

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

### 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk was present.

Approve 10/14/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 9/23/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of 9/23/14 - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

#### **Scheduled Appointments:**

None

#### **Public Comments on agenda items**

Nancy Burkley – is concerned about the bills for the concession stand. She wants to know why the electricity is so expensive for the concession stand and if the stand is making money. Mayor Chang commented that the bill list is going to be tabled this evening; the Committee didn't get it in a timely fashion. Ms. Burkley is concerned about the money being spent on the athletic fields; grass cutting is almost \$2,000.00, the use of the sprinkler system is \$1,000.00. Together concession and maintenance costs are almost \$10,000.00; she hopes we are getting this back from the people who use the fields.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Letter of Appreciation, Holly Hills School Playground – this is a letter received from the principal of HHS in appreciation for the installation of their new playground. Principal Rachel Feldman thanked our Public Works Department; Mayor Chang stated that it was a wonderful letter.

**Resolutions**

105-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to table the bill list made by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

106-14 Execution of Redevelopment Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Solicitor George Saponaro gave a brief overview of the entire process as it went along; there are 456 apartment units being applied for. Only 6 will be 3 bedroom units; 28 units will be affordable units which will go towards the Township's COAH obligation. The developers will be coming back to the Committee to show them the elevations and get their comments.

The developer will be a big part of our community; they will be contributing \$200,000 towards a senior center; this might a complete remodeling of the existing senior center. The developer has had meetings with local contractors and will meet with local labor groups and give them an opportunity to bid on the project. George Saponaro recommends adoption of the agreement. The Committee was approached by members of the senior community months ago; they have been negotiating and working on this for months. Mayor Chang is pleased with this agreement and is excited about the prospect of being able to provide this for our seniors. Ms. Teleisa is happy that local contractors will be bidding on the project. Mr. Daniels commented that it has been tough with the economic downturn; as a community we have to start somewhere and this represents one of those opportunities. He thinks we need this; he is encouraged and is happy by the prospect that this will employ some local people.

The expected rents are those of a high end community; it will go well with the incoming hospital. It is a clubhouse setting with the pool, etc. The apartment complex is upscale with higher rents and is smart growth which will add to the community while not adding a significant burden to our schools. It is being targeted to young professionals that will take advantage of being close to Route 295 and the NJ Turnpike. The COAH obligations once adopted will be pretty significant. The Ingerman project will provide 72 units; our

obligation will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 350 units. Mr. Maybury commented that traffic is always a concern but this is very close to the bus terminal, Turnpike and Route 295; it should have minimal impact. Traffic studies will be done.

### **Ordinances**

11-2014 Salary Ordinance, PW, Court, Administration, Construction Employees (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made and the meeting was closed to the public. All voted yes. The salaries are in accordance with their contracts.

12-2014 Salary Ordinance, EMS and Firefighters (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made and the meeting was closed to the public. All voted yes. The salaries are in accordance with their contracts.

13-2014 Salary Ordinance, Police Officers (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made and the meeting was closed to the public. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment, no comment was made. The salaries are in accordance with their contracts.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Dates to remember**

Oct. 24 – Westampton Fall Festival @ Sports Complex, 6 PM to 9 PM “Westampton Night at the Fall Festival”.

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Rancocas Village Holiday Tour, 4 PM to 9 PM

### **Comments – Department Heads & Professionals**

Police Chief Rick Smith – has received good feedback regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

EMS Acting Chief Craig Farnsworth – had their Open House last Thursday, where over 2000 people attended. They did 12 schools last week for Fire Prevention Week and will be doing door to door smoke detector inspections.

**Open to public Comment**

Nancy Burkley – complemented the EMS Department on their Open House; it was beyond belief. They are always doing something to help the community. She loves the way the Police collect old medications and wants the Township Committee to consider collecting hazardous waste once again. Perhaps a few times a year residents could drop off items; it is something she thinks will serve all the residents and she would like to see it return.

Ms. Teleisa said it wasn't safe for the Public Works employees to collect these items; people were dumping all kinds of chemicals, some unmarked, at our site, not only Westampton residents.

There are DEP regulations that govern the collection of hazardous materials according to the Mayor. When our site was inspected by DEP there were problems. Mayor Chang had contacted our PW supervisor Mike Meenan who advised her of the problems with having a collection site here at the Municipal Building. Craig Farnsworth stated that the fire department would have to respond at times to smoke coming out of barrels; it was a dangerous situation and hazardous to all in the area. Marion Karp advised everyone that the County drop off facility is open on Saturdays for residents to drop off if they work during the week. Mr. Maybury works in Mt. Holly and they recently closed their drop off area; the trend is to get rid of it due to the liability involved. He agrees that the medication drop offs are essential to get rid of them in the waste stream. The waste water treatment plants aren't equipped to handle this.

Molly Boonstra – is concerned about code enforcement in the Township; she walks every day and sees many houses that aren't cared for. She is a realtor as well. She wants to know what we can do to have more code enforcement. The Mayor advised her that Gene Blair is the code enforcement officer; if unable to reach him, she could email any of the Committee members. She asked if he rides the neighborhoods to check or if the township relies upon residents to contact the Township with problem houses. She asked the solicitor about the new apartment development and if the water and sewer would be able to handle them coming on. Solicitor Saponaro answered yes and that Burlington Township will supply water; Mt. Holly would supply sewer service.

Linda Hynes – invited everyone to their Board of Education meeting tomorrow evening at 7 PM. Tomorrow is the meeting where the students are measured academic wise. Six students are participating in the junior Olympics; she thanked the Committee for the playground; the kids cannot wait to get out there.

Janet Curran – our youth look up to the fire department; it is nice to see the pink lights out side the police station. The American Legion Spaghetti Dinner will take place in November; she isn't sure of the exact date. She thinks Westampton is moving

backwards; we are losing open space more rapidly than ever before. She thinks the Township should purchase the building that the church wants to purchase. We will lose a ratable if we purchase the home on Church Street. The hatred between politicians needs to stop.

Mr. Daniels – congratulations to the EMS Department, especially Dave Shaw who makes many great things happen. They continue to lead the way. We are in Fire Safety Month; every time we have an opportunity to educate our kids it is win-win for everyone. He thinks it is a great idea by the Police Department for Breast Cancer awareness month. He just recently participated in Kidney Transplant Awareness month. He agrees with Janet Curran regarding the upcoming election; everyone should be reminded that they are working for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Thorpe – wished he could have attended the Fire Open House; his wife is a breast cancer survivor; he thanked them very much.

Ms. Teleisa – asked how Jake the fire dog was doing; he is coming off pain meds tomorrow. It is a hip issue from a previous injury. He is moving around much better than he was the other day, according to Craig Farnsworth. It was a great successful evening which provided a learning experience for the children. It is wonderful to see the Breast Cancer Awareness theme of the department his month.

Mayor Chang– thanked the Fire and EMS Department for a wonderful Open House; bravo as usual. She would be attending the Board of Education meeting tomorrow evening.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk