

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present.
Resolution 2-1-16 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss contracts and personnel.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:03 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 and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

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 were present.

Approve 2/1/16 Agenda – motion to approve by Ms. Smith-Hartman; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes 1/19/2016 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Regular Meeting Minutes 1/19/16 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Vernita Jones, Amara Lane – wanted a correction to the minutes of 1/19/16.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Mayor's Appointment of Historic Preservation Commission Member – term ending 12/31/2017 – Nancy Burkley

- b. JIF Elected Official's Training Program – will take place at O'Connor's Restaurant in Eastampton on 3/1/16 @ 5:30 PM. We receive a \$250 credit off of our insurance bill for each Committee member that attends.

Resolutions

17-16 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

18-16 Cancel Taxes, Block 401, Lot 2; Block 604, Lot 3 & Block 401, Lot 8 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to Remember

Budget meetings – 2/3/2016, 2/10/2016 & 2/17/16 @ 6 PM at the Municipal Building

RV Project Graduation Spaghetti Dinner – Westampton Firehouse, 2/11/2016

JIF Elected Officials Seminar – 3/1/2016 @ 5:30 PM, O'Connors Restaurant, Eastampton

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – thanked the Mayor for the appointment. She thinks the plowing job done by Public Works was excellent; they came through at least 3 times. She was sad to hear that people complained and she wanted to commend them.

Mayor Daniels – had a large drift of snow that blew into his attic through either the eaves or the venting; it was the 4th largest storm in the last 20 years. Everyone was inconvenienced in some way by this storm.

Holly Staatse, Quail Hollow Drive – felt informed during the blizzard with all the robocalls; she thanked the Committee.

Robert Davies, Tenby Court – is curious as to what it takes to get a written response to a letter he had submitted. Mayor Daniels would speak to him after the meeting.

Mr. Milanes – wants to know what is going on with the new memorial for the Borinqueneers. Mayor Daniels is still working on this and has been in contact with people and is trying to explore getting funding. He will continue to honor his commitment, not only as Mayor but as a person who has worn the uniform. Perhaps we

also need to acknowledge those units who have distinguished themselves in addition to the Borinqueneers.

Vernita Jones – asked about the Boys State program and if the Committee had come to a decision about sponsoring; Donna will check with the auditor to see if it is an allowable expense. The deadline to sponsor is March 1st.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Emergency Management Director Daryl Caulfield – Mayor Daniels commends and thanks him as our Director of Emergency Management. He knows that we are in capable hands; we felt comfortable as a Township knowing he is at the helm. Daryl is honored to be here amongst everyone; he represents the Police, EMS and Public Works departments. All departments did an outstanding job; there were times it was so bad they couldn't see where they were plowing. As a resident he is happy with the job they did; they worked 25 hours straight trying to keep ahead of the storm. There were over 1000 man hours worked in total for this storm. The Humvees were an outstanding resource during this storm; they proved their value. There were no other vehicles able to get through the deep snow. Fortunately there were no power outages; they were mostly rescuing stuck vehicles. Our Police, EMS and Public Works are a very professional, dedicated and cohesive group. He is working on his preliminary damage assessment that the County needs; it will be forwarded to the State in hopes of recouping the money we spent.

Committee Members Comments

Ms. Teleisa – wanted to commend Public Works; they did a great job in the blizzard. They faced many challenges; she commends them for their dedication, stamina and perseverance. In addition, praise to our Police, Fire/EMS and Fire Police. They went above and beyond, many thanks to them. She is so happy to have Sgt. Caulfield back; he is such an asset to the town and the residents. He is the man behind the scenes; he has such integrity; she is very grateful for the job he does.

Mayor Daniels – quite frankly we didn't know what to expect during the pre-storm briefing. He thought about our men and our women who were out in the storm doing their jobs. People felt connected during the storm; residents want to feel that they are being serviced and taken care of.

Wendell Bibbs and Doug Johnson, Township Engineers – wanted to stop by and see how we conduct our meetings. If they are ever needed they are happy to attend.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – Ms. Teleisa said it so eloquently, as did Mayor Daniels regarding the storm. The day after the storm she got a phone call from someone who had reported a wounded goose; the resident had called and got a nasty response from Central Communications. The problem was rectified and the resident was very happy with the response.

Ms. Chang – wanted to thank Public Works and the Fire/EMS departments for the wonderful job during the snowstorm; plowing was done very well. She thanked them for their efforts. She thanked Sgt. Caulfield for the work he continues to do.

Mr. Lopez – echoes his colleague's words; he was with Public Works, Police and Fire/EMS for a few hours during the storm; the Humvees were very useful during the storm. He thinks the vehicles could use a few safety updates. He rode on a plow for about an hour; it was unique and a very rough ride. He was frozen after a short time and had to borrow a pair of turnout gear boots. There is a valid use for this equipment and gear. All departments did an amazing, phenomenal job. Communication during the storm was phenomenal. They are looking at the website to make sure it is current and up to date. There were lessons learned and they will act on them.

Ms. Smith-Hartman – got several phone calls from residents regarding parking on streets during a snow storm. We need to enforce the towing and removal ordinances during a storm. A lot of homeowners didn't remove the snow from sidewalks; we also need to enforce this and address it as a Township. Sometimes you need to get a ticket and learn that lesson.

Mayor Daniels – appreciates all the work during the storm. He is pretty active on social media; it felt different this year from an official perspective. This weekend he wanted to thank Todd Mitzelman and Ginny Grossman who participated with PDA in their 24 hour marathon held at WMS in support of Special Olympics. This is the 8th year they have been a part of it; they have raised over a million dollars since that time.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk