

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 24, 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 January 10, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

6:00 PM Presentation – JS Hovnanian – they are considering building a high end apartment building on the site to the rear of the Home Depot shopping center.

Swear in Police Officer – Dennis Davis. Mayor Camp swore in the new Police Officer.

Presentation of Plaque to Karen Cochran on her retirement. Mayor Camp stated that this is something that he has some difficulty doing; back in 2006 he was the liaison to the Court and got to know Ms. Cochran. She started here in 2001 and has served the community; prior to coming here she was in Willingboro. We are ranked #1 volume wise in all of Burlington County; this steward ship has come through Karen. She would be greatly missed. We may call on her now and then.

Karen thanked everyone; it has been a challenge and has been a team effort.

Comments on agenda items

No comments

Old Business

Fernwood Springs Farm – preservation. The Township received a letter from the Chitester family inquiring about the Township purchasing development rights to the property. We would have to use Green Acres funds to purchase it; there is some due diligence on their part, Donna explained. If we decide we want to go after this piece, we need an ordinance. We would have to pay for 50% of the cost of the land; we have to bond for it to purchase it and would apply to Green Acres for 50% in matching funds. Finally, we would go to the County for 25% funding; this would take some time as they are backed up. Appraisals would have to be done on the parcel.

Mr. Daniels asked if there would be any impact on the 2013 budget. Donna said that the funds would come out of our Open Space account, so there would not be. Each appraisal costs about \$6,000; the engineering costs would amount to about \$10,000. This parcel has been found to be eligible for preservation; Mr. Maybury had inquired about this.

New Business

NJ State Fireman's Association Membership – Vincent Knott. This is a group that is a state organization. There is a death benefit associated with this membership. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Police Report – Mr. Daniels thanked the Chief for his attendance at the FBI academy. It is nice to see him on the front of the BCT; this is good positive press. There are a couple letters of correspondence in the report; a letter from a Fernbrooke resident thanking the officers who responded to her call regarding a robbery on Christmas Eve.

EMS Report – November & December 2011. Chief Wylie Johnson – explained that every new member will get the same exact training; Craig Farnsworth took care of this.

Fire Prevention Report- November & December 2011, 2011 Yearly Report – no further comments made.

Bowman & Co. – NJ Municipal Budget Process, 1/24/12 or 2/2/12 – this is a seminar that the members of Committee would attend.

Westampton Township Historical Society – Annual Report – Norm Miller explained that the grant for \$30,000 is a planning grant.

JIF Elected Official's Seminar – the Township receives \$250 off our insurance for each Committee person who attends. Donna would sign everyone up for it. It is being held on Wednesday, March 14th.

Public Works Report – Mike Meenan stated that we received the salt spreader for the F650 but now have to run hydraulics to it. Workers put in an 8 hour day on Saturday with the snowfall.

Ordinances

None

Resolutions

17-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

18-12 Cancel Taxes, Block 803.06, Lot 23 - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

Correspondence

Municipal Court Judge reappointment letter – Judge Andronici thanked the Township Committee for his recent reappointment.

2012 Road Resurfacing Program – Rancocas Road between Lambert Drive and High Street will be resurfaced this year.

CDBG – 2012 Reorganization of General Advisory Committee – Mayor Camp is on the Committee.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance - Donna would do an update

Rancocas Traffic – nothing new

Dates to remember

Budget workshop – January 25th 6 PM Budget workshop

Wed., March 14 – JIF seminar

Comments

Weather pending, a new roof would be put on the Municipal Court this weekend, according to Mike Meenan. If there is no rain, it will be done this week.

George Saponaro – called Mike Coluzzi about the pending litigation (Compassionate Care).

Ms. Teleisa – there is an RV Board of Education meeting at the High School this evening at 8 PM. There was an interesting article about losing two members of the School Board; the election is in April of this year.

School Board elections will be moved from April to November, according to Mayor Camp. They want to move them.

Ms. Chang – there is no representation on the RV school Board for Westampton. Mike Cormier resigned, as did Anthony D’Errico.

Open to public Comment

Mayor Camp – thanked everyone for coming out tonight. This evening is the State of the Union address; it will have a huge impact on what happens next year.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk