

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2018 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Township Clerk Marion Karp. 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.

Committeeman-Elect Sandy Henley was sworn in for a three year term by NJ Assemblyman Troy Singleton.

Committeewoman-Elect Linda Hynes was sworn in by Municipal Court Judge Richard Andronici for a three year term.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Abraham Lopez	Present
Committeeman-Elect Sandy Henley	Present
Committeewoman-Elect Linda Hynes	Present
Committeewoman Maureen Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeeman John Wisniewski	Present

Nomination for Mayor – Ms. Karp asked for nominations for Mayor. Ms. Hynes nominated Mr. Wisniewski; seconded by Mr. Henley. There were no other nominations. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. Mr. Wisniewski was sworn in as Mayor by Assemblyman Troy Singleton.

Mayor Wisniewski thanked everyone for coming tonight. He asked Assemblyman Singleton would like to speak. He knows he has a tight schedule. It is Mr. Singleton's honor and privilege to be with his friends in Westampton. We need to work collaboratively and together to move this Township forward, ahead of any ideology or any personal agendas. He feels confident that the Committee can do this going forward.

Nomination for Deputy Mayor – Mayor Wisniewski asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Henley nominated Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mayor Wisniewski. There were no other nominations. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. Ms. Hynes was sworn in as Deputy Mayor by Municipal Court Judge Richard Andronici. Ms. Hynes remarked that she has known Judge Andronici for many years, as he gave her an opportunity with one of her first jobs years ago. She thanked him.

1-18 Resolution Appointing Solicitor for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes made a motion to nominate David Minchello of Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. No other nominations were made. All voted yes.

2-18 Resolution Appointing Engineer for the Year 2018 – Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Remington & Vernick; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. A second motion was made by Ms. Hynes to appoint Alaimo Group; seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing RVE; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Alaimo Group. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

3-18 Resolution Appointing Auditor for the Year 2018 – Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Holman & Frenia; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. A second motion was made by Ms. Hynes to appoint Bowman & Company; seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Holman & Frenia; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Bowman. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

4-18 Resolution Appointing Planner for the Year 2018 - Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Remington & Vernick; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. A second motion was made by Ms. Hynes to appoint Environmental Resolutions; seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing RVE; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Environmental Resolutions. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

5-18 Resolution Appointing Prosecutor for the Year 2018 – Ms. Smith-Hartman made a motion to appoint Stephen Wenger; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. A second motion was made by Ms. Hynes to appoint Malamut & Associates; seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Stephen Wenger; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Malamut & Associates. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

6-18 Resolution Appointing Public Defender for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes made a motion to appoint Daniel Rosenberg; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. No other nominations were made. All voted yes.

7-18 Resolution Appointing Bond Counsel for the Year 2018 - Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Capehart/Scatchard; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-

Hartman. Ms. Hynes made a motion to appoint Parker, McCay; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Capehart Scatchard; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Parker, McCay. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

8-18 Resolution Appointing COAH Special Counsel for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes made a motion to appoint David Minchello; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. No other nominations were made. All voted yes.

9-18 Resolution Appointing Tax Special Counsel for the Year 2018 – Mr. Henley made a motion to appoint Kathleen Gaskill; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. No other nominations were made. All voted yes.

10-18 Resolution Appointing Labor Counsel for the Year 2018 - Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Capehart/Scatchard; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. A second motion was made by Ms. Hynes to appoint Brown & Connery; seconded by Mr. Henley. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Capehart Scatchard; Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted no; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted yes. The motion failed to carry. A roll call vote was taken on the motion appointing Brown & Connery. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes, Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes.

11-18 Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes made a motion to appoint Hardenburgh Insurance Co.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Henley. There were no other nominations. All voted yes.

12-18 Resolution Appointing a Township Committee Member as a Land Development Board Class III Member for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes appointed Mr. Henley; the motion was seconded by Mr. Wisniewski. There were no other nominations. All voted yes.

13-18 Resolution Appointing a Township Committee Member to the Historic Commission for the Year 2018 – Mr. Henley appointed Ms. Hynes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. There were no other nominations. All voted yes.

14-18 Resolution Appointing a Township Committee Member to the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee for the Year 2018 – Ms. Hynes appointed Mr. Henley; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. There were no other nominations. All voted yes.

15-18 Resolution Appointing three (3) members to the Recreation Commission each for a three year term – motion to appoint Kellie Breslin, Donna Brophy and Trish Winsett-Teleisa was made by Mr. Wisniewski; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

16-18 Resolution Establishing a Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates of the Township Committee for the Year 2018 – motion to approve made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Mr. Henley. A motion to amend the meeting schedule to Monday nights instead of Tuesday nights was made by Mr. Lopez; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. A roll call vote was taken on the first motion. Mr. Henley, Ms. Hynes and Mr. Wisniewski voted yes; Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman voted no. The motion passes – meetings would be held on Tuesday nights.

17-18 Resolution Approving the Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; the motion was seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Resolutions 18-18 through 31-18 to be voted in one motion - made by Ms. Hynes; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

18-18 Resolution Appointing Craig Farnsworth as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2018

19-18 Resolution Appointing Daryl Caulfield as Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3 year term

20-18 Resolution Appointing M. Gene Blair as Zoning Officer for the year 2018

21-18 Resolution Appointing Marion Karp as Deputy Zoning Officer for the year 2018

22-18 Resolution Designating Depositories

23-18 Resolution Designating Official Newspaper

24-18 Resolution Designating the Interest Rates on Delinquent Taxes

25-18 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Appeals with the Burlington County Board of Taxation

26-18 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Handle Rollback Assessment Matters on Behalf of the Township of Westampton

27-18 Resolution Designating the Mayor as Signatory for Purposes of Executing Documents on Behalf of the Township of Westampton

28-18 Resolution Approving the 2018 Temporary Budget

29-18 Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan

30-18 Resolution Appointing Marion Karp as the Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)

31-18 Resolution Adopting "Robert's Rules of Order" for the Conduct of Public Meetings

Mayoral Appointments – Land Development Board

- a. Land Development Board Class IV Member (1) for a for 4 year term – Michele Haas
- b. Land Development Board Class IV Member (1) – Gary Borger
- c. Land Development Board Class IV Member, Alternate #1 (1) for a two year term – Shaun Myers
- d. Land Development Board Class II Member (1) for a 1 year term – Gene Blair
- e. Historic Commission Class C Member (1) for a four year term – Bob Thorpe

Mayoral Assignments for Committee Liaison Persons for year 2018

<u>Department/Committee</u>	<u>Committee Member</u>
Police	Mayor Wisniewski
Public Works	Mr. Lopez
Recreation	Mr. Henley
Municipal Court	Mayor Wisniewski
Westampton School Board	Ms. Hynes
RV Regional High School Board	Ms. Hynes
Emergency Services	Ms. Hynes
Veteran's Affairs	Mr. Henley
Senior Citizens	Ms. Smith-Hartman

Acknowledgement of Automatic Appointments

- a. Mayor is a member of the Land Development Board

January Meetings – Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7 PM

Open Meeting to Public Comment

Balvir Singh – is an incoming Freeholder for Burlington County; he looks forward to working with the Committee at the County level.

Kenneth Ball – congratulations to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; he is concerned with the change in the meeting dates without the approval of Mr. Lopez and Ms. Smith-Hartman. Mayor Wisniewski explained that dates are discussed in a workshop each year; the consensus of the Committee felt that Tuesdays were best.

Janet Curran – is disappointed; she already sees a change tonight. People were used to the Monday night meetings. They didn't consider the residents. Mayor Wisniewski stated that Committee meetings have always been held on Tuesday nights with the exception of the last two years.

There being no further comment from the public, the meeting was closed for public comment.

Township Committee Comments

Mr. Lopez – congratulations to the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor; he knows it is their intention to give the residents their best. He wishes them a successful 2018; he really wants to be their loudest cheerleader. He hopes they can find common ground and move this Township forward. He wants all to work together, we can lead by example.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – Happy New Year to everyone; thanks to everyone for coming out tonight. This is her last year serving on the Committee; she found a great partner in Abe Lopez who is passionate about what he believes in. She welcomes the opportunity to work with Sandy and Linda; they all have a huge responsibility. She is happy to be appointed as liaison for the seniors. Litigation is very important to the taxpayers of Westampton as it costs them a lot. Congratulations to Linda and John.

Mr. Henley – thanks for coming out today; he and Linda will continue with what they promised in their campaign. They want what is best for Westampton; Westampton will come first.

Ms. Hynes – thanks to her friends and family for coming out this evening. The goal is for the five members is to listen to resident's concerns and to find solutions; her goal is to not have many 3-2 votes; she wants to work together. She is excited to work with the EMS/Fire Department. Thanks to Troy Singleton and Judge Andronici, she thanked Marion and Maria for their help; she is honored and excited to be here serving.

Mayor Wisniewski – thanked those that came out in support tonight. In going forward we need to move along; if they don't agree on all their votes, it just means that they have a difference of opinion. He wants to move Westampton in a positive direction.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Municipal Clerk