

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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

FEBRUARY 11, 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	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the 1/28/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. Ms. Teleisa had a correction regarding her comments; Marion Karp would make the revision. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the 1/28/14 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

None

Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the Cap Bank Ordinance and the 3.5% increase in the proposed budget. The Mayor stated that the language that she read was premature since they are still working on the budget.

Old Business

None

New Business

JIF Elected Officials Seminar – Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Charley's Other Brother in Eastampton.

Appoint 2 new Recreation members – the matter will be tabled for now.

Resolutions

25-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

26-14 Deferred School Taxes – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

27-14 Appoint JIF Safety Coordinator – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

28-14 RCASA Municipal Alliance Fiscal Grant Cycle – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. This is a one year grant and includes all five communities in the RV sending district.

29-14 Executive Session – for discussion of litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

30-2014 Wesley AME Zion Church, Timbuctoo – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. The Mayor read the resolution aloud.

31-2014 Authorize \$2,000 for Bristol Incinerator Defense Fund – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. The Solicitor again gave a bit of background on the application that will be coming before the Bristol Zoning Board. It is a hazardous waste incinerator that is proposed.

Ordinances

1-2014 Establish Cap Bank/Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)(first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Dates to remember

Workshops

None

Comments

John Augustino – be prepared for power outages with the bad weather we have been having. Be cognizant about not using generators or grills inside the house. Ms. Teleisa thanked John for providing the 2012 report she had asked for.

Fire/EMS Deputy Chief Craig Farnsworth – they are getting prepared for the storm; Jake had emergency surgery for bladder stones which are quite common in Dalmatians. Tax payer funds were not used to pay the surgery bill.

Police Chief Rick Smith – will make a decision about Municipal Court since it is scheduled for Thursday; due to some issues with the last storm he will be assigning an officer to Public Works and respond directly to issues regarding harassment of Public Works employees and vehicles. Mayor Chang stated that some residents got somewhat out of control during the last storm. Mr. Maybury asked if it would benefit us to put an officer in a plow truck; they would put him in Mike's Expedition. It is the recommendation to the plow drivers to not stop unless absolutely necessary. It might be a good idea to look at a town wide snow emergency ordinance.

Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield – the Office of Emergency Management is continuing to monitor the storm as it approaches. It is particularly concerning that it is mixed with ice and sleet and will have high winds. They are predicting anywhere between 6 and 8 inches of snow. They will issue a town wide alert using Code Red; they did it for the last storm for residents of Rolling Hills and Deerwood to advise them of the snow parking ordinance.

Marion Karp gave an update on single stream recycling, which once again has been pushed back. It was supposed to go into effect in May 2014 but now the County is talking about late summer.

Mr. Thorpe thanked all the departments – everyone has really stepped up during the snow emergencies – Police, EMS, Public Works and the office workers. No one should be threatening our workers for doing their jobs. He is especially thankful for Public Works – we need to discuss the snow emergency ordinance further. He was furious when he heard that our workers were threatened and abused.

Ms. Teleisa – went to the Westampton Board of Education meeting; they are working on their school budgets. April 24th is the public budget meeting. The 8th grade staff selected 10 students based on leadership skills and sent them to a workshop. They will visit the 6th and 7th grade classes and share information they brought back from the workshop. The school received their report card from the State; Holly Hills School reached their target goals; the middle school still needs some work in language arts and needs to improve.

Mr. Maybury – echoed what Mr. Thorpe said about the Westampton departments; the cold tends to bring out things in people that you don't really want to see. He has been getting emails from residents about the snow. He doesn't think that the residents understand that we don't maintain the County roads; many people are under the impression that they are our responsibility. We actually salted for the County during the last storm but the cost associated with that is too much for our budget.

Mayor Chang – the essays and artwork from the schools for the Black History Month contest are due on Friday Feb. 21st at the Municipal Building. They will be judged over that weekend. The awards will be given at the Township meeting on Tuesday Feb. 25th. She thanked the members of Public Works who have done a fantastic job cleaning up the snow. She noticed today there were County workers out today removing limbs in anticipation of the next storm. The intersection of Burrs Road and 541 is piled very high with snow; the County needs to change how they are doing this.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – asked for a copy of Resolution 30-14. The Police and Fire Department always does a great job as does Public Works. She asked that the Committee examine the budget carefully. She hoped that they would find other solutions to getting the word out besides email or Facebook. Mayor Chang stated that we could put a digital board out front of the building for announcements but that would increase our budget. She asked Daryl how much it would cost to do the Code Red calls – there is no cost but it is only used primarily for emergency purposes. Willingboro has their own reverse 911 call system according to Chief Smith.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk