

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM WORKSHOP/EXECUTIVE SESSION      7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order and opened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Wisniewski. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 5, 2018. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

### Roll Call:

Committeeman Henley	Present
Committeewoman Hynes	Present
Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Mayor Wisniewski	Present

David Minchello, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 3/6/18 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 2/20/18 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Closed session/workshop minutes of the 2/20/18 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

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

No comments were made.

### **New Business**

Early retirement policy – motion made by Mr. Lopez to adopt a policy discussed during the workshop session extending early retirement to those Township employees that are eligible; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. Maria Carrington would draft the resolution, #56-18.

### **Ordinances**

None

## **Resolutions**

51-18 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

52-18 Appoint Municipal Court Judge – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

53-18 Utilize Average Tax Collection Rate – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

54-18 Bond Release, 90 Stemmers Lane, Block 203, Lot 7 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

55-18 RCASA Municipal Alliance Grant – motion to approve by Ms. Hynes; second by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

- a. From: NJ American Water  
Re: Petition filing for approval of a distribution system improvement charge  
Action: FYI

## **Committee Liaison Reports**

Mr. Lopez – the Township is declaring a snow emergency for the impending snow storm; we are 100 percent ready. We have been in contact with all snow removal subcontractors and are ready; there is to be no parking on any streets in the Township. Please be patient while crews clear our roadways.

Ms. Hynes – the Historic Preservation Commission meeting was cancelled in February due to a lack of applications. Their next meeting is March 28. The next school board meeting is March 12; the RVRHS Board of Education will meet on March 27. She had met with Chief Farnsworth; they will be scheduling a special meeting at the firehouse where their 5 year plan will be presented. All are invited; it is tentatively scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Henley – the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee meeting will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>; Recreation has an upcoming Easter egg hunt which is very popular with the kids.

Ms. Smith Hartman – has nothing new to report on regarding the senior citizens.

Mayor Wisniewski – the Committee has just appointed a new judge; they will keep day court sessions on Thursdays and are hopeful for a smooth transition.

## **Dates to Remember**

Volleyball Tournament, Thursday, March 22, 6 PM, WMS

3/28/18 Elected Officials Liability Seminar, Eastampton, NJ, O'Connor's Restaurant – all Committee members would attend; we receive \$250 for each that attends.

Westampton Recreations Annual Easter egg Hunt, Saturday, March 24, 9:30 AM, HHS. Raindate is Saturday, March 31.

### **Open to public Comment**

Mary Weston – wanted to thank everyone for everything they do; they appreciate it. There has been a lot of loss in the Timbuctoo area; they have lost several homes there. She had heard something about an exercise program for seniors; Ms. Smith-Hartman said there is no update at this time but there would be.

Ms. Hynes – met with the principal at RVRHS; he has lots of help available for the Timbuctoo projects; there are students that need service hours.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Mr. Lopez – thanked the residents for coming out; they have had great productive weeks. They are continuing the conversation on school safety.

Ms. Smith Hartman – a resident contacted them and suggested a Westampton wide cleanup day; they were thinking about holding one on Arbor Day, April 27<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice if everyone got involved.

Mr. Henley – thanked everyone for coming out to this evening's meeting.

Ms. Hynes – the budget process has been challenging, to say the least. They are acting as one board together; it has been a very positive experience. She and Mr. Lopez met with the superintendent of the RVRHS district who gave them an excellent presentation on safety at RV.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked everyone for coming out; he agrees with Ms. Hynes regarding the budget. They are all working together and hopefully they will come to a resolution sooner rather than later. Stay safe through this snow storm.

There were no further comments and the regular meeting was adjourned. The Committee returned to public workshop session to discuss the 2018 budget. At 7:32 PM Mr. Henley made a motion to go into executive session to discuss police negotiations; Mr. Lopez seconded the motion.

Mr. Henley made a motion to return to open session at 7:38 PM; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk