

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

The 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 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, was present.

Minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting. Closed Session minutes of January 27, 2009. Motion to accept by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

**Scheduled Appointments**

7:00 PM Closed Session – Contracts, S & W Issue

8:00 PM Swear in Rick Smith as Police Chief; Wiley Johnson as Fire Chief. Mr. Adams made a motion to appoint Rick Smith as Police Chief; Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. All voted yes. Mr. Maybury made a motion to appoint Wiley Johnson as Fire Chief, Mr. Daniels seconded the motion. All voted yes. Mayor Camp administered the Oath of Office to Chief Rick Smith and Chief Wiley Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes for refreshments.

**Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items**

John Mumbower – asked about the budget meeting tomorrow evening and if it was the final one. Mayor Camp answered that it probably would not be, the State will still have to approve the budget, we will have to wait to hear from them. He asked if there would be discussion about property tax increases, the Mayor said they most likely will discuss that topic.

**Old Business**

Beazer Homes – nothing new on this at this time, they are waiting for the weather to break so final paving could be done

Timbuctoo – Mayor Camp had a meeting on Friday with Bill Bolger from the National Park Service and Dave Orr from Temple University, a student from Temple University and Mary Weston, a Township resident. They talked about the next phase of the project, will be looking at funding needed to assist us with the on going project at Timbuctoo. He attended the school board meeting, opened the door to having our school children participate in the project.

### **New Business**

1. Appoint Harry Bell to Land Development Board Alternate #2 (term ending 12/31/09); motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.
2. Raffle License #2-2009 (Kingsway Learning Center 5/19/09) – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.
3. Raffle License #3-2009 (Center for the Arts in Southern NJ 5/2/09) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

### **Resolutions**

28-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins had some questions about the bill list. The Verizon wireless equipment upgrade seems to be an expense that is growing, Donna Ryan had researched it, one of the reasons the bill was so high was that two phones were added the previous month and had to be paid for in advance. We had pared it down so that the line item didn't have to be raised this month. On page 6 – conflict note means that if a case comes before the court that involves an employee's relative, a substitute prosecutor or judge will have to be hired. There is extra money in the budget allotted for this. The added/omitted assessment tax is for any project, such as an addition that receives a Certificate of Occupancy. This is added in October; a separate bill is generated and must be paid. The County receives one fifth of the tax that is collected by the Township. Regarding recreation, Mr. Robbins wanted to verify that all expenses come out of the recreation trust fund. There was a bill from Land Engineering and Surveying for the concession building. It was his understanding that this building was part of Phase 2 of the Recreation Complex plan, why are we being billed for it now. This was for preliminary work done by the engineer for the concession building.

29-09 Burlington County Shared Services Forum – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

30-09 Transfer of Appropriation Reserves – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

31-09 Interlocal Agreement with Hainesport Township (Municipal Court) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. We will have their court in our building starting in March 2009; the agreement will be signed very shortly.

### **Ordinances**

1-2009 Ordinance Amending Chapter 117 (Disorderly Conduct) – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Second reading would be on February 24, 2009. The solicitor explained that public intoxication is not illegal, according to the State, so that portion had to be repealed, in addition to other language which needed to be added.

### **Correspondence**

NJLM – Pension Deferral Plan clarifications – has not been finalized; the Senate will vote on it by the end of the month, the Assembly passed it today. There has been a strong emphasis for towns to do this, it is really just a delaying tactic, the money will still have to be paid into the pension fund.

EAC – Recommendation Regarding Township Recycling – Mr. Robbins thinks it is a good recommendation.

### **Workshop Items**

Vehicle Washing – the station is complete. Billing information is coming from the executive director shortly. Mike Meenan asked when they would be able to go over and make use of it. Mr. Maybury would call the director to find out. It is official in April of this year as far as law. This would be a good time of year to try it out, with the salt that has been spread for the recent snowfalls.

### **Dates to remember**

2009 Budget Meetings – February 11, 2009 6:00 PM

Recreation Meeting – February 11, 2009 7:00 PM

### **Comments**

Mike Meenan – everything is going well in the department.

Mr. Daniels – as liaison for Veterans Affairs, he will be meeting with the commanders, they have some ideas for Memorial Day. He will report on the Recreation meeting at the next Committee meeting. He attended the Burlington County Shared Services Forum and the newly elected officials seminar this past Saturday, it was of great benefit. He attended the School Board meeting, read the Proclamation, will attend the first NJLM legislative meeting tomorrow. He

will meet with Patrick Burn the manager of TD Bank, whom is interested in starting a Business/Chamber of Commerce Association in Westampton.

Mr. Maybury – regarding County facilities in the Township, the County does not provide Sheriff patrols to their facilities, we have to provide police protection which results in approximately 1000 calls per year. We may want to consider billing for police calls since the talks that we had never resulted in a Sheriff's officer as the County had suggested they would provide. At some point the County will have to realize that it is unfair to Westampton to host their facilities without any compensation. We need to move on this, he hopes that they agree, hopefully we can sit down and discuss what our needs are. He met with the senior citizens last Wednesday, the only request he has received thus far is a request for some funding.

Mr. Robbins – attended the local School Board meeting, it was Dr. Hamilton's last meeting. There is an interim superintendent who will serve in the time being. He asked that the EAC investigate other activities such as researching banning the use of non organic fertilizers on lawns; he would like their advice.

Mr. Adams – congratulations to new Police Chief Rick Smith and Fire Chief Wiley Johnson.

Mayor Camp – needs to backtrack to some resolutions he skipped over.

32-09 Exclusion of Public from Public Meeting – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

33-09 Convey Rancocas Community Center to Westampton Historical Society - motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

On Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM, the Westampton Historical Society will be meeting.

At this point the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

### **Comments from the Public**

John Mumbower – regarding the School Board meeting, he found it surprising that the school superintendent was unaware of the incident. Mr. Robbins clarified this, Dr. Hamilton was aware of the incident; it was a second incident that he was not aware of.

Denice Flynn – she noticed from the minutes that Mr. Daniels and Mayor Camp went to Washington DC. She asked if the Township funded the trip or if they paid themselves. She is curious if there is a budget line item for Committee members to go on trips. Mayor Camp stated that he uses the stipend he receives during the year for such events. She asked what the rest of the Committee members did. Mr. Daniels stated that the trip to Washington DC was paid for out of his pocket. The only thing the Township has paid for him is the seminar at the League for newly elected officials. Donna Ryan stated that we train the newly elected officials, the only

other thing the Township pays for are the courses that the certified employees have to take in order to renew their certificates. This budget is very small.

Mayor Camp - \$3700, which is what each Committee member receives is probably one of the lowest stipends around and it has not increased in many years.

Janet Curran – attended her second budget meeting, the Committee is doing an outstanding job. She attended the Freeholder’s meeting and spoke to them about our traffic situations in the Township.

Mayor Camp – there is interest at the State level for helping the Township in protecting Timbuctoo.

There were no further comments from the public.

Mayor Camp – believes that with the promotion of our new Fire and Police Chiefs the Township is starting a new journey. He attended the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of the Westampton EMS.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk