

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

November 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with all members present. Resolution 11-25-14 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss EMS personnel and litigation.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:03 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 11/25/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 11/11/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. Mayor Chang requested the addition of a sentence to the minutes. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the 11/11/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about Ordinance 14-2014. She doesn't agree that the Committee move forward on this and thinks more research needs to be done on this. She thinks it is at a dangerous curve in the road. She thinks the Township should purchase 114 Church Street.

Gil Gehin Scott – has a question about the same Ordinance. The owner owed the Township over \$9,600 in back taxes and penalties; why were the 2014 taxes cancelled and what happened with the 2013 taxes. Is this money coming back to the Township? Mayor Chang said he would receive a written response within a few days.

Old Business

None

New Business

2015 Meeting Dates – is not published yet on the website; wanted the Committee to look over the dates before hand.

Police Report – Mayor Chang welcomed Joe Otto.

EMS Report – no further comments made.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan stated that the two new dump trucks were supposed to be picked up yesterday; he rejected them and they are being repaired. Paint was scuffed, hydraulic tanks were dented. Mr. Daniels asked if the dealership is offering any kind of consideration in light of this. Mike didn't discuss this with them. They are state contract so we are limited in what we can do. There are spreaders attached to each of them as well as plows.

Resolutions

134-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

135-14 Chapter 159, Division of Highway Traffic Safety – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

14-2014 Acquisition of Block 604, Lots 2, 3 & 4 (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment. Janet Curran hopes they all think about this. She said that Timbuctoo is on Church Street and not on Blue Jay Hill Road so she doesn't understand why this parcel is being purchased. Mr. Daniels stated that at present there are no plans to develop this property and that we wanted to preserve and enhance the open space aspect at Timbuctoo. Mayor Chang stated that this was correct. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

December 13th – Rancocas Village Holiday Tour, 5 PM to 9 PM

Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, December 17, 2014, WMS @ 6 PM

EMS Annual Santa Run, December 13th (rain date December 14th)

December 13th – Annual Breakfast with Santa, WMS @ 9 – 11 AM

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Fire Official John Augustino – keep your real Christmas trees watered; we have some new businesses being registered in town.

Acting EMS Chief Craig Farnsworth – it has been an extremely busy week, they went to 4 fires, 2 rescues, 2 cardiac arrests. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Lt. Otto – wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mike Meenan – enjoy your Thanksgiving.

George Saponaro – enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Donna Ryan – Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Marion Karp – held the annual rabies clinic on November 22, vaccinated 108 animals which was a bit less than usual. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Open to public Comment

Len Godleski – thanked the EMS crew for attending to an emergency situation in their development, Fernbrooke and taking care of it very quickly.

Nancy Burkley – asked about the Timbuctoo property and stated that the article in the BCT stated that there were plans to pave a parking lot. Mayor Chang stated she hasn't seen the article and that she wasn't interviewed for the article. Donna Ryan stated that it was a good article but that it was misquoted; there is no parking going to be built on this lot.

Janet Curran – thanked the Township for their help with Thanksgiving dinners for the needy. She wishes we could do it more. There is one more Township meeting for the year. There are changes coming up for the New Year; she asked why we still have an acting Fire Chief and why we don't have one hired yet. Why was the Committee looking outside the community and outside the state for candidates? She is hoping that we have a Fire Chief by January 1, 2015 that is within our Fire Department.

Committee Members Comments

Mr. Daniels – was invited to the White House and attended a meeting with school superintendents across the County. The meeting was about bringing schools in compliance from a digital perspective. He was there representing our PTA. Every child in America should have access to technology that will increase their learning. He is proud of our school system, teachers, School Board and superintendent. It was nice being there taking part in a non partisan effort. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Thorpe – all of our departments do an amazing job; he wants to bring Public Works to the forefront. It is astounding what they do; how they make the Township look so good. The EMS department is amazing, what they did last week was incredible.

Ms. Teleisa – has another date to remember to add; Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 13, 9 AM to 11 AM at WMS. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Maybury - Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Mayor Chang– wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk