

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION/WORKSHOP 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 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	Absent
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Committeeman Thorpe	Present
Mayor Chang	Present

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

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

Scheduled Appointments

None

Comments on agenda items

Gil Gehin Scott, 104 Second Street – asked about what the reduction in taxes would be dollar wise, for the tax appeal resolutions; Donna would have the figures in January.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino commented that for those that have real Christmas trees be sure to keep them well watered; we want to prevent these kinds of fires. He wished everyone a good holiday season

Police Report – Mr. Daniels wanted to pass along his thanks to Officer Polite regarding the hand written letter of thanks contained in the report.

EMS Report – Santa Run is Saturday Dec. 21; Mayor Chang wished them warm weather.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan stated they are trying to get their equipment up and running; they have been experiencing a lot of mechanical issues; hydraulic and brake problems, problems with the spreaders, etc.

Resolutions

134-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

135-13 through 159-13; Grass Cutting Liens – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

160-13 Chapter 159, Recycling Tonnage Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

161-13 Transfer of Appropriation Funds – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

162-13 Tax Appeal Settlement – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

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167-13 Chapter 159, Body Armor – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This is a grant received from the State.

168-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

169-13 Tax Appeal Settlement – motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

14-2013 Amend Chapter 203, Solicitors and Canvassers (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Thorpe. This was opened to the public for comment, no public comment was made. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

December 11 – Annual Senior Citizen’s Holiday Dinner, 6 PM – WMS

December 14 – Annual Recreation Breakfast with Santa

December 21, Westampton Fire/EMS Annual “Santa Run”

January 6, 2014 – 6 PM – Township Committee Reorganization meeting

Workshops

None

Comments

Daryl Caulfield – finally finished their portion of the states’ hazmat mitigation plan, it was submitted last week.

Donna Ryan and Solicitor Burry– Merry Christmas to all

Marion Karp – Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone

Mr. Daniels – attended the Holly Hills School winter concert and tree lighting ceremony. It was wonderful, the music teacher has done a wonderful job; the PTA had an art fair as well. Our school will be getting some construction money; he doesn’t know what the intended use is at this point. He wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Mr. Thorpe – Happy New Year and Merry Christmas

Ms. Teleisa – congratulations on the Sergeant promotions; they were both well deserved. She wasn’t able to attend the last meeting. She thinks the Public Works Department does a great job with the roads; we weren’t expecting the snow that we got on Sunday. There was a huge difference between our Township and adjoining Burlington Township roads. Happy holidays to every one.

Mayor Chang– attended the RV High School Board of Education meeting in place of Ms. Teleisa due to her surgery. Some children received student of the month awards

beforehand; in fact her own son was chosen this time. She announced that in 2014 the Township Committee will be hosting their 2nd annual Black History Month contest; they will get the essay question out earlier this year than last. They will make the contest available to the younger students at Holly Hills School as well. She will contact businesses to offer prizes to the children for this contest. She wished everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – the squirrels have chewed the wires at the Veteran's memorial; that is why the flags have been in the dark. Mike Meenan explained that this is being addressed. If anyone would like to contribute to the families for Christmas it would be welcomed. She thanked all the public service workers and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holiday.

Sam Hayes – wished everyone happy holidays; he congratulated Public Works; good job with leaves this year. Squirrels got into the attic of the American Legion this summer; they chewed up some wires. They lost power in the attic and part of the second floor. He doesn't know if the lights for the flag memorial were affected by this or not.

Gil Gehin Scott – happy holidays to all and watch out for the ice in the parking lot on your way out.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk