

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 27, 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 March 13, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained. Closed session minutes from March 13, 2012 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes, Ms. Chang abstained.

Comments on agenda items

Janet Curran – asked about the Ordinance regarding rules for the Sports Complex; she was given a copy to review.

Old Business

New Business

EMS Report – they will be getting their piece of steel from the World Trade Center tomorrow at JFK airport.

Police Report – Sgt. Bialous is back to full duty starting next week. Ms. Chang asked about the unattended death recorded in February 2012, she asked what it was. It is a non criminal event according to the Chief. If someone dies at home that is not under hospice care, etc. it is considered one of these.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report – John Augustino spoke regarding the proposed changes to the smoke detector ordinance.

Public Works Report – our DEP storm water inspection is scheduled for tomorrow morning; hopefully it will go well. Mayor Camp would like to read into the minutes how the Public Works crew had to remove over 200 letter “A” decals that were posted all over the Township by a previous candidate for municipal office. He thinks it is deplorable that we had to spend money and this much time in removing this type of campaign propaganda; anyone who would do this kind of thing should not be in office. There are still many more that remain and need to be removed. He thinks the person responsible defaced the appearance of the Township. We had to utilize Township staff to remove all the decals. Ms. Chang asked if political candidates are not responsible to remove this kind of thing; political signs must be removed within three days after an election. Solicitor George Saponaro said it was not determined if he had done it or if others had done it. Ms. Chang personally went out and made sure that her signs were removed after the election; why wouldn’t this rule apply to this individual. Why was township money spent to remove evidence of this campaign? Some signs were ruined and had to be replaced due to the decals not removing easily. Mr. Daniels asked if there was any remedy if this was determined to be campaign related; could we not send out a bill. The Solicitor stated we could send out a violation of the ordinance and he would be summoned to municipal court.

Resolutions

39-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury asked about the software maintenance charge for the tax office, it is for Microsystems and is the annual maintenance fee for the Tax Assessor’s program. He asked if we have a list of these and if it was possible that we could combine with other municipalities and if there was a way to make a cooperative purchase. Donna would provide a list and would check into this.

40-12 Budget by Title - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

41-12 Local Examination of Budget - motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

42-12 2012 Budget – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made and the meeting was closed. Mr. Daniels thanked everyone for agreeing to the budget as presented; this is an austere budget considering the times we live in. He thanked all the department heads and Donna for being fiscally responsible. He thinks it is a fair budget. Mayor Camp has been part of the Committee for six years now; the process has gotten easier thanks to Donna and the auditor. It is a tedious process. There are other towns out there who have not completed their budget process yet this year; kudos to Donna for having it done in a timely manner. All voted yes, Mayor Camp voted no.

43-2012 Authorize Execution of Agreement with the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 27 – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted

yes. First preference goes to Township residents and then to County residents. Mayor Camp stated that it was important to him that the first call goes out to unemployed workers in Westampton Township. Mr. Daniels said this would ameliorate a situation that could occur if our workers were not available.

44-2012 Interlocal Services Agreement – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mayor Camp thanked Chief Johnson; they have done a great job. The Eastampton police and residents are very happy with the service they have been receiving.

45-2012 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

46-2012 Recycling Tonnage – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

47-12 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

Ordinances

3-2012 Bond Ordinance – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Ms. Chang. This was opened to the public for comment. No comment was made. All voted yes.

4-2012 Amend Chapter 128, Fire Prevention – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. John Augustino gave a summary of the changes that would occur in the ordinance. Mayor Camp asked who the enforcer would be in regards to the bbq grills; it would be John Augustino.

5-2012 Amend Chapter 172, Parks & Recreation – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes. Donna explained that she had looked at other posted rules in existing sports complexes and parks for guidance; the rules will be posted on a sign at the Sports Complex.

Mr. Maybury asked if the Police have enforcement powers for speeding inside the complex. He has seen cars enter the complex doing 40 to 50 mph. This would be addressed under our traffic ordinance.

Ms. Chang asked about the prohibition of golf; this was necessary due to the fact that golf balls could be hit over the entire complex and might cause problems.

BBQ permits would require a permit from the Township and no tail-gating is permitted. Donna thinks the Recreation Department would issue the permit. Ms. Chang doesn't think that the head of Recreation should have exclusive authority to issue these permits; she thinks John Augustino should do it. She doesn't want the director to have exclusive rights for solicitors or vendors either. Donna answered that we would follow our solicitor's permit guidelines. Ms. Chang doesn't think

this is appropriate; it is a fire issue. As far as vendors; permission should not be given by the recreation director.

Mr. Daniels asked if a hold harmless agreement was signed at the time people sign up for events. He asked about the rules not allowing dogs on the site; this is necessary due to the fact that people do not clean up after their dogs. Westampton doesn't have a town center, this complex will most likely become a substitute for that; animals are part of our families and people like to have them with them; however we can't allow them due to cleanliness issues.

Correspondence

Rancocas Road Reconstruction – started today instead of March 19, a bit late.

2012/2013 Municipal Percentage Shares for RVRHS – our grade school population went up, it is now 1,010 according to Ms. Teleisa (Westampton Middle School and Holly Hills Schools).

Workshop – discussions to be scheduled at a later date

Rancocas Historic Preservation Ordinance - this has not been scheduled yet.

Dates to remember

May 16th – meeting with Rancocas Civic Association to discuss Rancocas Traffic

There will be a Memorial Day event on Sunday at the Timbuctoo cemetery.

Mayor Camp – believes tomorrow is the anniversary of the shoot out at Garden Street, there will be a ceremony held tomorrow for that.

Comments

Mike Meenan – replaced all the flags down at the Veteran's Memorial by the lake. We buy two sets of flags per year.

Solicitor Saponaro – received an offer on the bond for the Westampton Woods Orleans project.

Ms. Teleisa – the Westampton Board of Education approved their budget; they gave kudos to the Township for shared services and for their efforts with grounds keeping.

Marion Karp– briefed the Committee regarding the recycling tonnage grant.

Open to public Comment

Unidentified resident – asked if a permit is required for temporary signs. There is a preponderance of these signs that are put up. Mike Meenan stated that Public Works had removed over 300 signs recently. She asked about the Farmer's Market and wondered what was going on with it. It will start at the end of May and will be held at the Burlington County Library; they will co-sponsor it.

We will invite local farmers, crafters and vendors to participate. It will be held on Thursdays from 4 PM to 7 PM.

Janet Curran – asked if something could be put in the newspaper for the people who don't use the website. She hoped that our town would be picked to receive a grant this year from the Freeholders. She was happy to hear that the farm on Woodlane Road was being preserved.

Mayor Camp – Mt. Holly will be holding their St. Patty's Day parade this Saturday, it was postponed. There will be an Easter Egg hunt this Saturday. PDA will have games this week; it is also the first week of Sacred Heart baseball. It will be busy at the Sports Complex.

Ms. Chang – do we have any idea of the number of families that will be taking part in the PDA tournaments and occupying hotel rooms in the Township? Is there any mechanism to determine this? Mayor Camp will reach out to the hotels and try and determine this. We do get a room occupancy tax.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk