

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM WORKSHOP 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 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	Absent
Mayor Chang	Present

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – Steve Lennon, Inductotherm Airport – Mr. Lennon is from Taylor Design Group; he is a landscape architect. Taylor Design is representing Inductotherm and the NJ Turnpike Authority. This was required by the FAA; the FAA is mandating that Inductotherm remove certain trees to maintain a safe approach to their runway. The clearing of trees triggers provisions of the “No Net Loss Act” since it involves more than a half acre of woods being cleared. They are clearing 1.6 acres within the Turnpike right of way and are proposing to replant the area with lower growing ornamental trees and shrubs to a height of approximately 25 feet which would still provide a buffer screen along the turnpike but meet FAA height standards. They are ready to start the project very soon. There is a provision to have a public meeting to make the public aware of what is going on and to give the opportunity for comment. Trees are guaranteed for two years after they are planted. They are planting 333 trees and shrubs which will provide a dense screen.

7:00 PM – Swear in new Class II Police Officer, Joshua Woods, effective 10/14/13 – Mayor Chang swore in Joshua Woods as a new Class II officer.

Comments on agenda items

No comments were made.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino commented that the clocks will be changed shortly; he recommends changing batteries in smoke detectors at this time as well.

EMS Report – Craig Farnsworth stated that they had their Open House on Saturday; he estimated two to three thousand attended. The fireworks went off without a problem. Mayor Chang thought it was a wonderful event; everyone enjoyed it, the kids had a ball.

Police Report – no further comments made.

Public Works Report – chipping has been completed for the month; leaf collection begins Monday October 28.

Resolutions

125-13 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

126-13 Chapter 159, Hazmat Cargo Trailer Training – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

None

Dates to remember

October 25 – Westampton Recreation Fall Festival- Westampton Sports Complex, 6 PM

Tuesday, November 5 – Election Day

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

Comments

John Augustino – they had a good turnout at the Fire Open House

Lieutenant Joe Otto – National Drug Takeback Day is this Saturday October 26; hours are between 10 AM & 2 PM at the Municipal Building

Donna Ryan – we put a clipboard upstairs for additional senior citizens to sign up for the dinner who had never attended before.

Ms. Teleisa – is sorry that she missed the Open House; she heard from her neighbors that it was amazing; it just gets better and better. She thanked Public Works for the road patching jobs they have been doing around town.

Mr. Daniels – echoed the sentiments and comments that were made about the Open House; they continue to exceed and out do themselves year after year. He thought the fireworks were awesome, they truly enjoyed them. He asked Craig Farnsworth to get a message to Chief Wylie Johnson; he recently lost a family member who had to be transported back and forth to the hospital and wanted to thank the Department.

Mayor Chang– thanked the Fire/EMS Department for a wonderful Open House; it can best be described as awesome. The kids were especially pleased. It was a great way to involve the Township residents with what was going on at the Fire Department. She attended the Westampton Township School Board meeting where 27 students who each received a perfect score on a portion of the ASK test were presented with awards; she delivered a proclamation.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – thanked Public Works for doing a great job in front of the Post Office where the pavement was sinking. Our new playground equipment is great. She asked what could be done about people leaving all kind of things at our recycling center. There is a large sign that informs residents that the hazardous waste portion of the site will soon be closing. November 9 is the AM Vets spaghetti dinner, which is 4 to 7 PM at the Community Center.

100 Stratton Drive, Doris McGann – has seen that pipe is being laid in Holly Hills by Public Works. She was informed by the Mayor that this is being done by NJ American

Water and not by our Public Works Department. The patching isn't complete; there is a final coating to be put down once the project is completed. She is having an on going problem with water collecting on the street in front of her property.

Mayor Chang sees a particular resident in the audience whom she spoke to earlier in the week about walking paths; she said she couldn't find the path they had spoken about at the Sports Complex.

Hiromi Hernandez, 604 David Street, was recently in Europe where they have bike paths everywhere. Here there is nothing; she wants to keep in shape and wants to be safe.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk