

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all members present. Resolution 3-10-15 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss negotiations.

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:

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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 3/10/15 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 2/24/2015 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained. Closed session minutes of the 2/24/2015 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained.

Scheduled Appointments:

7:00 PM Appoint Municipal Court Judge – motion to appoint Judge Rodney Thompson made by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Public Comments on agenda items

Nancy Burkley – asked about the Budget Resolution. In the past a detailed budget packet was made available to residents. Donna stated that a short synopsis is available now and that the full package would be made available after the second reading. The reprints and condensed budget will be available next week. Budget adoption is April 14th. Mayor Chang stated that the budget is less this year than last year. More detailed information would be available soon.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Resolutions

41-15 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained.

42-15 Cancel Taxes, Block 604, Lots 2, 3 & 4 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

43-15 Proposed Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

44-15 Authorize Purchase of 3 Police Cars, Dump Truck and EMS Vehicle – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Thorpe had issue with the number of police vehicles.

Ordinances

1-2015 Cap Bank/COLA Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. All voted yes.

2-2015 Bond Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. Jason Carty stated that the ambulance is a 2003 ambulance, not a 2013 model as listed (typographical error). All voted yes.

3-2015 Authorize Acquisition of Block 1701, Lot 32 (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. All voted yes.

4-2015 Authorize Acquisition of Block 203, Lot 4.03, Project Freedom (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Thorpe. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

JIF Annual Elected Officials Seminar – 3/11/15, Charley's Other Brother, Eastampton, 6 PM – 8 PM.

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

John Augustino – we have just changed clocks to daylight savings time; everyone should change batteries in smoke detectors. It is also a good idea to change your detectors if they are over ten years old.

Jason Carty – had a minor injury to a firefighter; he is doing okay. Hopefully he will return to work soon. He thanked the Township Committee for their support. They will realize lots of savings in remounting the ambulance and the personal protective equipment will come in handy.

Joe Otto – hopefully the snow is over and done with. Residents have been concerned with blocking walkways when moving vehicles off the street for snowplows. This is not an issue for the police department; they would rather have the cars off the street.

Open to public Comment

Garfield Harper – handed in his letter of resignation for the County Committee; he is done with everything. He asked the Township Committee not to knock on his door when they run for reelection nor will he place their signs on his property.

The Mayor thanked him for his comments.

Committee Members Comments

Mayor- wished a happy birthday to Ms. Teleisa.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk