

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 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

Teresa Ganim, Solicitor, was present.

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk was present.

Mr. Daniels commented on the sudden passing of NJ Assemblyman Alex DeCroce and acknowledged one of his colleagues who is in attendance tonight at the meeting.

Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of December 13, 2011; motion to accept by Ms. Chang, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Mr. Daniels. Mr. Daniels wanted the comments he made added to the minutes in their entirety; Ms. Karp would amend the minutes. All voted yes. Closed session minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting; motion to accept by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

7:00 PM – Police Awards; presentation by the Westampton Township Police Department. Chief Rick Smith spoke about the incident that took place on a WMS school bus. On November 8th, several students notified their parents via their cell phones about the erratic way the bus was being driven. The driver was taken into custody for operating a motor vehicle while impaired. Lt. Otto called the names of the children and they came up to get their awards. He acknowledged the children who were on the bus but could not make it to the meeting this evening. Assemblyman Troy Singleton, who used to represent Westampton, but as of this morning does not, due to re districting of the districts, spoke. His father in law is Dr. Kerfoot, the Westampton schools superintendent. He acknowledged the fine efforts of both the students and the Westampton Township Police Department. He again called the names of the students and presented them with a citation.

A five minute break would be taken for refreshments.

Comments on agenda items

No comments

Continued agenda items

Wawa – Mr. Maybury wants to request that this item be removed from the agenda; this item would be something that would come before the Land Development Board.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

15-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. Ms. Chang asked about this bill paid to Robert Prisco; she wanted to know why he was paid when a new alternate public defender had already been appointed. She also asked about the charge for a South Jersey psychological evaluation that appeared on page 4. Marion would check with the Court Administrator and get back to the Committee. Mr. Maybury asked about the bill for Edmunds and Associates; it is for our annual contract for the tax office, financial and payroll software. Mr. Daniels asked about the petty cash fund that has been established in the amount of \$700.00; Marion would check on this as well and get back to everyone. All voted yes.

16-12 Opposition to Rate Increase Requested by NJ American Water - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

4-12 Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates and Times – there was an error regarding the time of the Township Committee meetings in this resolution. Motion to amend this resolution to change meeting time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Correspondence

1. Rancocas Valley Clergy Association – Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Celebrations. Mayor Camp has been asked to be their keynote speaker at their breakfast; it will take place in Hainesport.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance

Rancocas Traffic – Mr. Daniels said that this seems somewhat static, is there anything going on with this. Mayor Camp stated that we will try to bring some closure to this.

Dates to remember

Budget workshop – January 18th @ 6 PM

Mr. Daniels – reminded everyone about Monday, it is Dr. King's day of service; we typically have a proclamation or resolution on the agenda to recognize this date.

Comments

EMS Chief Wylie Johnson – Tom Mulraney, one of our Township Fire Police, passed away suddenly. Matt Roman was hired by Newport News Fire Department; he was a volunteer with Westampton. David Furtado from Battalion TV is back.

Mayor Camp –there was a small fire at a resident's house, involving a bathroom ceiling fan on Westwind Way. Thankfully, there was not much damage.

We are getting close to a resolution on the FEMA grant for the reimbursement for Hurricane Irene; Craig Farnsworth has been working on it; we expect to get about \$17K back. Our outlay was approximately \$9-\$10K.

Solicitor Ganim – their office is prepared to discuss the Historic Preservation issue.

Mr. Maybury – EMS calls have been busy; a car hit the ABCO facility today, there was just minor damage. It is a busy department. Fire Chief Wylie Johnson stated that there were 2,919 calls last year; it was their busiest year so far.

Ms. Chang – indoor soccer resumed after a brief hiatus; there is a Recreation meeting tomorrow evening at 7 PM at the Municipal Building.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – wishes she could attend the Rec meetings but she is unable to. Regarding the signs for Rancocas Academy; this is their permanent sign, they also put a banner up when registration takes place. Her main concern is the sign for the Sports Complex; the position is

poor and you don't know its there since it is on Bridge Street. There will be another sign put up in the future but she wants to know why we don't have the money for the sign now. Our taxes paid for this field; she wants the Westampton name on the sign and not RV Patriots.

Ms. Chang – it was named the Westampton Sports Complex because a multitude of sports are played there. There are many Westampton residents that take advantage of the fields as well as residents from other surrounding areas. You will always have children from other towns that will play on the fields. It was not the intent of anyone to exclude children from any town.

Mayor Camp – initially there was no name for the Sports Complex; it wasn't until 2011 that the name Westampton Sports Complex was chosen.

Ms. Curran asked where the tennis courts were; Mayor Camp answered that there was never a plan for tennis courts at the site.

She asked about the \$30,000 that is being spent for the shed for the RV Patriots equipment. Mr. Daniels informed Ms. Curran that the figure was erroneous; in actually, the shed cost approximately \$13,000.

Mayor Camp – the project isn't finished; there will eventually be another sign.

Mr. Daniels – the \$13K figure was correct; we are doing this so that this Township is in compliance with our ordinance. At this time they are storing equipment in a sea box. The name was discussed at the Township Committee meetings and the name "Complex" was decided due to the various sports that take place on the site. Before now, we always had to go to another community for our children to play sports. The site is a work in progress; he looks forward to a community day and ribbon cutting. He was recently asked to speak at a meeting about our sports fields.

Mayor Camp – people all over talk about our sports complex in a positive manner. This is not something that we as a Township can run just with Westampton residents.

Machell Still Pettis – is a lifelong resident of Westampton; her sports group, the Chiefs, plays in Mount Holly. She is proud to have a place to play in the Township; she is happy to see residents utilize it; the town is doing a great job.

Mayor Camp – welcome to 2012; probably the longest meeting we have had in quite some time. The Sports Complex as it exists today is not done.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk