

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION    REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 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 March 12, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

### **Scheduled Appointments**

6:30 PM Workshop – was concerning the Rancocas Nature Center and Recreation.

### **Comments on agenda items**

Louis Lopez – asked about the resolution regarding Rancocas Valley Patriots Football; they play at our Sports Complex; they will be structured better, equipment issues were straightened out. They will be under our JIF insurance as an association; we are following the model that Florence Township has used. They have to give us a report on their finances; none of their monies will go through our Recreation Trust Fund. It will not cost the Township anything to do this. We made money from them through our concession stand last year. If a student were to get hurt on the field, our JIF would cover it; although anyone that gets hurt on the fields would be covered. This gives us some power over their association; they are meeting in our Municipal Building now. They will do all their own recruiting; they will hold their sign ups here. We hope to increase their participation rates.

**New Business**

Police Report – Mayor Chang asked how the officer was doing that was injured during the snow storm; it was Officer Dennis Davis. He was released from the hospital and was back to work the next day. Mr. Maybury asked about the damage to the vehicles; he asked if the one described with moderate damage was usable; Chief Smith answered that it was not. Mayor Chang commented that it seems as if DWI arrests are up.

Public Works Report – no further comment was made.

EMS Report – Matt Augustino reported in place of Chief Johnson. Craig Farnsworth attended the National Fire Academy in Maryland; the assembly of the new ladder truck is on schedule. They have some new volunteers coming in this past month. There was a letter from a resident, Elaine Weber, on Lancaster Drive that thanked them for their services.

Fire Prevention Report – Matt Augustino reported, John Augustino is in training tonight. They are presently assisting business owners in registering businesses thru their office.

**Resolutions**

53-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

54-13 Designate Rancocas Valley Patriots Football as Official Sponsor for Westampton Township - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

55-13 2013 Refund Taxes, Block 903, Lot 1 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

56-13 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

57-13 Approve Interlocal Agreement with Westampton Board of Education – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

58-13 Temporary Capital Budget – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

**Ordinances**

4-2013 Bond Ordinance (first reading). Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Second reading will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Correspondence**

Westampton Township Environmental Committee – two sample resolutions. If the Committee agrees with these we can prepare resolutions for the next meeting for adoption.

### **Dates to remember**

The Mayor received an email from the Westampton Recreation Department that outlined the various summer sports camps available.

### **Workshops**

PDA – will be discussed at a later date

Rowan Property Acquisition

Tax Appeals

### **Comments**

Daryl Caulfield – graduated from his 3 week Emergency Management School. We have been totally reimbursed from Hurricane Irene; and about 75% from Hurricane Sandy.

Solicitor George Saponaro – will be signing off on the Haskell lawsuit shortly.

Mr. Daniels – congratulations to Daryl. He thanked the staff for the card that was sent for the recent passing of his Father. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Teleisa – congratulations to Daryl Caulfield.

Mayor Chang – all Committee members attended the JIF Elected Officials dinner; it was an excellent program. She attended the BCAP Board of Trustees meeting; it was her first and was a wonderful meeting; Mr. Daniels is her alternate. She also attended the Disabled American Veterans Flag Dedication on March 21 in Pemberton; it was a wonderful event; Mr. Daniels was also present. Last night she went to the Westampton Township Board of Education meeting for Ms. Teleisa, who was unable to attend. They presented their budget in a slide show format.

**Open to public Comment**

Pat Ianonne – has received information that the Freeholders are going to cut the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund. She wondered if the Committee had any information on this. The Committee was not aware of any of this. Ms. Ianonne stated that the person who gave her this information did not want their name divulged. She asked if they could give any information about the Rancocas Nature Center; Mayor Chang commented that the Committee is working very hard with the County to insure that the Center continues and they all support it and will do whatever it takes to insure it continues to survive and function.

Louis Lopez – asked about the status of the projects to be completed under the \$250,000 Park Grant; the contract was awarded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball field lights; the specs were out for the Manor Drive tennis courts; the sprinklers are being worked on and the playground equipment was being chosen.

The Freeholder's meeting is tomorrow evening. He asked if there was any way to contact the former Mayor; Mayor Chang stated that we did not have that information.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk