

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION/WORKSHOP REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 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 (arrives at 7:04 PM)
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeewoman Teleisa	Present
Mayor Camp	Absent

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Comments on agenda items

No comments were made

New Business

Mr. Daniels – there was an article in the newspaper about the Rancocas Nature Center that is closing. He asked if there is anything that the Township could do; could we look to see if there is any federal funding to keep it open or County funding. Donna had spoken to someone and she is looking into it; we would like to keep it open and perhaps form a partnership. Mr. Maybury commented that the Nature Center has been a part of Westampton for a very long time. It is important to do what we can as a Committee and Township to try to preserve it.

Resolutions

117-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

118-12 Cancel Taxes, Block 1103.02, Lot 7 - motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

119-12 Transfer of Appropriation Funds – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

120-12 Chapter 159 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Daniels asked if this would outfit the entire department; this will pay for a bit less than three vests since they cost nearly \$1,000.00 each. All officers are required to wear the vests, it is not an option, according to Chief Smith.

121-12 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

Notice of Public Hearing – Willingboro MUA, 12/19/12

Dates to remember

Breakfast with Santa, December 15th, 2012 @ 9 AM – 11 AM, WMS

Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, December 19, 2012 @ 6 PM, WMS

Santa Run, Westampton Fire/EMS, December 15th

Westampton Township 2013 Reorganization Meeting, January 8th, 6:00 PM

Comments

Daryl Caulfield – in response to Hurricane Sandy, Emergency Management and the Public Works Department started in advance of the storm; they cleaned out storm drains; there was a meeting on October 26th to come up with a plan to address the impending storm. On the 29th they went to the operations center (Westampton Fire Department) which was the hub of all the activities. Once the storm hit, they were able to handle all the calls that came in. Central let them know if trees or wires were down. They handled over 100 calls between Police and Fire in those two days. The majority of instances were trees down, roads blocked and lights out. Fortunately we didn't suffer any severe damage. The next step for OEM was to meet with FEMA to seek reimbursement and file the necessary paperwork. They were seeking reimbursement for debris removal and for instituting emergency protective measures. It has been a great team effort and Daryl was extremely happy with the level of cooperation amongst all the departments. Mr. Maybury congratulated him on a job well done.

Police Chief Smith – the license plate readers are up and running; five officers are now trained to carry the tasers. Officers have to be certified six times a year. We currently have two tasers. We are waiting for a check for \$8700 from the County for confiscated drug money.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – the Santa Run was pushed back this year to allow for the breakfast; it will begin at noon. They had the pre construction meeting for the ladder truck; some minor changes were made.

Ms. Teleisa, Donna and Marion – happy holidays to all.

Ms. Chang – be sure to attend the Breakfast with Santa; it is a wonderful event.

Mr. Daniels – on December 7th, we celebrated the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – wishes everyone the best; the budget is tough every year. She has a wish that there will be no lay offs. She wants to see the new sign out at the Sports Complex and wants to see if the lighting can be improved; now that there are no leaves the lighting is very bright at night. She also hopes we can keep the taxes down.

Mr. Maybury – agrees with Ms. Curran regarding the budget; healthcare costs keep rising. Energy cost are rising; we have entertained tax appeals. This Committee will do everything they can to work with every Department to make sure that there are no lay offs. The first budget meeting is set for January 19th. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, keep up the good work and be safe.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk