

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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.

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

Minutes of June 26, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr Daniels. All voted yes. Closed session minutes from June 26, 2012 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr Maybury. All voted yes.

Comments on agenda items

None

New Business

EMS Report – Chief Wylie Johnson said one of their volunteers was hired in South Carolina; it shows the strength of their program. Mr. Maybury commented on the fact that May was the second busiest month. Mr. Daniels commented that the Burlington County Times had written a very nice article on Dave Shaw regarding the award he won for his video.

Resolutions

82-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

83-12 Project Freedom Improvements - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

79-12 Executive Session – for discussion of litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. Mayor Camp abstained. All voted yes.

Ordinances

14-2012 Comcast Renewal Ordinance (second reading) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. This was opened to the public for comment. This covers the west side of town. Janet Curran asked which side of the Turnpike it was; she said that Comcast is a bit of a problem at times. When residents discontinue Comcast, the lines sometimes lie on the ground. People also have to wait sometimes up to two weeks for repairs. Mr. Daniels asked about the educational access channel RVTv; he is concerned about some of the language in section 14E of the Ordinance; he is hopeful that within 12 months it will go into effect. Nancy Wolfe, the BPU representative is on top of this and will make sure that they are connected. It seems to Mr. Daniels that they have a back door when reading this section; he wants to make sure the residents finally are able to get RVTv. Donna would reach out to Nancy Wolfe and make sure it would happen. All voted yes.

15-2012 Amend Chapter 99, Building Construction (second reading) – motion to approve by Ms. Teleisa; second by Ms. Chang. This was opened to the public for comment; no comment was made and the meeting was closed.

Correspondence

Mayor Camp has a letter and read it into the record. It was a letter thanking the Police for their help with moving a large farming machine from one field to another; they stopped traffic and saved a large amount of time. The letter was from Roger Winner of Sunnyside Farms.

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance
Westampton Firehouse - September

Dates to remember

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

August 14th – next Township Committee meeting

August 7th – National Night Out 5 PM

Comments

Police Chief Rick Smith – the new Dodge Chargers have arrived; radio systems won't be installed until July 25th.

Fire Marshal John Augustino – it is now grilling season; keep grills away from your homes. Ten feet is the recommended distance to keep a grill away from the house.

Solicitor Teresa Ganim– spoke about the Haskell site work, which was the road contract performed on Lancaster Drive; the maintenance bond has not been paid. There is a settlement in the bankruptcy; George Saponaro has been in touch with their attorney. The company went bankrupt at the end; they were not able to post a maintenance bond. The Township is basically a third party.

Mr. Daniels – kudos to Ms. Allie Stanford who was mentioned in a recent biography; back in 1960 she sent a letter to Walter Cronkite; her letter helped the news media industry report differently regarding black soldiers. There will be an article in the BCT. Also, kudos to Kelsi Worrell, a swimmer, who was trying out for the Olympics.

Ms. Chang- the next recreation meeting is tomorrow night at 7 PM. There was a wonderful article in the BCT about the Westampton Farmer's Market.

Open to public Comment

Janet Curran – early Thursday morning the power went out for about 14-15 hours in Rancocas; a tree had fallen and taken wires down. Everyone did a fantastic job. Some of the bluestone at the Post Office was damaged from the Public Works backhoe. Ms. Chang asked her if she actually saw this happen; Janet stated that she didn't. Mayor Camp asked if someone actually saw this occur and why didn't they tell someone right at the time it happened. Ms. Chang asked how long PSE&G was there. Mayor Camp asked if there is a setback in this location; the curb in question is in the right of way and is owned by the Township. This curb, in theory, is Township property. If there is damage, it will be replaced the next time there is a road contract. He thinks the owner of the property should come into the Township to speak to officials and not Ms. Curran. He explained that he will be in the building on Thursday and he will be more than willing to sit down and discuss this matter with the homeowner.

Mayor Camp – it appears that Westampton Day will not be held this year. There may be an event sponsored by the Recreation Committee that will hopefully substitute for it. Popeye's is moving along; we are probably 98% sure that Verizon Wireless will move into the Wendy's location.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk