

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2013

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, 2013. 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

Katelyn McElmoyl, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM Workshop – regarding tax appeals and the Rancocas Nature Center

Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the repairs for the tennis court and if the money to refurbish it was coming from the County grant; it is. She asked how many bids came in; two bids were submitted; it is fairly specialized work.

New Business

None

Resolutions

59-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa asked Chief Smith about the payment to the Burlington County Treasurer in the amount of \$9581.00; it is the New World Reporting system that they are required to have by the County. This is the yearly fee that they have to pay; it has actually decreased about \$1000.00 since last year.

60-13 Support Sustainable State Funding for Preservation & Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland & Historic Sites in NJ - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

61-13 Carryout Bag Reduction & Recycling Act – motion to table this resolution by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes. This was tabled due to the Committee wanting more information on this.

62-13 Local Examination of Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

63-13 Authorize Budget to be Read by Title – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

64-13 2013 Municipal Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened for public comment. No comment was made.

65-13 Remount of Vehicle #2781, Ford Ambulance – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked that since there was no bidding, how we knew it is a fair price; Chief Wylie Johnson stated it is cost specific and is a fair price; and it is half the cost of a new ambulance. It should last another ten years. This vehicle has been problematic every since it came out of warranty.

66-13 Award Contract for Manor Drive Tennis Court Reconstruction – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa asked if we used this company before; Donna stated that we have.

67-13 Project Freedom – resolution of need – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

68-13 Executive Session – for discussion of the Rancocas Nature Center. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Ordinances

4-2013 Bond Ordinance (second reading). Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment made.

Correspondence

Municipal Percentage Shares for Tax Levies for Regional School Districts

Office of Emergency Management – letter of thanks to Officer Daryl Caulfield

Dates to remember

May 21 – Law Day; RV students are invited to spend the morning at the courthouse in Mt. Holly; they will have the opportunity to speak with judges and liaisons about careers.

Marion Saluki – May 24 – will receive an award; she is a resident of Westampton and has been involved with our work at Timbuctoo.

Mr. Thorpe – the annual Ham Dinner in Rancocas is taking place on May 4th. They usually serve about 400 people. It is from 4 PM to 7 PM.

Workshops

PDA
Rowan Property Acquisition
Tax Appeals

Comments

Chief Wylie Johnson – thanked the Committee for allowing the remount of the ambulance; the new ladder truck is progressing nicely; it should be ready in mid June or July.

Fire Official John Augustino – no open burning is permitted in yards; people are doing spring cleanup. Mr. Maybury asked if chimineas were legal; they are.

Police Office/Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield – attended a tri county meeting with the state police about Hurricane Sandy; it is now known as post tropical cyclone Sandy; they met with the coordinators to find out if there were any problems or issues. 17 million dollars have been paid out by the Federal Government; they have paid out over 14 million to date for Sandy. The Federal Government sends money to each state and the state distributes the money. It won't be closed out for another four to five months.

Deputy Clerk Marion Karp– gave an update on recycling; single stream collection has now been postponed until February 2014.

Mr. Daniels – the County will be overlaying 17 miles of County roads; 2.2 miles of that will lie within Westampton Township. He wanted to thank Mayor Chang and the Committee for their support in making the deal with the County a reality; in particular, he would like to thank Donna for all her work with the Rancocas Nature Center. It is a pristine point of pride destination in our community. He wanted to pass along his condolences to Fire Chief Johnson on the loss of Captain Goodwin; a fellow firefighter.

Mayor Chang – thanked Donna and Mr. Daniels for their efforts in regard to the Rancocas Nature Center; Mr. Daniels attended many meetings. She and Donna attended meetings in attempt to negotiate ways to keep the Center open. Hopefully we will have summer camps held there this year. This past Saturday she attended an event where Congressman John Lewis was present and received an award for “Stop the Violence”. She invites any resident to take the budget information out to any one not present; to contact any member of the Committee to sit down and go over the budget and answer any questions they may have. They are open to that; they are transparent and they are available.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – thanked everyone who worked on keeping the Nature Center open. She asked if anyone was living back in the Indian Reservation; no one is; the building is vacant. She supports any equipment that the fire fighters and police department need.

Mr. Daniels – Janet is the one person who has been coming out steadily to the meetings. It is good that she takes an interest in what is going on. He thinks it is positive to have people that are informed and will hold the Committee accountable. He thanks her for attending and would like to see all the seats filled, not in an adversarial way, but would like to see more interest from our residents.

Ruth Bonano, 21 Westwind Way – 32 Sharpless Blvd is deteriorating. She wondered if anything could be done. She needs to contact our Code Enforcement Officer Gene Blair.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk