

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes, Mr. Thorpe abstained.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM Closed Session

7:00 PM Awards for Black History Month Essay Contest Presentation – Mayor Chang asked the four winners to come forward. The winners were Donovan Woodham (first prize), Malcolm Stanley (second prize), Morgan Gallagher (third place) and Joey Stellwag (Honorable mention). She received about 80 essays; they were all good but these four were excellent. The subject the children had written about was “Diversity” and what it means to them. The kids received TD Bank gift cards as prizes.

Comments on agenda items

Louis Lopez asked about Resolution 44-13; he asked where the Sports Complex was located.

New Business

JIF 2012 Safety Incentive Program Awards – we are awarded money at the beginning of each year. Fire Chief Wylie Johnson is in charge of our Safety Committee. We have \$2528 to spend on safety items this year.

EMS Report – no further comments made

Public Works Report – the flags at the Veteran's memorial were just replaced.

Police Report – no further comments made

Fire Prevention Report – no further comments made

Resolutions

43-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

44-13 Award Bid for Sports Complex Phase VI Lighting - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This money will come out of the County grant that we received.

45-13 Contract Change Order #1-2013 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mayor Chang commented that a decrease in the amount of the contract was wonderful.

46-13 Refund Taxes, Block 1102, Lot 3 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

47-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel issues. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

2-2013 Establish Cap Bank (second reading). Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. This was opened to the public for comment. Louis Lopez asked what the 3.5% represented; it is \$284,00.00. All voted yes. This is money that has not been spent.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

JIF Elected Officials Dinner, 3/13/12 @ 6 PM, Charley's Other Brother

Comments

Daryl Caulfield – all paperwork has been submitted to FEMA; they are waiting. Since they haven't received reimbursement from Hurricane Irene yet, they suspect it will take some time.

Open to public Comment

Mr. Milanes, Fort Drive – came to a meeting about two months ago; complained about the sidewalks in Holly Hills and wants to know what is going to be done about it. Mayor Chang appreciated his comments and is mindful of the fact that problems exist; the Committee just discussed it 45 minutes ago. They intend to take care of some of them in the near future. The Mayor thinks our services are second to none; our departments are all excellent. She thinks he should appreciate the fact that he lives in a nice community with excellent services.

Ginny Grossman, Westampton Schools Superintendent and Principal – on behalf of the students, faculty and staff she thanked the Committee for giving the children an opportunity to take part in the essay contest. She looks forward to working with the Township again. Mayor Chang stated that the winning essays would be posted on our website.

Louis Lopez – asked the Mayor if she has seen any changes since she has taken office. She has seen changes in herself; she is a lot more tired than she was before. He asked Committeeman Thorpe how he liked his position. He then asked if we received taxes from County facilities and if we had a local Township library.

Mr. Daniels – last Wednesday, as liaison and as a veteran; he went to Diane Allen's open house and ribbon cutting at her newly opened office. He met a lot of folks out there, it is on Route 206 in Bordentown; the former Armory building. The office will be maintained by Allen's staff every Wednesday from 7 AM to 4 PM. Junior Achievement is a program that educates students about entrepreneurship. George Norcross was the executive speaker today; it is an excellent opportunity to network and meet people. He wanted to commend the Mayor on her idea of the diversity essay. Regarding Black History month, there were lots of events and ceremonies; it started out as a weeklong celebration in 1926; in 1976 it went from a week to a month long celebration. He thanked Ms. Weston and Chris Barton for their continuing efforts with Timbuctoo.

Mayor Chang– noted that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Augustino were now back from the emergency. She asked them if they had any further comments to add to their submitted reports.

John Augustino – be careful when discarding hot ashes; there was a fire this week involving involving fireplace ashes on Woodlane Road.

Mr. Thorpe – thinks we have an amazing set of departments; he was astounded by the volunteer EMS report; over 1000 hours were worked in January. One volunteer put in over 100 hours; it would be nice if everyone understood how much they do for us.

Mr. Maybury – congratulated the essay winners; he was sure it wasn't a required assignment; to put that kind of effort in writing was great. He welcomed all the guests this evening. He is looking forward to spring; has had enough of the gloomy, rainy cold weather.

Ms. Teleisa – had a question on the EMS spreadsheet; in particular, the area comparing the calls from last year to this year. There was a drastic jump from last January to this January. 48 calls are about the average, according to Wylie. They are doing an amazing job. She wanted to tell the students how much she enjoyed reading the essays; she is proud to have them as part of our town and that they are an important part of our community. She thanked our Superintendent and the School Board president.

Mayor Chang – thanked the teachers and administration who clearly promoted the essay contest. It was a daunting task to read all the essays; she read them all by Saturday; and transmitted the ones she liked the best to Committeewoman Teleisa. It is obvious the students are very much aware of the historic portion of Westampton, Timbuctoo. She was very pleased reading them; and extends a special thanks to TD Bank for providing the gift card to the student. It is a wonderful way to encourage students to write and to include them in what is going on in our community. Maybe one day one of these students will be Mayor or a Committee person. She absolutely believes in Westampton schools and knows they have done a wonderful job with our students.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk