

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM CLOSED SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with all members present. Resolution 1-13-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:03 PM by Mayor Chang. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2015. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Thorpe	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator and Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk were present.

Approve 1/13/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 1/6/2015 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Minutes of the 12/12/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

**Scheduled Appointments:**

None

**Public Comments on agenda items**

Nancy Burkley – noticed that we skipped the scheduled appointments; she wondered when the new members would be appointed to the Historic Commission. Mayor Chang stated it was not on the agenda tonight and that the Committee needed to discuss it.

Janet Curran – asked why it wasn't on the agenda tonight; the Mayor answered that it wasn't on the agenda tonight. Janet stated that the Historic Commission means nothing to the Mayor. Mayor Chang asked if this was a question or a comment, she said it was a comment.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Annual Municipal Budget Seminar, Bowman & Company, 1/21/15, 1/27/15 or 1/29/15 – members of the Committee would attend, they would let Donna know which session.

JIF Annual Elected Officials Seminar – 3/11/15, Charley's Other Brother, Eastampton, 6 PM to 8 PM – we receive a credit against our insurance premium of \$250 per Committee member if they attend.

## **Resolutions**

14-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

15-15 Cancellation of Taxes, Block 1602, Lot 10 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

16-15 Contract Change Order, Westampton Sports Complex, Phase 8 – it was decided to split this into two votes. The first vote taken was for the \$4,588.00 decrease in the amount of the contract. Mr. Maybury made a motion, Ms. Teleisa seconded the motion. All voted yes. Mayor Chang has a question; she read all the information and doesn't know why there is an increase. Donna explained that on the new field when it was striped, the lines were in. Recreation is using the old field; it costs \$1500 every few weeks to paint it. This is for permanent lines; it will never have to be redone. They reduced the price. Mr. Maybury asked if this was within budget; Donna said it was and PDA is sharing the cost. This is the first field; Mr. Daniels said it is the middle field with the permanent lines; the outer field would have the painted markings that aren't permanent but last about a season. The fields were switched due to the lighting at night; more lights would have been have to be added if they wanted to use it for football games at night. The bid is still way under budget according to Donna. The second vote taken was to hold the matter for more information on the \$13,000 increase in the contract. Mr. Maybury made a motion; the motion was seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

## **Ordinances**

None

## **Correspondence**

NJ American Water – water main replacement program (Holly Lane) – the water lines will be done in early spring so that we can proceed with the Holly Lane reconstruction.

Westampton Township Historical Society – letter received regarding the Historic Preservation vacancies. This is not on the agenda this evening and will not be discussed.

Reclaiming Abandoned Properties Workshop – 2/10/15, Municipal Building, 10 AM to 2 PM – there are a number of agencies that will be presenting during this workshop. This workshop is something appropriate for the Township. We have several vacant properties in town.

### **Dates to remember**

Budget Meetings – 1/20/15, 1/28/15, 2/3/15, 2/11/15 (if necessary) @ 6 PM

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### **Comments – Department Heads & Professionals**

Jason Carty – The EMS Department responded to 2997 incidents in 2014, which consisted of 740 fire calls, and 248 motor vehicle accidents. A more detailed report will be submitted via email. He thanked Ms. Teleisa for meeting with him where they discussed goals for 2015.

Fire Official John Augustino – inspected the new Family Dollar store which is nearly ready to open.

### **Open to public Comment**

Nancy Burkley – noticed all the lights on at the athletic fields but no one was there. We are fortunate to have a lot of veterans living in Westampton; she is happy that they get a discount on their taxes. Because we are near Ft. Dix we probably have a higher percentage of veterans than other towns; and wondered if there is another source of funding to make up for this. She was wondering since there are so many Townships affected by this could Westampton serve as the lead agency to try to get the federal government to grant some kind of relief to towns that have a disproportionate number of veterans. She thinks the Historical Preservation Commission is very important; the Commission could be helpful in furthering Timbuctoo. She encourages the Committee to renew and get the Commission running. It would be beneficial to the entire Township.

Janet Curran – hopes this year is better than last year; she would love to see the room filled with Township residents for meetings. She asked the Township to consider the men and women in the fire department. She is very disappointed in Mr. Daniels and Mr.

Maybury who voted no the first time. We had a fine fire chief; there is nothing the Committee can do to better this department. They brought someone new in when there was already someone worthy. Mr. Daniels stated that he respects her comments and opinions; she should know that the vote that was taken on December 12<sup>th</sup> was a 3-2 vote; his vote was consistent and he did not change his vote. He wants to make sure that the record is correct; he will let Committeeman Thorpe speak for himself. His vote did not change. We owe the responsibility to the public to be clear. Our fire department will continue to the best they have been doing even though they were overlooked according to Ms. Curran.

### **Committee Members Comments**

Ms. Teleisa – attended her first EMS liaison meeting; she thanked Jason for taking the time to explain his goals and objectives for 2015 and what he would like to do with the department. She met with the shift that was working Saturday.

Mr. Daniels – commented regarding the order that he is called on for his comments by the Mayor. He doesn't want the public to think he was being arbitrary and capricious; he agrees the Mayor should be the last to speak. He is not being adversarial in any way. He makes note that perhaps she should stagger the comments from the Committee people. The Mayor said he is correct, they did have a discussion regarding this; she asked that he remind her.

Mayor Chang – thanked all the Committee members and for the time they spend doing Westampton's business.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk