

## WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

### REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 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

Doug Burry, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Ms. Chang. All voted yes. Ms. Teleisa had some omissions to be placed on the record: the Open House and 9/11 events were memorable; she was honored to be a part of that special day. She wanted to thank Chief Smith who had taken her on a tour of the Police Department which was very helpful. Mike from the Public Works Department did a great job on the Fall Festival, they were challenged by the weather but they did a great job. These comments would be added to the minutes.

New Firefighter/EMT Chad Bozoski was sworn in by Mayor Camp.

#### **Comments on agenda items**

No comments were made.

#### **New Business**

Proclamation – honoring James Sorokac, NYC firefighter. Mayor Camp spoke about a book he had been given regarding the Fire Departments around the 9/11 area; he treasures the book. He read a quote by Mayor Guiliani that was in the book. He read aloud the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Sorokac, a 26 year veteran of the NYC Fire Department. He had helped our Fire Department create the 9/11 memorial. He signed the Mayor's book.

AP Wireless purchase of cell tower lease – we are moving forward with this; Donna would have the paperwork at the next meeting.

### **Resolutions**

110-12 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Ms. Chang; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

111-12 Complete Sidewalks for Project Freedom - motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Teleisa. All voted yes.

112-12 Executive Session – for discussion of personnel. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

113-12 Motion to Approve Retirement Package for Two Police Officers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Ms. Chang. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

None

### **Correspondence**

Green Acres Funding – we will not be receiving any funds this year.

WMUA Public Hearing – we are waiting to find out what the rate increase is and for what services.

### **Dates to remember**

Annual Rabies Clinic – Saturday, November 17, 2012, 9 AM to 11 AM, Public Works Garage

Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner, December 19, 2012 @ 5:30 PM, Westampton Middle School

### **Comments**

Police Chief Rick Smith – the license plate reader is on the road and running

Fire Official John Augustino – along with the time change, everyone should change batteries and clean heaters

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – the Fire Department was officially awarded their grant from the Firemen's Fund in the amount of \$11, 679.00. They will be upgrading selected equipment. Members of the department went to Beach Haven and Toms River to help

with cleanup from the hurricane as well as starting a donation drive for the hurricane victims. All the guys stepped up and did their part. He thanked the Committee for bringing Chad on board. They had their retirement luncheon for Lee Eckart; he is officially retired as of November 1.

Mr. Daniels – commended the Police Department who received national notoriety when Shannon Dougherty tweeted her thanks to the department for helping one of her fans. Great job to the Fire Department; instead of raising the bar they have become the bar. Mr. Daniels stated that he was very disappointed that the Committee would not put forward an official Proclamation honoring Veterans for Veteran's Day at this evening's meeting. He is a 100% disabled veteran who is a member of both Westampton Am Vets and the American Legion. Mr. Daniels read aloud a portion of the Proclamation into the record, as follows:

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who in defense of our freedom have bravely worn the uniform of the United States. From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our Nation's ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America's veterans answered the call when asked to protect our Nation from some of the most brutal and ruthless tyrants, terrorists, and militaries the world has ever known. They stood tall in the face of grave danger and enabled our Nation to become the greatest force for freedom in human history. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard have answered a high calling to serve and have helped secure America at every turn.

Our country is forever indebted to our veterans for their quiet courage and exemplary service. We also remember and honor those who laid down their lives in freedom's defense. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice for our benefit. On Veterans Day, we remember these heroes for their valor, their loyalty, and their dedication. Their selfless sacrifices continue to inspire us today as we work to advance peace and extend freedom around the world.

Mr. Maybury – thinks it is very important to recognize Veterans

Ms. Chang – also wants to thank the Veterans. There is a Recreation meeting tomorrow night.

Ms. Teleisa – thanked our first responders for their services during Hurricane Sandy; we were fortunate as a Township to not have incurred much damage. She thanked everyone that helped us get through the storm and recognized Veterans for their service to our country.

**Open to public Comment**

Mayor Camp – have had a lot of activity since the last meeting. One was Hurricane Sandy; it was remarkable to see the cooperation of the Police Department and Fire Department. They worked very well together; Daryl and Craig did a phenomenal job; he was happy to have these two sitting on either side of him. Special thanks to Dave Shaw; he became the communications guy; his ability to connect to social media was great; it kept everyone connected. Mike Meenan and Public Works have done a fantastic job; one of the chippers is being repaired. The Fire and EMS teams that went out and gave support in Monmouth County were phenomenal and it was greatly appreciated. Gene Blair went to Ocean County to do inspections on some properties to determine if they were usable again.

There was a big uproar about Halloween; he rode around town on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and had the opportunity to observe people around town. He wrote an email to the Governor's office explaining our reasons for holding trick or treating on Saturday instead of Monday and was given approval. It felt like a community day. Kudos to the Fire Department who were out handing out candy. He thanked the Veterans for their protection of our freedom; he has great appreciation for them.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk