

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

November 24, 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.

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Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting. Motion to accept by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Closed Session minutes of November 10, 2009. Motion to accept by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Old Business

Timbuctoo – there will be a presentation given by Dr. Orr on December 8th at 7:00 PM. Mr. Daniels stated there was much interest at the American Legion meeting this past Saturday. He has invited them to come to the presentation. Mayor Camp appeared on NJN last Friday; he interviewed with Dr. Orr and Mary Weston; the interview aired on Friday night. He spoke with NJN about a possible documentary on Timbuctoo; they are interested.

New Business

EMS Report – Mr. Robbins asked about the County calls; he asked if any of the 186 calls were unable to be billed; Craig Farnsworth said he was sure there were some; he would get the numbers to the Committee. This is in line with the county paying for services; Mr. Robbins thinks we should do this across the board for all the services we provide for free to the County. He would like Chief Johnson to let the Committee know what these numbers are. A bill would be sent to the County monthly.

Motion to do this was made by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report

Police Report – Mr. Robbins asked about the comparison of 2008 and 2009 statistics and wanted to know if the department had noticed any trends, either up or down. Vehicle thefts are up according to Chief Smith; robberies are down considerably. Everything else is pretty much the same. Mayor Camp asked if the individual responsible for the thefts in Saddle Ridge was apprehended. Chief Smith answered that he has been. Mr. Daniels asked if the Police have ballistic shields; we do not, they are very pricey according to the Chief. He thanked him for the update on former Police Chief Randall who passed away; he sent his condolences.

Public Works Report – the rest of the recycling buckets are being assembled tomorrow and will be distributed next week. Mayor Camp asked about the police pouring the slab for the K9 kennel. Officer Luster was a mason before he became a police officer; he had taken care of it. Mr. Maybury asked if the Municipal Building roof was rubber and if it has stone. It does not have stone but needs frequent servicing. There are lots of nail pops that have to be taken care of; Mike Meenan is looking at a new product that may eliminate the twice a year work. It may only require once a year application if it works as it is promised to.

2010 Meeting Dates – everyone should look at this to double check it.

Resolutions

155-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked about the Absolute Comfort Control bill; Mike Meenan explained that it is a bill for cleaning and servicing an oil heater out in the public works garage. He asked about a bill for reconditioning stalker; according to Chief Smith this is a police bill; it is for a reconditioned stalker for the new Charger and 2 DVD systems. The RCASA bill is for a holiday dinner; which is granting funded; according to Donna. Mr. Daniels asked about the parenting classes; this bill is for RCASA as well. All costs for RCASA are reimbursed by the County.

156-09 Tax Map Appropriation – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked what it is and why we have to have it. The County is requiring this as a first step in the revaluation process. Mr. Maybury asked if this was a fixed sum; Donna answered that it was, we have received an estimate from the engineer to prepare the tax maps.

157-09 Chapter 159, Recycling Tonnage Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. The grant has increased approximately three thousand dollars over last year's amount, according to Marion Karp, Recycling Coordinator.

158-09 Executive Session – to discuss contracts; motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

159-09 Award Construction Contract for Sports Complex Phase II – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins wants to make sure that these dollars have been encumbered and are pre approved. It has been according to Donna. \$85,000 a year will be coming out of our open space fund until we start to generate revenue. Mr. Robbins stated that is skeptical. Mr. Daniels asked if we are reasonably sure that pending the award of the bid, we should be able to break ground and pour concrete in December and be mostly complete in the spring. This is important in our capacity to pay the funds back.

160-09 Authorize Purchase of Pick up Truck – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. The funds will come from our amended bond ordinance for 2009.

Ordinances

15-2009 Amend Fire Code Fees for Non-Life Hazards – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Adams. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment made. Mr. Maybury asked if the fee schedule is similar to other Townships in the vicinity; Fire Marshal John Augustino answered that we probably charge a little less than the surrounding municipalities.

16-2009 Authorize Emergency Appropriation for Tax Map Update for Tax Revaluation – 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 made. Mr. Robbins commented that this is related to the resolution above.

17-2009 Authorize Acquisition of Block 203, Lot 4, second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Adams. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. David Guerrero asked if this was the Sharpless Farm, it is. He asked the value of the appraisal, which was \$1.8 million.

18-2009 Authorize Acquisition of Block 401, Lot 2, Block 401, Lot 8 & Block 903, Lot 1 – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Adams. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. David Guerrero asked which properties these were; Donna described the locations to him.

19-2009 Repeal Chapter 158 of the Code of the Township of Westampton – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Adams. All voted yes. This was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment from the public. Mr. Robbins wanted to reaffirm that this is recommended by council, which it is.

Correspondence

Water Resources Development Act – acceptance of project & study requests for water related issues. The deadline was today; nothing was submitted, we did not receive much notice.

Willingboro MUA –Notice of Public Hearing - to be held on 12/15/09 at 8:00 PM. Even with an increase, the rates are still much cheaper than the other side of the turnpike. Donna would find out the percentage of the rate increase.

Workshop Items

1. Fernwood Springs Farm – no updates at this time
2. Tarnsfield Pool Lease – Donna has just sent a second letter to get dates for a meeting
3. Fire Official Ordinances – County Meeting – will probably discuss this in January 2010

Dates to remember

Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner 12/9/09 5:30 PM @ WMS

December 19th – annual Fire Department's Santa Run

Westampton Recreation Breakfast with Santa 12/12/09 - Holly Hills School

Recreation Meeting – 12/9/09. This may be moved due to the Senior Citizens Dinner taking place the same evening.

December 8th – presentation by Dr. Orr on Timbuctoo @ 7 PM, before the regular Township Committee meeting

Comments

Craig Farnsworth – is working on the SAFER grant for three new hires; and is also working on a grant for flooding. They are looking at a grant for a generator. The department has been out on the NJ Turnpike twice already for rescue. The money is paid out bi annually, January 1st and June 1st.

Mike Meenan, Public Works Supervisor – trying to find out about a 3M street sign grant. You have to spend \$5K, but they end up doubling whatever you spend in materials; he is looking into it.

Mr. Daniels – attended a Veteran's breakfast on Veteran's day, he read the resolution the Township Committee passed the day before. He attended the Recreation Committee meeting; they need to sit down with the representatives for the Tarnsfield pool. He went to the NJLM convention last week; there was a vendor there that had a lot of devices similar to what was discussed at the last meeting to solve the traffic problem in Rancocas village. He went to a workshop regarding planning and improving a business association. They will meet here at 2:00 PM on Dec. 7th to discuss hosting a Breakfast Before Business meeting here at the Municipal Building. He thanked the Committee for moving the resolution on organ and tissue donation. He is excited about Westampton taking on the role of a lead agency in this and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Maybury – wanted to recognize the passing of Horace Randall; Westampton Township's first Police Chief. He will be missed by many people.

Mr. Adams – had the AM Vets spaghetti dinner which was well attended. The Public Works crew is doing a good job with leaf pickup; he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Daniels – the 2009 Boys State representatives are RV students, one is from Lumberton and the other is from Westampton. If we have time at the next meeting, he would like the head of the program to speak for a few minutes.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment. There was no comment from the public.

Mayor Camp – asked Craig Farnsworth about the collection taking place last week. It was for the Westampton FOP and will benefit the new K9 unit. It was confusing and he had trouble identifying who they were collecting for. We had a water main break out on Holly Lane and Seely Drive. The Mayor got the information about the road closure on NIXLE. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Robbins asked if a permit was required to collect money on the roads; there is no permit required.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk