

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM WORKSHOP      7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 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. The Mayor extended a special welcome to the three student council members of WMS who were present tonight; they are here as an initiative to enable them to shadow members of the Township Committee; it is our attempt to expose them to the workings of the Township Committee. Hopefully they would be involved as adult citizens.

### Roll Call:

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

John Sitzler, Solicitor, was present.

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

Closed session minutes 12/10/13 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels, Mr. Maybury abstained. All voted yes. Closed session minutes 12/19/13 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 1/6/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

6:00 PM – Hovnanian, Woodmont Development

7:00 PM – Swear in Andrew Einstein and Latisha Velez, Police Officers – Mayor Chang swore in the two new Westampton Township Police Officers.

### **Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made by members of the audience.

### **Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino wished everyone a Happy New Year; good luck to all the Committee members.

Police Report – the only comment made in addition to the report submitted was that Detective Chieffalo has been released for full duty.

EMS Report – no further comments made.

**Resolutions**

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

15-14 Hire Police Officer Andrew Einstein – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

16-14 Hire Police Officer Latisha Velez– motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

17-14 MACCS Contract – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. We get a better rate by joining this; Maple Shade is the lead municipality and the contract is renewed every three years.

18-14 Interlocal Services Agreement, Municipal Court Services – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa, seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

**Ordinances**

None

**Correspondence**

Burlington County SPCA – we contract with Willingboro Township as a shared service to do our animal control. The SPCA is doing a study to see if there is a need to fill in the gaps in our service (filling in in the middle of the night); performing the dog census. Donna Ryan would respond to the survey.

**Dates to remember**

2014 Budget Meetings – 1/22; 1/29; 2/5 and 2/12 @ 6 PM

**Workshops**

None

**Comments**

Mr. Daniels – having the students here tonight is a point of pride moment; it is our job to enable our children to recognize their full potential. He is happy to see the students here tonight and offered to help them learn about government; they are the leaders of tomorrow.

Ms. Teleisa – welcomed the student council; she is happy that they are interested in the governmental process; they are our future leaders, perhaps someday they will be up here as Township Committee members. She thanked Ginny Grossman the school Superintendent for taking part in this and helping make it happen.

Mr. Maybury – welcomed the student council.

Mayor Chang – thanked the Superintendent; she always takes time out of her day to meet with her. Having the students here is one of the things the Mayor has always wanted to do; she is excited about it, she can't wait to see what they will do in the future having experienced this. She is looking forward to the Black History Month essay contest in February; she hopes she gets even more essays submitted than last year. She is truly looking forward to the students continued involvement with the governing body.

**Open to public Comment**

Ginny Grossman – thanked the Township Committee for the invitation. Democracy and freedom go hand in hand; democracy is what is going on here; she is thankful for allowing the students to join them and see government in action.

Janet Curran – congratulations to the students, she thinks it is awesome. So many students are on the honor roll. She wanted to thank everyone that took part in giving for the holidays for Westampton residents that are needy. She hopes to get to the budget meetings this year and hopes there are no layoffs.

Mayor Chang thanked Ms. Curran for coordinating the giving at Christmas; she does a very good job and wants to acknowledge her efforts.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk