

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times January 6, 2012. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeewoman Chang	Present
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of July 10, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes. Closed session minutes from July 10, 2012 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

The Mayor acknowledged the promotion of Jason Tuttas to Public Works Supervisor; he will be an asset to Mike and the rest of the crew. Jason thanked the Committee for the opportunity. Mike thanked the Committee and Donna for understanding and approving this much needed appointment. The Committee wished him good luck.

7 PM – Swear in Police Officer – Latisha Velez. Mayor Camp swore her in as a Class 2 Police Officer.

A five minute break was taken for refreshments.

Comments on agenda items

Louis Lopez asked about the Shared Services Agreement; it is for a Green Acres purchase of a piece of property. He also asked about the Municipal Drug Alliance (RCASA). He asked how much the Municipal Park Development Program grant was for and what it is being used for; it will be used to resurface a town tennis court (@ Manor Drive); installation of sprinklers and lights at the Sports Complex and to replace some outdated playground equipment. He asked if the person was caught in the attempted abduction that had taken place; Chief Smith stated that they had not been.

New Business

Municipal Park Development Program Grant – the amount of the grant is \$250,000 from the County.

Public Works Report – both sheds were delivered to the Sports Complex; Mike Meenan was involved in an accident with a deer in a Township truck. The sheds were set in place on the footings, the straps have to be fastened and final grading done.

EMS Report – Chief Wylie Johnson is hoping to be ready with a memorial ceremony on September 11. The target date is September 1. July was their busiest month ever – 297 incidents. The department worked with Burlington Township's kid's safety camp this year; they hope to open it up to Westampton residents next year. The department was selected to receive a Heritage grant for \$11K for new equipment. Committeeman Daniels congratulated Chief Johnson on securing the grant.

Police Report – Chief Smith stated that the insurance company decided the car was a complete loss and was totaled. A person wanted in Connecticut for homicide was captured at the Marriott this weekend. Ms. Chang asked if the totaled car was one of the new vehicles; it was not, it was a 2010 Charger. Ms. Teleisa asked for clarification on the numbers for crimes reported monthly on the spreadsheet contained in the report. Chief Smith would check into this.

American Legion Annual Report – no comments made

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino is on medical leave for a few days.

Brush/Foliage Clearing Along County Roadway System – we received this correspondence last year as well; we have at times notified residents along County roads that they will not be cutting along the roadways; it is an on going process.

Resolutions

85-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

86-12 Addendum to Shared Services Agreement - motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa ; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

87-12 Municipal Drug Alliance – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

88-12 Executive Session – for discussion of real estate. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

89-12 Accept Bids for Purchase of Ladder Truck – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes, Mayor Camp voted no.

Ordinances

16-2012 Dale Road Parking Ordinance (first reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. Mr. Daniels has been in the area when local residents have had parties; much of the parking has been on the street. He asked if the residents could come in and get approval for temporary parking for an event such as this. Donna suggested that they can pull into the yard so that traffic can proceed. Mr. Daniels clarified his statement and stated that he meant one wheel on the street and one wheel on the grass so that traffic can still get by. The residents are constantly battling about this problem. Ms. Chang drove over onto Dale Road and said there are sections of the road that are very narrow; only 16 feet in width. Mayor Camp stated that they recently approved an ordinance for no parking on a certain section of Kings Road; he asked Donna to follow up on this to see if it had been approved.

Correspondence

None

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance
Westampton Firehouse - September 11 @ 6 PM to discuss the engineer's report

Dates to remember

Every Thursday – Westampton Farmer's Market @ the County Library from 4 PM to 7 PM

Fire Open House – October 11 6 to 9 PM

There will not be a Westampton Day held this year.

Comments

Mike Meenan - thanks for allowing the promotion of Jason.

Police Chief Smith stated that the discrepancy in the police report that Ms. Teleisa asked about is due to car burglaries that would not show up on the report. National Night Out went well, it was a success.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – congratulations to Jason, he earned it; congratulations to the new police officer.

Solicitor George Saponaro – thanked the Fire Department particularly Tiffany Hunt. He and his wife were returning from a wedding late on July 2; his wife had a ring stuck on her finger; they ended up cutting off the ring.

Mr. Daniels – congratulations to Jana Zollner, a student who appeared on a dance reality show; residents Kelsi Worrell and Allie Stanford as well were recognized, Kelsi for swimming and Ms. Stanford for writing a letter. He commended Keith York and Sergeant Ent for continuing to build on their National Night Out. He went to the White House with 161 other education leaders to hear a briefing on education. It was a fact filled and humbling day.

Open to public Comment

Mr. Rice, Westampton resident – had written a letter about a situation in his community regarding garbage. This is a serious sanitary situation; there are maggots in their garbage cans. Originally when he moved here, we were having garbage picked up twice a week during the summer. He understands that this is due to budget constraints but children play in the garage where garbage is kept. It would be greatly appreciated by the residents if trash could be picked up twice a week during June, July and August. Mayor Camp asked if could get a copy of the deed restrictions/covenants that dictate that the trash must be kept in the garage to see if something could be done to amend the covenants to bring the trash outside the house. The Solicitor would review the deed restrictions.

Mr. Rice asked how much it would cost to add an extra day. Donna answered that it costs about \$240K per year for the one day a week pick up. We just signed a new three year contract and it would be difficult to amend the contract at this point.

Allie Stanford – asked if we still have a Compliance Officer in town to enforce zoning laws; we used to have one of those. Mayor Camp answered that this falls under Gene Blair. She has spoken to Donna on numerous occasions regarding her neighbor bringing in garbage and branches from other Townships. She doesn't appreciate having her tax dollars used this way. She doesn't want to have to call the Police for this and thinks that there has to be an answer to this man bringing stuff in.

Louis Lopez – asked if we have an Environmental Committee and if they write grants. He thinks that we should get one; there are a lot of grants out there that are available. He also asked where Dale Road was. He wanted to thank the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Camp – commented on Buttonwood Hospital; it was finally sold this evening; the new owners will take over. Thanks to everyone for their support of National Night Out.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk