

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

December 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with all members present. Resolution 12-9-14 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss personnel.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:04 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 were present.

Approve 12/9/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 11/25/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the 11/25/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on agenda items

No comments made.

Old Business

None

New Business

Appointment to Recreation Commission – Stephanie Young (term expires 12/31/16). Motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. Mr. Daniels asked what part of Westampton she lives in; Donna answered Deerwood.

Mayor Chang received a letter from a resident who lives on Kanabe Drive; she thanked the Mayor for attending her husband Warren's funeral service.

Resolutions

136-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked about the large amount of money taken out of the Open Space; he assumes it was for the turf field. Donna said it should not have been since that was bonded for. Mr. Maybury stated that he realized he already had gotten the answer to this.

137-14 Transfer of Appropriation Funds – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

138-14 Cancellation of 2014 Appropriation Funds – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

139-14 Execution of Land Donation Agreement, Block 401, Lots 2 & 8 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

140-14 Tax Appeal Settlement, Shri Said Development LLC, Block 905, Lot 1.02 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

141-14 Tax Appeal Settlement, BRE/EX Properties, Block 202, Lot 3 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

142-14 Tax Appeal Settlement, OM Hospitality, Block 904, Lot 5 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

143-14 Tax Appeal Settlement, Excel Holding 2, LLC, Block 904, Lot 5 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

144-14 Staff Retirement – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

Breakfast with Santa, Westampton Middle School, 12/13/14 @ 9 AM – 11 AM
Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, December 17, 2014, WMS @ 6 PM
EMS Annual Santa Run, December 13th (rain date December 14th)
Rancocas Village Holiday Tour, Saturday, December 13th, 5 to 9 PM
Westampton Township Reorganization Meeting – 1/6/15 @ 6 PM
January 27, Burl. Co Police and Fire Academy – will be releasing a report
WMS Concert – Thursday Dec. 11th at RV Pac Center @ 7 PM
HHS Concert – Wed. Dec. 10 at 6 PM

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Fire Official John Augustino – wished everyone happy holidays, be safe with trees, chimneys
Acting EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth – wished everyone a happy holiday season, reminded all about their annual Santa Run
Police Chief Rick Smith – secured a large bulldozer for the PW Department at the same place they got the Humvees.
Solicitor George Saponaro – has a draft on the Timbuctoo ordinance as well as the vehicle use. Happy Holidays.
Administrator Donna Ryan – Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season
Dep. Clerk Marion Karp – happy holidays for whatever holiday each person celebrates

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – her Christmas wish is that we can make some changes and try to purchase open space and farmland, work with residents and their ideas to make Westampton what it once was. She wishes everyone a happy holiday.

Linda Hynes, liaison from Westampton Board of Education – this is an exciting time for the children, the Holly Hills School tree lighting and concert is tomorrow. They have built in 5 snow days into the school calendar after the terrible weather last year; hopefully they won't have to use them all. She is also a senior Girl Scout troop leader; her troop is working on a project to help children that have to spend time in a homeless shelter. She is proud of them, they are our future.

John Monaghan – in the last three or four weeks we have had several break ins. Chief Smith answered that they are open active investigations. He typically walks at night and hasn't seen much police presence in the area. He is concerned; he thinks it is someone local responsible for the break ins.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Thorpe – Merry Christmas and happy holidays

Ms. Teleisa – commended Ms. Hynes and her Girl Scout troop; wishes a happy and safe holiday to everyone. She hopes that 2015 is happy and rewarding for the entire Township.

Mr. Daniels – commended Ms. Hynes for her Girl Scout troop; our homeless situation is getting worse, her efforts are sorely needed. He was recently watching TV; on the Chopped channel, who mentioned Westampton; specifically a former teacher who teaches culinary arts at BCIT. He reached out to him via Facebook. Kudos to him and kudos to Kelsey Worrell; if they hear her name someday in the Olympic Games, he would truly not be surprised. Merry Christmas to everyone, happy holidays and happy New Year.

Mr. Maybury –commended Ms. Hynes for her excellent work with the Girl Scouts, Merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Mayor Chang– it was wonderful to hear about the Girl Scouts, it is absolutely phenomenal. She wishes everyone a happy holiday and a joyous New Year.

Mayor Chang– asked for a motion to return to closed session. Motion was made by Mr. Maybury, seconded by Mr. Daniels. All yes.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk