

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2016 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Westampton Township Land Development Board was held at the Municipal Building on Rancocas Road on January 20, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Barger and the opening statement required by Sunshine Law was read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 15, 2015 and posted in the Municipal Building. All guests were welcomed.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Applegate, Mr. Barger, Mr. Blair, Ms. Coe, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Attaway, Ms. Berkley, Secretary Marion Karp

Absent: Mr. Borger, Mr. Carugno

The Board went into closed session to discuss their 2016 appointments at 7:38 PM.

The Board opened up the meeting once again at 8:12 PM.

Motions are needed for the following appointments:

Solicitor: Mr. Lopez made a motion to appoint Zeller & Wieliczko; the motion was seconded by Ms. Coe. All Board members voted yes.

Engineer: Mr. Applegate made a motion to appoint CME Associates; the motion was seconded by Mr. Blair. All Board members voted yes.

Resolutions:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Informal Applications:

None

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment

No comment from the public was made.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Blair – congratulations to the Township Committee on a good meeting last night. He commended the board on the selection of their professionals.

Mr. Daniels – thanked everyone tonight; everyone did their due diligence.

Ms. Coe – is appreciative of the process of the evaluation.

Mr. Freeman – has a concern regarding a comment he had heard earlier, specifically, a kinder, gentler meeting. He didn't understand what this was about.

Mr. Barger stated that he had made the comment; it is his perception and also some of the public's that the Board could be friendlier. There seems to be a perceptual divide. There was discussion amongst the Board as to what they could do to resolve this.

Mr. Freeman thinks it will be positive moving forward. He thought that all of the meetings that he has attended the Board have been friendly. He never picked up anything that the public felt negatively towards them.

Mr. Daniels – the Board can seem to have a stern approach at times, kind of like with municipal court. It is a perception thing.

Mr. Applegate – thinks the Board should allow the audience to talk longer and not necessarily limit them.

Mr. Blair – the Board must set guidelines as to time; there have been very large and contentious meetings in the past.

Ms. Coe – perhaps we should set time limits since it is a new year. It helps people be more concise.

Mr. Lopez – thinks the way the Board can be friendlier is through working with the Township Committee; such as having meetings with the public before plans for large projects are finalized. He would like to see problems mitigated before plans are drawn up. Outreach within the community is important.

Mr. Daniels – this was good dialogue tonight, this will move us forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Secretary
Westampton Township Land Development Board