

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM Closed Session 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor 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	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 8/12/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 7/8/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 7/8/14- motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments - Presentation of architectural elevations for the Ingerman project.

This is a requirement of the redevelopment project. The applicants have received their LOI and the line has been set and confirmed. The Committee had liked the project they had done in Manalapan and Hanover; the Westampton project would mirror that style. The base of the buildings will be brick and will include lap vinyl siding, large open windows, three stories in height, large balconies and breezeway connections. There will be 72 apartments, 12 units per building and will range from 1 bedroom to 3 bedroom units. There is a management office, maintenance facility as well as community space and a playground. All the ground floor units will be handicapped accessible. They will be energy star compliant apartments. A full application would be submitted soon to the Land Development Board.

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – she couldn't attend the LDB meeting in August. She asked when this all (Ingerman project) started and why the article was in the newspaper today. Solicitor

George Saponaro answered that it was not up to him as to when the press wants to cover items. The Mayor answered that Ms. Curran should plan on attending the LDB meetings if she didn't want to miss anything. It was explained to her how the redevelopment process works and at what stage the Township was at. She thought it was sad to lose more open space.

Old Business

None

New Business

American Legion Post 509 Annual Report – Mr. Daniels, as a member of the Post stated that they continue to care for and maintain the building; they are a fine organization. He salutes and commends them.

EMS Reports (June & July 2014) – no further comments made

Police Report – Mr. Maybury asked if there were still two police dogs, Chief Smith affirmed that there are. He asked if both of the K-9 unit vehicles go home at night. Chief Smith stated that vehicle #1 does. Mr. Maybury asked if the Impala goes home or is only used during the day; Chief Smith answered it was only used during the day. This is the same car that underwent extensive repairs previously.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – Mr. Maybury stated that John Augustino hit a record high in mileage this month; John stated that the vehicle was taken to Baltimore.

Resolutions

91-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. Mr. Maybury asked about the amount of money taken out of the Open Space Fund for supplies; it seemed to be greater than usual and was for trash can liners and paper towels. Donna said this was a mistake and it is not usually taken out of Open Space; she would have Bob move it to the correct account. All voted yes.

92-14 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

93-14 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues; motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Ordinances

9-2014 Adopt Redevelopment Plan, Block 902, Lots 1, 2 & 3 (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. All professional fees are paid by the applicant; this is a non condemnation.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Acting EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth- extended his congratulations to the Police Department on their National Night Out. The EMS Department is proud to have been a part of it as well. On September 6th they will attempt to break the Guinness world record for “Stop, Drop and Roll at BCIT.

Fire Official John Augustino – is busy with routine inspections; no fires in Westampton to investigate recently.

Police Sgt. Daryl Caulfield – the County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved; there is still a resolution that needs to come before the Committee; they would have it for the next meeting in September.

Deputy Clerk Marion Karp – explained that the new blue recycling carts would be delivered by the County on August 19th and that the first single stream recycling collection would take place on September 12th.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – wants to know if there has been any discussion for the plans of the house on Blue Jay Lane and tearing it down. Donna Ryan stated that the Township is at the appraisal stage; there has been contact with Green Acres. Ms. Curran also asked about opposite the cemetery, grass has been cut that leads into the woods; what is the reason for this? Donna answered that it is the County who may be clearing Grubbs Run or it could be for mosquito control. Donna stated that she had contact with a gentleman from the Rancocas Conservancy and that this is a good parcel to preserve due to the presence of artifacts on the adjacent lands. Ms. Curran wants to know when the Timbuctoo Committee meets; Mayor Chang would pass the information along to Donna who would get it to Ms. Curran.

Nancy Burkley – commented that the executive session is at 6 PM; she didn't see this advertised; she also stated that the resolution should be made before they go into executive session; she thinks it is done backwards. She brought this up about three years ago and nothing has been done about it. The Solicitor stated that the closed sessions are advertised in the BCT in the beginning of the year. Ms. Burkley thinks the executive meeting needs to be opened at 6 pm and announced what is to be discussed and then go into executive session. Mayor Chang would look into this.

Mr. Thorpe – congratulations to the Police Department on their National Night Out; thanks to the Fire and EMS Department, the Public Works Department and all the volunteers.

Ms. Teleisa – went to the Board of Education meeting; the schools are being readied for opening. The first day of school is September 4th for students. The Police Department did a fabulous job at National Night Out; people were raving about it. She thanked EMS, Fire, and Public Works who all helped to make it successful. She thinks we may have to move it next year due to such a good turnout.

Mr. Daniels – commended and complimented the Police Department; especially Sgt. Brewer and Keith York, of Westampton Town Watch. They are two people who put a lot into the National Night Out. He thinks it has become the embodiment of our community along with the EMS Open House. In today's BCT he saw the story on one of our residents, Allie Stanford. It was a great article. While he isn't a resident of Westampton, he attends school here at BCIT. Dante Boddy will appear on Food Channel's Chopped this evening; he has a chance to win scholarship money; he is 17 years old. Another young woman from Voorhees will make an appearance on the show; NJ is well represented.

Mayor Chang – didn't meet a single resident who didn't enjoy themselves; the car show was the icing on the cake. All departments worked together to make sure it was a great event. Chief Smith commented that he thinks the amount of residents attending might double next year. They went through over 100 pizzas; over 1000 bottles of water; it will be in a different location next year, according to Chief Smith.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk