

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Closed Session 8:00 PM Regular Meeting

October 13, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Mayor Sidney Camp. Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read. This meeting was advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2009. The flag was saluted and there was a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Committeeman Adams	Present
Committeeman Daniels	Present
Committeeman Maybury	Present
Committeeman Robbins	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

Richard Rybak, Solicitor, was present.

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

The flag was saluted. There was a moment of silence.

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; second by Mr. Maybury. Closed Session minutes of October 13, 2009. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items

Janet Curran – wanted to go over the article on Timbuctoo that had appeared in the BCT. It was a good article but it lacked several things. She spoke about two women who are still alive who had told her stories about the residents and why they left the village. She also thought the Westampton Historical Society should have been mentioned due to the role they played.

Mayor Camp commented that this is an initial story and just a starting point. He hopes there will be many more articles to come.

Allie Stanford – commented on Ordinance 13-2009. On behalf of the senior citizens of Westampton she would be speaking tonight. There is no place for the senior citizens to meet; she has been fighting for this for a long time. She wants to have the Recreation Center on Springside Road converted to a senior citizen's center, with card tables, a pool table and a kitchen and wants it open 24 hours a day. She says the daycare can remain there but doesn't want any other activities taking place there. She thinks the seniors are entitled to a place to meet. She says the Township is giving away tax payers property by leasing the Rancocas Firehouse. She thinks it is unacceptable and will take the Township to court and hire a lawyer if she doesn't get the facility for the seniors.

Norm Miller – with the Historic Society taking the building over, it will save the Township several thousand dollars a year in costs to run it. They are intending to invest money in the building to fix it up and improve it. The only costs the Township will incur are the insurance costs for the building.

Old Business

Timbuctoo – some steps to a house foundation were uncovered on the second day of the dig. Photos were taken for documentation; they will give a presentation at one of the Township Committee meetings.

Purchase of Sharpless Farm – approve agreement. The certified market value has come in from Green Acres; Donna needed to send it to Mr. Sharpless for approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Robbins; the motion was seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

New Business

NJ Libertarian Party – Preempted Ordinance Repeal Project. Rich would do some research on this and be back with an update at the next meeting.

Liberty Towers, LLC – lease Township Property. This was for the location of possible cell towers on Township property. This must go to public bid since it was from a private person. The locations may not be the best areas to place a tower. Donna stated that we do get good revenue from a lease such as this.

Burlington County Energy Summit – 10/15/09 10:00 AM. Donna would be attending, as would Mr. Daniels, who is also interested.

Resolutions

135-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked what the Wisniewski bill was; it was for the Lancaster Drive improvement case. He asked what the bill was for the play set at the middle school; we would be reimbursed for this by the school. He asked what the bill was for Document Concepts; this is for the municipal court. The RCASA payment is a stipend for Donna and another person. He commented that this month the expenditures from the recreation trust fund totaled \$9200, these were purchased before the Committee approved them. He asked what the bill was for CME Engineers; this is money for Phase two of the sports project, this is money that has already been encumbered and planned for, not new monies.

136-09 Cooperative Pricing Agreement – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

137-09 Cancel Tax Credit, Block 404, Lot 1 – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. The refund was cancelled and will be applied as a credit.

138-09 Chapter 159, Division of Motor Vehicles, DDEF – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

139-09 Refund Taxes, Alterra Healthcare – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

140-09 Executive Session – to discuss litigation and contracts; motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Consent Agenda: the following resolutions require one motion, second and vote:

141-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 301.02, Lot 8

142-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 1001.08, Lot 24

143-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 1708, Lot 15

144-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 301.02, Lot 24

145-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 803.01, Lot 8

146-09 Resolution Imposing Lien, Block 1703, Lot 6

Mr. Robbins made a motion to approve all the resolutions; the motion was seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Ordinances

12-2009 Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast of Garden State, L.P. – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment.

13-2009 Authorize Lease Agreement with Rancocas Community Center – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked if a lease has been negotiated; it has been signed by the Historic Society and was awaiting the mayor's signature. This was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment.

14-2009 Amend Chapter 250, Zoning, The Code of the Township of Westampton – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; second by Mr. Robbins. This originated from the LDB. All voted yes. Mr. Daniels asked if the existing flagpoles would be grandfathered; there are many properties that have American flags flying.

Correspondence

JIF Dividend Announcement – we usually take this off next year’s premium. The dollar amount is \$6,000.

Workshop Items

1. Fernwood Springs Farm – still waiting for the November ballot
2. Tarnsfield Pool Lease – nothing set up yet as far as a discussion date
3. Vision Plan – community conversation meetings are being set up at various times and locations. This flyer will be posted on the website.

Dates to remember

Senior Citizen’s Holiday Dinner 12/9/09 5:30 PM
Visioning Meetings
Recreation Meeting 7 PM 10/14/09
Annual Rabies Clinic – Nov. 21, 2009 9-11 AM

Comments from the Liaisons

John Augustino – had a successful Open House held on 10/8/09; 250 or so children attended.
Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – it was a very busy Open House; more than usual attended. The department is planning for an even larger one next year; and is thinking about holding a joint open house with Eastampton next year.

Mr. Daniels attended the Fire Open House, it was an awesome event. He thanked the Police Department for having their new cruiser at the event, it was a good draw.

Police Chief Rick Smith – met with Deerwood single family home residents, about 80 in total. The residents have concerns about traffic enforcement on the streets. He will meet with the townhome residents shortly. They had a missing person who was found alive in Rancocas State Park last week.

Mayor – wanted to take a motion with regards to a new K9 unit for the Police Department. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. Robbins. There was a request that the program not exceed more than \$1000 in additional monies to get the program off the ground. All voted yes.

Comments

Mr. Adams – went to the Buddy Walk; our Fire Department was well represented. We were first out on the call that came into Mt. Holly.

Mr. Daniels – last Saturday was the Am Vets meeting; there was a presentation given by John Hennessey. There is a service organization that sends things to our troops over seas, kind of a

touch of home. The Am Vets will hold their annual spaghetti dinner on November 14, which is a fundraiser. It will be held at the Rancocas firehouse. Westampton Day was a success; it was probably one of the best attended especially coupled with the Pet Expo. The Chamber of Commerce would like to host a Business Before Breakfast meeting in Westampton. He and Donna would meet with Patrick Byrne of TD Bank. The bank wants to facilitate a business association in Westampton Township. Mr. Daniels also sits on the taxation subcommittee at the League of Municipalities whom opposed a bill that mandated a five year budget projection.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Anthony D'Errico – asked for more detail on the items listed on the agenda under new business. He wanted to know what the solicitor was looking into. Regarding Alterra Healthcare, he wanted to know what the amount was that was being refunded. He also asked how long the lease was for Rancocas Community Center, it is a 25 year lease.

Norm Miller – thanked the Committee for signing the lease for the Community Center. The Township needs to improve parking at Westampton Day. He wanted to know if existing storage pods would be grandfathered.

Janet Curran – congratulated the Fire Department on their Open House. Westampton Day was well attended and a success. She wanted to know if any attendance numbers were calculated, they had not been.

The meeting was now closed to public comment.

Mayor Camp – told the Committee about the Salt and Light application at the LDB meeting. Kent Pipes is holding a bus tour of his units in the surrounding Townships. There is an empty space in the Tarnsfield Plaza; the Goodwill and Workforce spaces are empty. Things are still moving forward with the Arrow Pontiac site, will be a future home to Harley Davidson. His last comment is "Lets Go Phillies"!

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk