

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

6:00 PM WORKSHOP/WOODMONT INFO SESSION

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

June 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mr. Lopez, Ms. Smith-Hartman and Mr. Daniels present. A workshop and question and answer session was being conducted before the regular meeting to address resident's questions regarding the Woodmont Project. Mr. Lopez had prepared a slide presentation for this evening's meeting. Mayor Daniels knew that residents had concerns regarding the number of school age children this project would bring into the Township. Mr. Lopez had compiled information that has been shared with the Township Committee; whom had lots of concerns last year. He hopes that most questions will be answered in the presentation; if not, he wanted all present to bring forward their questions.

Mr. Lopez gave a brief history of the project to the audience. He explained that the Township is legally obligated to guarantee Woodmont a PILOT due to the previously signed agreement even though at a prior meeting the PILOT agreement had been tabled. If we don't sign an agreement we would be subject to a lawsuit. The Township Committee has since met with the Woodmont principals and re negotiated the terms of the contract. These terms are most favorable to the Township of Westampton. It is a 30 year agreement with different rates as the years progress. These rates were renegotiated and increased, in Westampton's favor. The Township will now realize approximately 2.1 million dollars more over the 30 year period than they would have in the first agreement. Mr. Lopez explained the details of the improvements that would be made to the existing Westampton Recreation building, which would be used by senior citizen residents as well as by other groups, such as the Boy Scouts. In addition, the Township was able to secure a \$50,000 donation to the Township's recreation fund which will be used for improvements at the Tarnsfield Swim Club.

It is the Committee's view that affordable housing should be spread throughout and not clumped in one area of the Township, as well as being interspersed. Woodmont agreed to divide their affordable units and they would be located on site in two different buildings. Mr. Lopez stated that approximately 35 students would be generated by the Woodmont project and only 29 students from the Ingerman project, which consists of low and moderate income units to be constructed on Woodlane Road (72 units). The units to be built on site would consist of 28 three bedroom units, which are required by COAH. Mr. Lopez explained that the Committee was going to provide the schools with enough funds to pay for the increased school children so that taxes wouldn't have to be increased, even though the Township can keep up to 95% of the income generated by the PILOT and isn't obligated to distribute it as they normally do. The audience was mainly

concerned with the amount of school age children that this development would bring into the Township.

The meeting was again called to order and reopened at 7:00 PM by Mayor Daniels. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 14, 2016. The flag was saluted. There was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Lopez	Present
Committeewoman Smith-Hartman	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Absent
Mayor Daniels	Present

Al Marmero, Solicitor, was present.

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk was present.

Approve 6/6/16 Agenda – motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes 5/16/2016 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Regular Meeting Minutes 5/16/16 – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; second by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Mayor Daniels thanked Mr. Lopez for the presentation, the solicitor and all the residents that attended the workshop. They are trying to be transparent and answer all questions.

### **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Nancy Burkley – asked about Resolution #55-16. She asked if the school district was adding any funds since they are sharing this lift. Mayor Daniels explained that they will be. She asked how much they are contributing as well as why it was being purchased through the Fire Department; Acting Fire Chief Craig Farnsworth explained that the Fire Department is part of the co-op and it provides much more competitive pricing than State contract. It isn't coming out of their budget nor will it be kept in the Fire House.

Ms. Williams – asked why the bullet proof vest grants were separate. Police Chief Joe Otto answered that is probably just a matter of separate checks arriving at different times; this is a question best answered by the CFO.

## **New Business**

None

## **Resolutions**

50-16 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve made by Ms. Smith-Hartman; seconded by Mr. Lopez. All voted yes. Mr. Lopez asked about the bond payment on the bill list; he asked if there was an intermediary to pay the payment to; he thinks there would be a middle person. The CFO would be asked for an answer.

51-16 Authorize Execution of Addendum to the Redeveloper Agreement with Woodmont Properties, LLC – motion to approve made by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

52-16 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

53-19 Chapter 159, Bullet Proof Vest Grant - motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

54-16 Chapter 159, Clean Communities Grant - motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

55-16 Award Purchase for Boom Lift – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. Lopez, Smith-Hartman and Daniels voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained. Mr. Lopez had done a bit of research and had found that the amount the school is contributing is \$10,000.00 towards the lift.

## **Ordinances**

15-2016 Authorize Financial Agreement with Woodmont (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. This was opened to the public for comment; there was no comment and the meeting was closed. All voted yes.

16-2016 Amend Chapter 232, Vehicles and Traffic (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Lopez; seconded by Ms. Smith-Hartman. All voted yes.

## **Correspondence**

Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority – Public Hearing; rate increase for connection fees.

### **Dates to Remember**

Westampton Township Farmers Market – every Thursday at the Burlington County Library 4 – 7 PM. We need produce farmers to come, as well as other vendors.

5 year anniversary of the Virtua Hospital @ Voorhees – Voorhees on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Open to public Comment**

No further comments were made.

### **Comments from Department Heads and Professionals**

Ms. Smith-Hartman – the “Click it or Ticket” campaign is working, they are doing a good job, it saves lives.

Mr. Lopez – is happy to see everyone out for the workshop, they appreciate them coming out and sharing their concerns.

Ms. Chang – meetings were changed to Mondays from Tuesdays; she thought the meeting should have been changed to the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Mr. Lopez and Mr. Daniels explained how the meetings are scheduled every first and third Monday. Memorial Day was a Monday however, it was the fifth Monday of the month, and therefore no meeting would be held.

Mr. Daniels – thanked everyone for coming out. Timbuctoo Day was a fantastic success; they had lots of people attending. He thanked the Timbuctoo Advisory Committee for their steadfast work; also the Fire, Fire Police, Public Works and Police Department. He attended a viewing of a Domestic Violence program last week; it is very worthwhile. There is a school board meeting this evening as well. He extended congratulations to Virginia Grossman who was chosen as superintendent of the year for Burlington County; we are proud of her.

It was Walmart’s Local Heroes Day this past weekend, it was a great day, he attended. We truly have a great community and are moving in a direction to be better.

Ms. Chang – has a date to remember; on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> it is Law Day in the Burlington County Courthouse; 50 WMS students will be taking part. They will be holding sessions with lawyers and judges; she hopes they will have a wonderful day as they have in the past. Lt. Rogers will be part of the panel.

Mr. Lopez made a motion to go into closed session; Smith Hartman seconded. All voted yes.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Municipal Clerk