

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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

APRIL 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Carolyn Chang. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 3, 2014. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the 3/25/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 3/25/14-motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes, Mayor Chang abstained.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Comments on agenda items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Approve NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Applications: Steven Getz & Michael Westdyk – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Proclamation – Parkinson's Awareness Month – Mayor Chang read a portion of the proclamation aloud. Mr. Daniels would like to draw attention to the fact that April is prostate cancer month and autism month as well.

Resolutions

51-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

52-14 Refund Taxes for State Court Tax Appeal, Prologis, Block 202, Lot 4 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

53-14 Refund Taxes for State Court Tax Appeal, Deerwood Country Club, Block 1001, Lot 27 & 31 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

54-14 Cancel Outstanding Checks, Municipal Court General and Bail Accounts – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

55-14 Read 2014 Municipal Budget by Title Only – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Public Hearing on 2014 Budget – as introduced at the March 8, 2014 meeting. The Committee would not vote on it tonight due to a decrease in pension contributions.

Public Comments

Gil Gehin Scott stated that he liked the budget paperwork that was provided by Donna Ryan; he liked the pie chart as well. He asked if the Committee would consider reducing the Open Space tax as the County did. This would entail that there is no tax increase at all this year. He stated that Moorestown passed their budget with no cuts or layoffs and no tax increase; he would like to see Westampton do the same thing. He commented that the reserve for uncollected taxes has increased a lot in the past few years; this may be a clue that people are having a hard time making ends meet. The capital improvement fund is now zero; he supposes no more bonds will be issued in 2014. George Saponaro stated that Moorestown had a huge influx of revenue due to liquor licenses; he suspects that had played a part in their budget.

56-14 Amend 2014 Budget – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. There will be a special meeting on Monday April 14, 2014 @ 6 PM where public comment may be made on the amended budget.

57-14 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues; motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

58-14 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

4-2014 Bond Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; there was no comment and the meeting was closed.

5-2014 Redevelopment Plan (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

Easter Egg Hunt, Holly Hills School, 4/12/14 – 9 AM
Budget Amendment Public Hearing & Adoption of Budget 4/14/14, 6 PM
Township Committee Meeting Cancelled – 4/26/14

Workshops

None

Comments

Daryl Caulfield – work continues on the emergency operation plan.

Mayor Chang - commended Craig Farnsworth and the EMS Department on the work they did at the recent fire on Route 38; they did a wonderful job, they were the first on the scene.

John Augustino – check smoke detectors; it's a good idea, they do save lives.

Mr. Daniels – condolences to Florence Township's Police Chief Scully's family; he recently passed away of cancer.

Open to public Comment

Allie Stanford – she regrets that she has been missing the meetings. She has been taking care of her sick husband. She wants to thank the Township EMS for everything they have done. It seems that the Township has money for everything they want except for the senior citizens. She stated that their meetings are growing; most every Township has a well staffed senior citizens center; she wants the recreation building renovated for a

reading room, pool tables, a craft center and games and a decent kitchen. She thinks the seniors are being treated in a shabby way. She spoke about her husband getting a 100% tax exemption for his disability. Something is wrong that she can't get an exemption going further back than when they were approved on July 29, 2013. She also stated that she thought the senior citizens should be able to have their driveways plowed by the Township in a snowstorm.

Mr. Daniels thanked Ms. Stanford and her husband for their service. This body has not forgotten about their seniors; he would like to see a recreation center for them. It took federal, state and county dollars to put up the facility in Willingboro. She asked why there was money for the Sports Complex and none for the Township's seniors. Mr. Daniels stated that the fields cost us less money due to the fact of contributions by PDA; if we were able to get some kind of funding for a senior center such as this he would be all for it. He hopes that they are able to provide a senior recreational facility during his tenure here on the Committee.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk