

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM WORKSHOP     7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 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 on 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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

6:00 PM Workshop – Peter Hovnanian

7:00 PM – Swear in new EMT/Firefighter Matt Roman – Mayor Chang swore in Matt Roman.

### **Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Bureau of Fire Prevention Reports, June 2013 & July 2013 – John Augustino included an attachment regarding some updates from the Consumer Products Safety Division about recalled and unsafe products.

Police Report – no further comments made.

Public Works Report – no further comments made.

Westampton American Legion Post 509 Annual Report – Mr. Daniels, who is a member, stated that the Commander and all of those who comprise the Legion do a stellar job in keeping the historical building in tip top shape; it is a veterans Post that many across the state have tried to emulate; they are a point of pride for the Township; they continually give back to the community.

Proclamation – “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Statewide Crackdown”

### **Resolutions**

102-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

103-13 Tax Appeal Settlement, Kohl’s Department Store, Block 901, Lot 1.01 – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked what this meant dollar wise as far as the settlement; this is our first large appeal that we have settled according to Donna. We owe them back \$56,822.80.

104-13 Award Contract for Phone System – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained. A lot of work went into this, Rick Smith worked on this. Our bill should be reduced by approximately one third.

105-13 Extension of Time for Payment of Tax Bills – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

106-13 Interlocal Service Agreement, “Collision Investigation & Traffic Enforcement Unit” – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. We do this every few years; it is a mutual aid agreement. We can call for back up if we need it. This allows the officers in the RV sending district to share special officers such as those who investigate fatal accidents. This is a new interlocal agreement and there is no cost associated with it.

### **Ordinances**

9-2013 Authorize Sale of Real Property Located at 38 Winstead Drive, Block 401.01, Lot 73 (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Second reading will be held on September 10, 2013. This was a low income property which lost its status; we were able to purchase it for a very good price; we get two credits back. Salt and Light will serve as the landlord instead of us having to do it.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from resident – regarding property maintenance.

Municipal Court Visitation Report & Letter from Judge Andronici – this was a glowing report regarding the Court employees and the job they have done

### **Dates to remember**

Oct. 13 – Rancocas Nature Center, fall event, details to follow

Oct. 25 – Westampton Recreation Fall Festival- Westampton Sports Complex. We need volunteers to help with the festival

Aug. 14 – Recreation meeting @ 7 PM here in the Municipal Building

### **Workshops**

There will be a follow up meeting to the Hovnanian project discussed this evening.

### **Comments**

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – thanks for taking the time for swearing in new EMT/FF Roman; he had volunteered with the company previously. The new truck will probably be delivered on Monday. Open House will be held on Oct. 10. There will be a special time earlier in the day specially set aside for senior citizens. The main event will start at 6 PM.

Mayor Chang – the Public Works Department has done an incredible job.

Ms. Teleisa – attended the Westampton Board of Education meeting last night; there is now a new program for autism. It is for students through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; contact Debra Kearny of Special Services. Third and sixth grade students will be tested for their IQ scores. This should be an interesting year. The next meeting will be on Sept. 9, 2013. They are very informal meetings.

Mayor Chang – we have one half hour remaining before the polls close; she invites anyone to vote in the special primary.

### **Open to public Comment**

Mr. Milanese – came to a meeting about 3 months ago and asked about sidewalks in Holly Hills. Mike Meenan has started going around town grading problem sidewalks; there are several areas that are in bad shape. Donna explained that homeowners are responsible for their sidewalks. We are trying to get a list together to start to replace some; we have replaced a few. The trees planted are lifting the sidewalks. Some of the residents can't

afford to fix the sidewalks. We do have an option to assess for the replacement of the sidewalks and the residents could make payments over time.

Carol Payne, 610 Howell Drive – concerned about the storm drain on Howell Drive. Several homeowners were hit very severely by flooding last month. The drain overflowed and the water had no where to go; it did extensive damage. There has to be something that can be done. The Mayor had received a similar letter from someone who lives in Tarnsfield that experienced the same thing. Unfortunately we have several areas that flood during extensive rains. The ditches in Tarnsfield overflow and cannot handle all that water. The Public Works checked all the storm drains and do so every year; one drain is being jetted just in case. We did call the engineer in to see if there is a solution and the County is being contacted as well.

Mr. Maybury is familiar with the flooding issues as he works for the Sewerage Authority in Mt. Holly; the County is checking into it. They haven't received an answer yet. This may be related to what is going on in Holly Hills and Tarnsfield; it has been very bad this year. Rancocas Road has been shut down twice which is very unusual. The Rancocas Creek appears to be the common problem since everything flows into it. It has been an unusually wet summer with huge amounts of rain. Mr. Maybury would work with Mike Meenan and get in touch with the County to see what could be done.

Sophie Williams, 611 Howell Drive – 5 cars were damaged in the flood; hers was totaled. The water came to her front door; she thinks we don't have enough storm drains. She is scared every time it rains now.

Janet Curran – asked if it was possible to do a shared service with Willingboro as far as property maintenance. She asked if any playgrounds were being refurbished; Tarnsfield playground is being totally redone. Our Recreation Department went out and checked all the playgrounds to see what needs to be redone. She asked if Timbuctoo would ever become a National Historic District; Mayor Chang answered that there is a committee working on this; they are next meeting on August 22. Ms. Curran stated that she doesn't think there should be digs taking place back there.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk