

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM Closed Session 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

September 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with all members present. Resolution 9-23-14 was adopted to go into Executive session to discuss EMS personnel, EMS and Police contracts.

The meeting was called back to order and reopened to the public at 7:04 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 9/23/14 Agenda – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

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

Scheduled Appointments:

None

Public Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the Farmland Preservation for the Deacon Farm and what the development easement was for; the Mayor explained that it is simply an easement that would prevent any future development of the property, which would remain as farmland.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sara Stevens Franklin Homer – in memoriam. Mayor Chang had attended her funeral; she was a wonderful woman who recently passed away. She worked very hard with the Timbuctoo Discovery Project; she lost her battle with cancer. The Mayor had presented her husband with a resolution from the Township of Westampton.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Reports – July and August 2014. Fire Prevention Week is coming up, October 5 through the 11th. The EMS Open House is October 9th.

Police Department Reports – these reports were extremely detailed, according to the Mayor. Ms. Teleisa asked about the difference in traffic enforcement, Chief Smith explained that the Class II Officers had completed their training. Arrests also are on the rise now that they are part of the force and done with their training.

EMS Report – Matt Davis was in attendance this evening. September 11th was their memorial service; the Open House is October 9th; things are going well in the department. Ms. Teleisa knows they were looking for volunteers this summer and wanted to know how many they secured. Matt Davis answered about 7 to 10 members; 7 are very strong, 2 of them are in fire school at this time. It worked out very well. They would continue to push this and try to get more kids involved. They changed their application process; they now do a thorough background and investigation process. It costs about \$2000 in total to train a volunteer; they want to make sure they have good candidates.

Public Works Report – the grass cutting season is winding down. They have been focusing on the Holly Hills School playground. Mr. Daniels wants to thank Supervisor Mike Meenan for his very detailed report and thanks the entire department as well. He knows their job is incredibly hard especially with being short handed. He appreciates their efforts.

Resolutions

99-14 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

100-14 Hazard Mitigation Plan – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

101-14 Cancel Taxes, Exempt Properties – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa asked what documentation is necessary. They are military disabled and have to produce their federal forms to prove their disability.

102-14 Cancel Taxes – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

103-14 Approval of Farmland Preservation Application, Deacon Farm, Block 1001, Lot 5 & Block 906.07, Lot 7 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

104-14 Person to Person Liquor License Transfer – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes. This is quite a lengthy process; the police do a lengthy investigation as well as fingerprinting. They have to advertise; Donna takes written comments if any are submitted. All paperwork has been completed.

Ordinances

10-2014 Bond Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. This process takes about 6 to 9 months to complete; we may not use the entire \$500,000. The job will go out for bid. Janet Curran asked if the bids had gone out yet; they have not. She asked if all of the work has to be done now, can't some of it be put off. Donna Ryan answered that we cannot since the HVAC units are all located on the roof. The shingles are cracked and bowed and need to be replaced. Mike Meenan explained that everything is tied together and they need to be done together, at this same time.

Nancy Burkley – asked if the Township Committee considered doing solar panels. Donna answered that the roof is facing in the wrong direction.

John Mumbower – regarding the bond and the amount; if we are going to secure all the money, what will happen to the rest if it all isn't spent. Donna Ryan answered that it is cancelled and paid right back. There were no further comments from the public.

11-2014 Salary Ordinance, PW, Court, Administration, Construction Employees (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. This is in accordance with their contracts.

12-2014 Salary Ordinance, EMS and Firefighters (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

13-2014 Salary Ordinance, Police Officers (first reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

EMS Open House – October 9th

Westampton Fall Festival @ Sports Complex, October 24th, 6 PM to 9 PM

Workshops

None

Comments – Department Heads & Professionals

Matt Davis – they are busy preparing for their Open House on October 9.

John Augustino – clock change time is coming up; change batteries in smoke detectors.

Mike Meenan – received two pickup trucks recently; they will be getting them ready to get on the road shortly. They also will be taking delivery on two dump trucks soon.

October 27th is the tentative leaf collection start. They are picking up old yellow recycling buckets on Tuesdays during September and October.

Rick Smith – October is Breast Cancer awareness month; a press release recently went out.

Open to public Comment

Nancy Burkley – wants the Committee to consider moving the meeting back to the meeting room; it is hard to hear in this room. The audience would be closer and would feel like everyone is working together. She thanked the Committee for following the rules for OPMA; and asked if they have considered maybe having a workshop to learn about OPMA; there are a lot of rules and regulations.

Linda Hynes, 881 Rancocas Road – is a member of the Westampton Board of Education. She thanked the Committee for their support; she takes her role on the Board very seriously. She will be attending Township meetings at least once a month.

Janet Curran – today her granddaughter was taken to the emergency room for a bad asthma attack; she also has a virus. She thinks a note was going home today with students. She knows that there is more being done over at the Sports Complex; the second turf field has taken quite a while. She is concerned about events coming up and it not being ready. She wants to be a part of the Timbuctoo meetings. Donna Ryan stated that the field project is only a few days behind; the turf should be installed on Monday, September 30th. We are hoping it is fully complete by the Fall Festival. Janet Curran remarked that the portable generator lights blind people on Rancocas Road. It will be much better when the permanent lights are installed.

John Mumbower – asked if there are any ordinances regarding prohibiting recycling cans or garbage cans being stored in front of the house. We don't have any ordinances like this; Mayor Chang stated he is not the first person to mention this and it is unsightly. She believes that we should have one that requires these containers to be stored out of sight.

Mr. Daniels – we have some great events in our community; the EMS Open House; National Night out; the Fall Festival. Many communities are having their community day and Westampton residents have been asking him what happened to Westampton Day. He asked if the Recreation Committee could look at it again for next year. He is happy about the new single stream recycling that is taking place. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community; More Than Hair just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Mr. Thorpe – thanked Chief Smith for all the traffic summons written; an extra 271 tickets from one month to the other.

Ms. Teleisa – thanked Linda Hynes from the Board of Education for their support; they have developed a great relationship.

Mayor Chang– thanked the EMS Department for a wonderful September 11th memorial.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk