

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2010

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, 2010. 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

George Saponaro, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting. Motion to accept by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Closed session Minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting. Motion to accept by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

**Scheduled Appointments**

Life Saving Award Presentation – Patrolman Ryan Bieri

Mayor Camp read a brief summary of the incident in which Patrolman Bieri had responded to a call and found a 68 year old male laying motionless on the ground in full cardiac arrest. He applied an external defibrillator and performed CPR for an extended period of time until he got a heartbeat. Mr. Smith was transported to the hospital and is presently doing well. He is being recommended for the Burlington County Pro Cops award as well as another award. The Mayor presented Patrolman Bieri with an award from the Township Committee. Lieutenant Joe Otto presented him with a life saving award certificate from the Westampton Police Department.

**Comments on agenda items**

Norm Miller – asked about the resolution for the Change Order #1 for the Sports Complex. He asked why the change was being made for block wall. Donna explained that the block walls would be safer than stick construction.

**Old Business**

Rancocas Village traffic – no updates at this time

## **New Business**

Letter of resignation from EAC member Dena Moore – she was the Chairperson, Norm Miller would take over as Chair

EMS/Fire Contract – Mr. Robbins thanked the union representatives for working with them; this is a terrible economy and budget, it was tough. They tried to find solutions to ease the financial burden to the Township while meeting their needs as employees, he thinks they came to the best possible solution with the contract that they could. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the contract; Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Nominate Bud Slack for Recreation Committee – Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Liaison to EAC from LDB – Ron Applegate - motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

## **Ordinances**

2-2010 Amend Bond Ordinance #5-2009 – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Robbins. This was opened to the public for comment, there were no comments made. All voted yes.

3-2010 Ordinance Establishing Fees – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; second by Mr. Adams. This was opened to the public for comment; there were no comments made. All voted yes.

4-2010 Ordinance Amending Chapter 99 – Building Construction Fees – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

## **Resolutions**

25-10 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

26-10 Adopt Employee Handbook - motion to hold until the next meeting by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes. Mr. Daniels wanted to read the handbook. **(HOLD)**

27-10 Civil Rights Resolution – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

28-10 Refund Taxes, Block 1001.01, Lot 105 – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

29-10 Eliminate 4% Cap on Local Tax Levy – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Adams. Mr. Daniels and Mayor Camp voted yes, Mr. Adams, Mr. Maybury and Mr. Robbins voted no. Mr. Robbins thinks it is important to point out that this is an attempt by the League of Municipalities to get rid of the cap; he thinks it is an important mechanism to control taxes and thinks it is a bad idea to support this resolution.

30-10 Change Order #1 – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. This expenditure is coming out of the portion of the bond money that Public Works is using to construct the building. This is already approved; this is not for additional funding.

31-10 Executive Session – for discussion of a personnel matter. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Dates to remember**

2010 Budget Meetings – 2/10/10 @ 6 PM – will most likely be cancelled due to the inclement weather forecast.

### **Comments**

Chief Wylie Johnson – they handled a few EMS calls from the Recreation Center on Springside Road during the last storm. Once the roads improved, they shut it down and moved all operations back to the firehouse on Woodlane Road.

Mr. Adams – commended Officer Bieri on the award, and thanked Mayor Camp for presenting it.

Mr. Daniels – extended his congratulations to Officer Bieri on his life saving award. He thanked Dena Moore for her service to the community. The Chamber of Commerce meeting held here was a success, it was the first meeting held.

Solicitor George Saponaro – his secretary, a resident of Westampton Township commented on the good job the Public Works Department did with the last snow.

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

Janet Curran – thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works Department for their outstanding job with the roads during the recent storms. She asked about the Recreation fields and if they would be ready by springtime. Mayor Camp answered that there is every intention to use the fields; we will try even without the concession stand. She asked what the name was, it has not been determined at this time.

Bob Thorpe – moved into Rancocas three years ago. He thinks there is a big change with the plowing, they are doing a really great job; the plow operator was extremely conscientious. He asked about the Township website and wanted to know if it is dealt with in house. Donna answered that it is but we have to be here to update it. He asked about the Nixle system and how to sign up for it.

John Mumbower – asked about the tax revaluation. He asked when it would take effect; it wouldn't take an effect until 2011. He wanted to know how this would affect the budget decisions that are made.

There were no further comments from the public and the meeting was closed.

Mayor Camp – hopes that in light of the impending weather that everyone will stay off the roads. He was out with Public Works last Saturday plowing.

The February 23rd meeting will begin at 7 PM for comments on the budget. It will be advertised.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk