordinance). It is up to the Public Works Director to decide if the amount needed to be raised, depending on the scope of the work. We don't want to disenfranchise a smaller contractor from doing work for a resident who was only replacing a few sections of sidewalk. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa voted no.

Correspondence

Willingboro MUA – meeting 12/6/17, 4:30 PM, proposed 2018 rate changes. Mayor Daniels is planning on attending this meeting.

Administrator Maria Carrington – read a letter of thanks from a resident who attended the Megan’s Law presentation.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 9th – Westampton Recreation’s Annual Breakfast with Santa, WMS, 9 AM – 11 AM

Wednesday, December 13th – Westampton Recreation’s Annual Senior Citizen’s Holiday Dinner, WMS, 6 PM

Saturday, December 16th – WTES escorts Santa to Rancocas Village

Tuesday, December 19th – Thursday, December 21st – WTES Santa Around Town

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – spoke about two important holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. She has seen lots of changes in the last ten years here in Westampton that she doesn’t like. She hopes everyone will work together and listen to the residents.

Comments from Department Heads

Police Chief Joe Otto – Happy Thanksgiving

Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth – Happy Thanksgiving

Lt. Steve Ent – sorry he couldn’t attend the last meeting; he wanted to express his gratitude for his new appointment as Chief of Police; Happy Thanksgiving

Maria Carrington – Happy Thanksgiving

Marion Karp – Happy Thanksgiving

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Wisniewski – congratulations to Linda Hynes and Sandy Henley for running this year and getting involved in their community. He also extended congratulations to Dave Guerrero and Casey Colona; we always need residents to get involved. Congratulations to Lt. Ent on his promotion. Thanks to the administrative staff for their help as well, they make the Committee’s jobs easier.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – go Eagles!

Ms. Teleisa – Happy Thanksgiving to all; she hopes all are surrounded by family and friends.

Mr. Lopez – congratulations to Lt. Ent; his promotion is well deserved. He wants to extend his congratulations to the new Committee-elects; Sandy Henley attended the closed session meeting this evening and hit the ground running. It was a well-deserved and earned victory.

Mayor Daniels – congratulations to Steve Ent; congratulations to Linda Hynes and Sandy Henley; he commended Dave Guerrero and Casey Colona for becoming involved in their community as well. He loves this community. A happy Thanksgiving to one and all; if Janet Curran knows any family in the Township that needs assistance for the holiday could she please speak to him.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk