

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 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

Danielle McElmoyl, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of September 24, 2013 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM JIF – Hardenburgh Insurance. This presentation takes place annually; it gives the governing body the opportunity to ask any safety related questions. Commended the Township Safety Committee in the Township, they do a top notch job. The Safety Coordinator is Fire Chief Wylie Johnson, the Fund Commissioner is Donna Ryan, and the Claims Coordinator is Marion Karp. In 2012 we qualified for the maximum allowable reward for the safety program. He reviewed the loss figures from Superstorm Sandy.

The Township has been working on an Emergency Management plan which is extremely important. The JIF had learned many lessons in the aftermath of not only Sandy but Hurricane Irene. The time to prepare is now, before another storm hits. The Township has qualified for the maximum safety award for each of the years that they have been enrolled in the JIF.

Comments on agenda items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program, Acquisition Targeting List – this is a request for Municipal Review. We have until November 15 to make our comments. The two properties listed are at the top of our list to preserve.

Resolutions

123-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

124-13 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. We get these funds every year; this is federal money. A vest costs \$1185.00 each.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

October 10 – Westampton Fire/EMS Open House

October 13 – Rancocas Nature Center, fall event, details to follow

October 25 – Westampton Recreation Fall Festival- Westampton Sports Complex

Workshops

None

Comments

Police Chief Rick Smith – received the COPS grant from the federal government; one of our officers is resigning, he is taking a job with NJ Transit Police.

Emergency Management Coordinator Daryl Caulfield – went over what people should have in their ready kit in case a storm strikes. Water, a gallon per person per day; non

perishable food; dust masks; dog and cat food; can opener; battery operated radio; map; first aid kit; flashlight with batteries; extra batteries; pen; a whistle; wrench or pliers; wipes; baby formula and diapers are some of the recommended items.

Fire Chief John Augustino – Wylie Johnson wanted everyone to know that he is in a training class the next few months so he may miss a few meetings. This year for Fire Prevention Week the theme is Prevent Kitchen Fires.

Donna Ryan – the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner will take place at WMS on December 11th @ 6 PM. This is a joint effort with RCASA and the Recreation Department.

Mr. Daniels – attended Sheriff Jean Stanfield's Silent Witness project memorial event for Providence House. In the last 10 years 52 officers were killed in the line of duty during domestic violence calls. This month is also Breast Cancer Awareness month; he has a sister in law who is just entering hospice so this comes full circle for him and his family. This Saturday he will be at an event for Breast Cancer; he surely cannot wait for the day there is a cure. He thanked the Safety Team; it is good to hear that we are compliant and doing everything we can to promote safety. Our Gulf station is the only one charging under \$3.00/gallon for gas; it is good to see that the old Arrow Pontiac building will now have a tenant.

Mayor Chang – 12,000 people walk at Great Adventure in an effort to try to raise funds for the fight against Breast Cancer; it is always a good function and fund raiser.

Open to public Comment

Matthew Wittman, 413 West Country Club Drive – spoke with the Mayor the other day regarding his concerns; he thanked the police for their efforts in helping him. He can't enjoy his home during the day for fear of himself or his children being hit with a ball; when you try to confront the golfer it becomes a physical altercation. He has tried all kinds of diplomatic ways to deal with the Country Club but none of them have worked. He has golfers climbing on his deck and under his deck looking for balls; he has about \$1500 of damage to his house at this point. The Country Club takes the position that it is the golfer's personal responsibility for any damage that they cause.

Mayor Chang– we did speak at length the other day; in the last week or so she has been walking in Deerwood and has noticed the speed of the golf carts in the development; she discussed this with Donna. It is a private golf course but certainly the streets are public streets. The single family homes don't have a homeowner's association; Donna explained that the Township never got anywhere with the Country Club when they attempted to discuss this issue. They are driving with open containers of alcohol in the golf carts and crossing the streets. He is just a small percentage of people that are experiencing this problem. He needs some sort of assistance from the Township.

Chief Smith – several golf courses have netting up to deal with this problem.

Mr. Wittman hates to see an officer come out and write out a frivolous, petty report. He would like to see those who damage his house pay for it and fix it.

Carol Davis and Nora Davis, 610 Howell Drive – are trying to get an update on the flooding situation. The Fire Department went out and jetted the storm drain in case it was clogged. The Mayor stated that they are continuing to work on the problem. Our township and the engineer are involved at this point. Ms. Davis wanted to know how to get an update in the future. Donna told her to call the Municipal Building. She appreciates it.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk