

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

June 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all present, Mr. Daniels absent. Resolution 6-23-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss police contracts, EMS and administrative personnel and our website contract.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:02 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:

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

Justin Yost, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 6/23/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 6/9/2015 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – EMS Award to Police Officer for CPR Save. Jason Carty and Joe Otto presented awards. On May 7th a resident suffered a cardiac arrest; they wanted to recognize all staff members that were involved in the incident. It is a team effort and shows just how important mutual aid is. Awards were presented to:

Westampton Township Emergency Services:

Deputy Chief Craig Farnsworth
FF/EMT Cecil Collins
FF/EMT Dave Shaw
FF/EMT Chris Binger
FF/EMT Vince Knott

Westampton Township Police Department:

Officer Andrew Einstein
Officer Joshua Woods
Officer Sean McDonough

America EMS

Joe Zaczek
Chris Zimmerman

Virtua Paramedics

Matt Walsh
Steve Laramie

911 Dispatcher

Christine Gilbert

Mr. Torres, the resident who suffered the cardiac arrest, was also at the presentation. Officer Andrew Einstein was the first on the scene and began CPR on Mr. Torres. Jason Carty thanked the Westampton Police Department and how they always go the extra mile for our residents. Mr. Torres said they are all heroes for saving his life and he will forever be indebted to them.

Mayor Chang – Westampton certainly is a great place to live

Public Comments on agenda items

Beverly Hancock – spoke regarding the hospital overlay zone ordinance. She has concerns regarding noise from ambulances. She sees a lot for seniors but nothing for young people. She asked if land would be condemned to widen the road. The Mayor explained that they were only approving the overlay zone ordinance this evening. There is no application before the LDB at this point.

Jeff Hansell, firefighter – thanked the Committee for the new equipment and uniforms.

Gil Gehin Scott – asked about the \$93,000 payment from the last meeting. Donna explained it was for the final payment for the Township revaluation program. He asked for an explanation of resolution #90-15. He also wanted to know what Ordinances #9-2015 and #10-2015 were about.

Solicitor George Saponaro will be filing before Judge Bookbinder seeking judicial approval of our compliance for the 3rd round of our COAH obligation; we did this in an abundance of caution as explained by Solicitor Justin Yost. The ordinances are to list specific EMS titles and to move Fire Prevention under EMS for supervision. The correspondence listed on the agenda is a solicitation according to Donna.

Old Business

None

New Business

Public Works Report – no further comments made.

Police Report – no further comments made.

EMS Report – no further comments made.

Resolutions

89-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

90-15 File Declaratory Judgement Action – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

91-15 Renew BURLCO JIF Membership – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

92-15 Chapter 159, Alcohol Ed Rehab & Enforcement Fund – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

93-15 2014 Audit – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

94-15 Award 2015 Trash Collection Contract – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Ordinances

8-2015 Amend Chapter 250, Zoning, Medical Campus District Overlay Zone (second reading). This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made and the meeting was closed. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

9-2015 Amend Chapter 32A, Emergency Services Department (first reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

10-2015 Amend Chapter 128, Fire Prevention (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa.

Correspondence

AvalonBay Communities, Inc., - Affordable Housing Service List. This is merely a solicitation letter.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Donna Ryan– the awards presentation made her think about all the people that are involved in each call that we get; a lot of things had to be done correctly.

Mr. Maybury – asked Donna to give an update on the air conditioning for the Municipal building. It will not be operating at full capacity in the summer; it is working at about 30%. It will be a bit uncomfortable for the people on the second floor.

Open to public Comment

Abraham Lopez – our Police and Fire Departments go above and beyond; it spoke volumes. They usually don't get the love and respect that they deserve. It is reassuring to know that our men and women are ready to go.

Gil Gehin Scott – the EMS report from May 2014 is 3 pages long and contains a lot of information; the May 2015 report doesn't contain any of this information. He wants to know how we can get that kind of report back. Fire Chief Jason Carty stated he is giving the information the liaison asks for in his report.

Jonathan Wright – asked if the information in the report is a skinned down version; is it as thorough? Mayor Chang asked Ms. Teleisa, who said the reports are very detailed. Chief Carty stated there are some things regarding personnel that can't be released.

Gil Gehin Scott – gave both reports to Ms. Teleisa.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Thorpe – hopes he never needs our EMS or Police but is happy to have them here.

Ms. Teleisa – thanks to the Police, Fire and EMS for a job well done. Care, compassion and skills saved a life. She attended the Middle School graduation; it was a wonderful ceremony. They had a presentation for a student that lost his life in 2012, it was very touching.

Mayor Chang— on June 10th she presented two Mayor’s awards to the two most improved students at Westampton Middle School; she has done it for the last few years. On June 14th she was the keynote speaker at a Girl Scout ceremony. On June 17th she attended the Westampton Senior Gathering picnic and birthday party. On June 19th she attended the RVRHS commencement ceremony. June 20th was the date for the WMS graduation where she spoke to the students; she believes they will change the world for the better. June 29th she will take part in a conference call with senior officials from the White House and an official from HUD to help end homelessness amongst veterans. On July 10th she will take part in the Burlington County Bar Association’s “Christmas in July” that benefits an annual children’s holiday party.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk