

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Chang. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. The Mayor is turning the meeting over to the Deputy Mayor due to a prior commitment with the Burlington County Freeholders, she must leave early. 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	Absent
Mayor Chang	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Approve 10/28/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

Minutes of the 10/14/2014 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Solicitor George Saponaro – read a letter aloud that was submitted to the Editor of the Burlington County Times regarding comments that have appeared in the “Vent”. He addressed comments that were made by a person named “Anthony” who had alluded, amongst other things, that a developer’s contribution being made for a senior center was somehow not proper in form.

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about Resolution 109-14; the Water Line Utility Easement Agreement. She asked the Committee to explain this. George Saponaro explained that this was a dedication of water line easements for Project Freedom.

Old Business

None

New Business

Best Practices Inventory 2014 – is complete. This is a series of 50 questions that every municipality in NJ has to answer. You must score 36 or above to not have your state aid cut. It must be done every year; some questions are changed every year.

Police Report – no further comments made

Public Works Report – Mr. Maybury asked about the dump truck status and delivery; one will be delivered on the 31st, the second on the following Friday, according to Mike Meenan. They will be here in time for snow plowing season.

EMS Report – Mr. Daniels commented about the Ebola outbreak; he hopes we don't experience it. Westampton Township is one of the 5 EMS agencies that will respond to Ebola type cases. We are staffed 24 hours a day, all employees are trained at the hazmat level and our location in the center of the County is advantageous. Craig Farnsworth had a meeting today at the County regarding how to handle these types of incidents, if they occur. He is confident that if anything were to happen our people would not be exposed. The Department is prepared and a plan is in place. The EMS Department has been doing door to door smoke detector inspections. They found a smoke detector that dated back prior to 1964; they now have two brand new detectors in place in the home. They are doing it all for free and have replaced 250 batteries in a week and 10 days.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – no further comments made.

Resolutions

107-14 Payment of Vouchers (10/14/14/ & 10/28/14) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

108-14 Chapter 159, Body Armor Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

109-14 Execute Water Line Utility Easement Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

Resolutions 110-14 through 126-14 are Grass Lien Resolutions: one motion and second for all of them. Ms. Teleisa made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

127-14 Burlington-Mt. Holly Rd. Sidewalk Improvements Project – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

128-14 Springside Road/Woodlane Road Bikeway Improvements Project – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

129-14 Holly Lane Phase 3 Roadway Improvements Project – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

130-14 Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

Ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 PM on Saturday 11/1/2014 for new field at RVRHS

Parade for Homecoming on Saturday 11/1/2014 for RVRHS

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

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

Election Day – Tuesday, November 4th

Rabies Clinic, November 22, 2014, 9 to 11 AM, Public Works Garage

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Police Chief Smith thanked Roger Winner of Sunnyside Farms for the donation of hay bales and the tractor for the Halloween Festival.

Open to public Comment

Len Godleski – is on the Board of Directors of the Fernbrooke Homeowners Association. He thanked the Westampton Fire and EMS Department for the wonderful job they did in their development; they came around with ladders and replaced batteries and smoke detectors.

Mr. Milanese – asked the Township Committee to meet with the Freeholders; he wants a meeting place for retired service people, soldiers and senior citizens. Deputy Mayor

Maybury commented that asking was a good start; Mr. Milanese had approached the Committee years ago wanting to build a Veteran's memorial, which was finally completed. Mr. Daniels would reach out and see if they can get this issue on the docket of the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee.

Nancy Burkley – asked if anyone notified the newspaper, they have been publishing the wrong amount of the donation the developer is making towards the senior center. It is supposed to be \$200,000 and not \$250,000.

Linda Hynes, Board of Education – will recognize 28 students that earned perfect scores on the NJ ASK test; the Halloween Parade at Holly Hills School is at 9:15 AM. The playground is finished; the children love it and it is safe.

Chris Parente – there was a recent article in the BCT about deer accidents; said that we have one of the highest accident rates. He asked if we could have a deer crossing sign installed on Main Street in Rancocas.

Janet Curran – wants the Township to consider purchasing the Virtua Memorial building that the church is under contract to buy. She doesn't think that \$200,000 is enough money for an addition to the recreation center. She doesn't think we can afford 3 apartment buildings that will add more children to our schools. It will cost us more money, will bring in more traffic. She has never attended a meeting where the Solicitor has done more talking than the Committee. Nov. 8th is the American Legion Spaghetti Dinner.

Mr. Maybury – the County or State most likely doesn't have any grants available to purchase a property like the Virtua building.

Ms. Teleisa – attended the Fall Festival last Friday night; it was a great success. There were lots of activities; she wants to commend all the departments for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Daniels – we continue to build point of pride entities in our Township. The Fall Festival had a feeling of a carnival, very similar to what the County does. It's a great night having children and teenagers come out. Kudos to Todd, Donna and the whole Recreation staff as well as all involved. It was a great example of teamwork. Tuesday Nov. 11th is an American Legion continental breakfast in celebration of Veteran's Day.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk