

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 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

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the April 23, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes, Mr. Daniels and Mr. Maybury abstained.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM Workshop – regarding Timbuctoo, Project Freedom and chipping issues

Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the resolution for the shared services agreement for the Rancocas Nature Center; the Mayor answered her and told her what the County would be doing versus what responsibilities the Township would be taking over. Representatives from the Nature Center were at the May Fair held in Rancocas this past weekend.

She asked about Ordinance 5-2013 regarding chipping and private contractors. She asked if mailings could be sent out twice a year; Donna explained that we didn't have the money for the postage anymore. The Mayor explained that a lot of townships are going green and we post all this information on the website. Ms. Curran likes the ordinance but thinks that the seniors need a newsletter mailed home like we used to do. We would include an informational sheet in the tax bills when they are mailed out.

New Business

Appoint LDB Alternate, Gary Borger, term expires 12/31/2014 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes.

Shared Service, Community Energy Aggregation Savings; meeting 5/23/13 @ 6 PM – will be held at the Burl Co Community Culinary Arts center in Mt. Holly. The Mayor would be attending.

Approve stipend in the amount of \$8,000 for Timbuctoo research – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Thorpe. All voted yes, Ms. Teleisa voted no. Mr. Daniels is in full support of this and wants to see it move ahead; he considers this a necessary motion to keep this project going. Mayor Chang agrees with this. On May 1st Law Day was celebrated; there were several re enactments; she was pleased and proud to hear that many discussions that day involved Timbuctoo; she thinks it certainly is a point of pride for our community.

Resolutions

73-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked about a bill for electric out of the Open Space Fund; the money comes out now and will be reimbursed into the fund later as Donna explained. Mr. Daniels stated that the County had released more funds for grants; we expect to hear about this soon.

74-13 Rancocas Nature Center Shared Services Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

75-13 Receive Bids for Backhoe/Loader – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

76-13 Award Contract for Feasibility Study to DMR – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. Mr. Maybury stated that he had looked through the binder from Maryland again; he is leaning towards this group since they specialize in Fire/EMS. Mayor Chang commented in light of the fact that we just approved a new ladder truck and the state of our budget she is not in favor of this; it is clear to her that their intent is to come in and level and re design the building. Our residents cannot afford a new \$6 million dollar building. She also stated that there is no feasibility study from them preserving the existing building. Mr. Maybury realizes that it isn't realistic to build a new building at this time. Roll call vote – Mr. Daniels, Ms. Teleisa and Mayor Chang voted yes. Mr. Maybury voted no. Mr. Thorpe abstained.

77-13 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Thorpe; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

5-2013 Amend Chapter 95, Brush, Grass, Weeds & Debris (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

6-2013 Amend Chapter 250, Zoning (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

Memorial Day – American Legion Post celebration/wreath laying

Workshops

Comments

Chief Smith commented that the radar reader is in and is hooked up to the laptop.
Chief Wylie Johnson– thanks for attending Pete’s retirement luncheon yesterday; he served the Township for 10 years.

Fire Official John Augustino – it is spring cooking season outside for grills; keep them ten feet away from homes.

Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield – attended the NJ Emergency Preparedness Conference; it was very well attended. Attendance rose from about 500 to over 1600, in large part due to Hurricane Sandy. He attended several classes while at the conference. There was a lot of good information for first responders.

Mr. Daniels – on Sunday May 5 he attended the re dedication of the Rancocas Nature Center along with the Mayor; he thanked Donna, Mary Pat Robbie and Mark Zimmaro. It was a really great day; we should be proud of Donna, who got this project done. He also attended the ribbon cutting of the Burlington County Library; from a capacity perspective it is a jewel. We now have a building where many things can happen. Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week; he thanked them for their continued efforts. This is Police Week; ceremonies are taking place this week. He thanked the Chief; first responders run towards the problem instead of away. It is also Military Appreciation month; he will attend the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce meeting tomorrow evening.

Mr. Maybury- agrees with the “Buy Local” policy; it helps communities. We are officially into garden planting season.

Mayor Chang – went to the library ribbon cutting ceremony a few weeks ago; it was wonderful. Libraries still can make a difference in this day and age. The Rancocas Nature Center re dedication was probably one of her favorite things to do; so many levels of government got together, they saw the need, acted on the need and got it done. Everyone worked so hard to make sure that it did not die; she is proud of the work that Westampton did and believes it will survive for a long time.

Open to public Comment

Sam Hayes, American Legion – on May 27 at 10 AM they will conduct a joint service with the Am Vets for Memorial Day; he invited the Committee and the Mayor to attend and to speak if she wanted to say a few words. Their annual report would be sent out in July to the Committee. They are now the second largest post in Burlington County out of 18; they are very active in the community running the various programs. There were many local students who won awards not only at the local level but at the State level. Joe Rogers just recently passed away; he was very active in the American Legion. Mr. Daniels asked if the leadership of the American Legion and the kids who won the awards could be present at a Township Committee meeting. Sam Hayes would try to arrange this. They would be presenting the EMT and Fire Fighter of the Year awards shortly.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk