

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

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

MARCH 25, 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 3/11/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 3/11/14- motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

Swear in Joshua Woods, Full Time Police Officer, effective 3/31/14

Swear in Andrew Redfield, Full Time Class II Officer, effective 3/31/14

Swear in Ernest Long, Part Time Class II Officer, effective 3/31/14

Mayor Chang swore in the three new police officers. She congratulated all of the officers.

Mayor's Appointment – EMS liaison, Carolyn Chang

### **Comments on agenda items**

Gil Gehin Scott – asked about Resolution #46-14 and why it wasn't given to the public to review before the meeting. Solicitor George Saponaro explained that the final version was just completed today; it was summarized at the previous meeting according to Donna and Mayor Chang. It will be available for the public's review after PDA signs it. Mr. Gehin Scott asked what the term of the agreement was; it is ten years. He asked what would happen if the turf field wore out prior to the end of the agreement if they would still be required to complete their payments; they would.

Regarding Ordinance #3-2014; he asked how this would work. Money would be designated for payment towards the bond which is the township's half of the project. He

asked the Committee what the pros and cons of the Sports Complex would be that both Mr. Thorpe and Ms. Teleisa referred to at the last meeting. The Mayor explained that this would be a repetition; Mr. Gehin Scott stated that they had never discussed what the negatives would be in this project, only the positives.

Joe Krulik – wanted to comment on Resolution 45-14. The Mayor asked if he could wait until later in the meeting; the meeting would be opened to the public when this resolution was discussed.

Mark Eberfeld, 7 East Dogwood Court – commended the Township for the Sports Complex site, he has four children. He and his wife use it for walking as well. He sees it as a very positive facility.

Terry Mulligan – has had the pleasure of being involved in Westampton Recreation programs and has watched them grow; he thinks it is a boon to the Township and thinks they should support it. He has had the pleasure of using the field on Sundays; it is a benefit to young and old alike.

Chris Parente – wanted to know if anything was done about his comment regarding a tree buffer at the Sports Complex. Mayor Chang answered that it is a wonderful comment and they are seriously considering it.

Maureen Hartman – from a real estate view, the Sports Complex has definitely boosted people's view of Westampton. In her opinion it brings in revenue to the town; restaurants, hotels, etc.

Tony Scolio – his son participates in the PDA program; he doesn't live in town but he thinks another field would be of benefit to the Township.

John Mumbower – is on the Recreation Committee; currently none of his 3 kids are using the fields; however they do go up there with their friends just to play pick up sports. He has been there numerous times and saw kids just playing pick up games.

Anthony D'Errico – asked why the public didn't get to see the full agreement. The Mayor explained that it has been in draft form up until this morning since she still had questions and comments; once it is finalized it will be provided for review. He would like to see the agreement so that he can comment on it. He wanted to know how the Committee was going to address the disposal costs of the turf field once it is worn out. The life of the field is ten years, perhaps a bit longer. Mr. D'Errico stated that it costs 1 million dollars to remove the field. He asked about an item on the bill list; Donna explained it was money in escrow that was moved by the CFO. It was from developers. He asked about a bill for referee fees; Donna explained we pay the kids in cash and the adults get a check.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

EMS Boot Drive, May 23 & 24, 2014 – this is a new procedure that the County says we must follow.

Public Works Report – spring leaf collection will be the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Police Report – will be holding a medication drop off on Saturday April 26 from 10 PM to 2 PM. It would be going on the website.

EMS Report – they got a grant for hazmat training for approximately \$9500.

Fire Prevention Report – no further comments made

**Resolutions**

40-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

41-14 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

42-14 Community Development Act – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

43-14 Adopt Employee Handbook – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

44-14 Adopt Temporary Capital Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

45-14 Non Condemnation Redevelopment Area, Block 401, Lots 2 & 8 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury voted no on this at the Land Development Board; he didn't have enough information on this. His primary concern is the existence of the wetlands on this site; however, his concerns have been addressed.

Engineer Jim Winckowski gave a brief overview of what has happened so far with this site. This was opened to the public for comment.

Joe Krulik commented that he thinks that there are wetlands, stream buffers and that very little of this land is developable; he doesn't think this site is a great area for redevelopment.

46-14 Approve PDA Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Daniels whole heartedly agrees and supports the fields; he had to put aside his personal opinions and wishes. We as a community need to be on the side with recreation. He believes the fields are in the public's best interest.

47-14 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

48-14 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel matters; motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe and Mayor Chang abstained.

49-14 Dedication by Rider, Police Overtime – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

50-14 Approve Sportsflex, LLC Agreement – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

2-2014 Bond Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment; there was no comment and the meeting was closed.

3-2014 Dedication of Certain Township Revenues to Open Space & Historic Preservation (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

4-2014 Bond Ordinance (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

Dept. of Transportation, Safe Routes to School – we would be submitting a grant application

Dept. of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program – we would also be submitting a grant application

2014 County Road Resurfacing Program – there is a small portion of Rancocas Road near Lambert Drive that will be resurfaced this year.

**Dates to remember**

Easter Egg Hunt, Holly Hills School, 4/12/14 – 9:30 AM

**Workshops**

None

**Comments**

Lt. Otto – congratulated the new police officers

Mr. Thorpe – is very excited to have our new officers on board; traffic enforcement will be a primary function of our new officers; he hopes to ramp it up. Speeders are not welcome in Westampton.

Mr. Daniels – attended a press release for the remodeling of the Burlington Center. This represents a great opportunity for our community.

Mayor Chang – there seems to be a great deal of excitement in the mall project; she looks forward to it. She was invited to read across America at our schools; she also met with our superintendent of schools.

**Open to public Comment**

Anthony D’Errico – wants transparency with the agreement; dollars, long term costs with the field. He has heard no indication of any possible drawbacks. If he heard a balance he wouldn’t be here tonight. His concern is the long term; what if it fails or the money doesn’t come through.

Gil Gehin Scott – echoed Mr. D’Errico’s comments. They are asking questions due to a lack of information. It doesn’t mean that they are against the project. There is a lot of money at stake; before he passes judgment he wants information that is basically the issue.

Mayor Chang is offended by their comments; the Committee tabled the ordinance at the first meeting in order to get more information and have questions answered.

Solicitor George Saponaro – there has been lots of discussion on this project; all of the issues and concerns have been addressed during this process.

Mayor Chang – no one on this body rubber stamped this; they worked very hard on this.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk