

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

June 23, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Deputy Mayor Robert Maybury. 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	Absent

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 June 9, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; second by Mr. Robbins. Closed Session minutes of June 9, 2009. Motion to accept by Mr. Adams, second by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Deputy Mayor Maybury swore in two new Class II Police Officers, Michael Filandro and Joshua Rowbottom.

Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items

Joe Rogers – asked about Timbuctoo and what was going on with it. Mr. Maybury explained that they had started a geophysical survey and had found approximately twelve foundations of houses.

Old Business

Beazer Homes – Donna and Gene have an on site meeting with both engineers tomorrow at Deerwood; they hope to have everything resolved and finished, without calling the bonds. Most items appear to be minor in nature.

Timbuctoo – was discussed earlier in the meeting

New Business

Public Works Report – the Tarnsfield Swim Club had an electrical issue; it is unknown at this point, it involves a GFI breaker, it has now been disconnected. There is no safety issue, according to Mike Meenan. There were minor leaks in our Municipal building cooling system that have now been addressed. The system was designed specifically for the building; therefore, there is no direct replacement for it. We are looking into a more efficient unit.

EMS Report – no comments made

Police Report – Chief Rick Smith commented that there is an impound theft issue in one of the lots we use; they are aware of what is needed to correct the problem. Mr. Robbins has been seeing press releases related to burglaries; and asked if these are on the rise. Chief Smith answered that there was a one week period where there were three reported; there have not been any since then.

Fire Code Update – we will look at some of these later on; John Augustino wants some changes in our ordinances. Mr. Robbins would like him to attend a future meeting to present these changes and address questions from the Committee.

Fire Prevention Report – no comment made

Big Brothers Big Sisters 25th Annual Cycle & Walk – the route goes through part of the Township.

Hainesport/Westampton/Eastampton Court Reports – Mr. Robbins asked if the revenues are about what we had expected. Donna answered that the Hainesport revenue is a bit under what we expected. The Police Department needs someone to work on their discovery; Sasheen has been working in the department for three hours a day. Parking has also been presenting a problem; several solutions to the problem are being discussed.

Resolutions

100-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked what the Emergency Services Training bill was; this is to finish training so that Craig Farnsworth can finish up his EMT instructor license and can teach himself. He commented that the expenditures in the Recreation Trust Fund are over fifteen thousand dollars and not brought to the Committee in advance for approval, for the record.

101-09 Renew Burlco JIF Membership – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked if there was any change in costs; Donna said we are starting to get a dividend back. There should be a slight increase if anything.

102-09 Refund Taxes, Block 301.01, Lot 81 – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

103-09 Chapter 159, Alcohol Education Rehab – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked for an explanation; Donna explained that this is money that comes back to the Municipal Court to purchase certain things; and is generated by the Police Department.

104-09 Renew 2009-2010 Liquor License, Crescent Temple Shrine – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

105-09 Shared Services Agreement for Integrated Law Enforcement Computer Project – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked for an explanation from Captain Smith. This software pretty much runs everything in the Police Department; it is supplied by the county. All municipalities use this.

106-09 Executive Session – personnel and potential litigation – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

107-09 Transit Sidewalk Grant - motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked for an explanation; Donna explained that we applied for this grant to get sidewalk down Route 541; we thought it would be an appropriate one to try for. This is part of the stimulus program and the “shovel-ready projects”.

108-09 Springside Road Bikeway Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels.

109-09 Holly Lane Project Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

Comcast Franchise – will be expiring in 2012

Workshop Items

1. Fernwood Springs Farm – nothing new right now. Mr. Robbins commented that someone on the Visioning Committee thought that the primary focus of the Visioning Process is that of development; however, he thinks they need to stress preservation. It should be an all inclusive process and we need to see how it all fits together.
2. Project Freedom – we are getting the appraisal in about 30 days. Mr. Daniels asked if there is an alternative site to this one. Public transportation is best at this location as Donna explained. He thinks we should have another presentation with Project Freedom before anything is decided or happens. Mr. Robbins wants schematics of where the building would be located on the lot to give the Committee an idea. He wants something more specific and wants the residents to be

notified to be able to address their concerns. It should be geared towards relieving the anxiety of the neighboring residents and that they understand and support the project. He asked if Hovnanian was still looking at the lot across the street. Donna explained that much of this lot was wetlands but that they are still looking at it as an option. Mr. Daniels will go out and visit the other Project Freedom sites and get feedback from the surrounding neighborhoods.

3. Environmental Resource Inventory – all the paperwork has been signed. The EAC will be working on this.

Dates to remember

NJ American Water – Public Hearing @ 7:00 PM on 7/13/09 – will be held in the meeting room
Cable Franchise – Public Hearing @ 7:00 PM on 7/14/09
Westampton Township Recreation Meeting – 7/15/09

Comments

Mr. Daniels – regarding Veterans Affairs, Mr. Adams and himself welcomed back Daryl Caulfield who returned from Iraq. The ceremony was very well attended. He went to the American Legion and Am Vets meetings; he is continuing working with both. He attended the Freeholder's Budget meeting last Wednesday; 52 employees were possibly going to lose their jobs. This would affect our municipality as well. He established two scholarships for WMS 8th grade students; the two students were very deserving. He stopped by the senior citizen's picnic at Long Bridge Park in Hainesport last week; he had a great time. He also attended the Bridge Commission Green Energy Summit in Palmyra Cove Park last week.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – their fire and life safety camp is scheduled for August; this is their first one offered. Jake, the firehouse mascot, has been doing very well for the department.

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

Comments from the Public

Joe Rogers – there is a lot of paint up and down the streets from the leaking garbage trucks. Mr. Maybury is sure this is an environmental issue as well. The leaking can be stopped by the installation of new gaskets.

Norm Miller – thinks the trash company has one new truck. They (Rancocas Village) haven't seen a problem with the trash collection. He asked how the land would be purchased for Project Freedom, what funds would be used. It would be a combination of Open Space and COAH funds.

Unidentified resident – asked if the Spring Meadows residents would be well notified beforehand since they have their concerns about the proposed Project Freedom. All residents would be notified by mail, like they had been the first time. That meeting was well attended by residents, according to Mr. Robbins.

With no further comment the meeting was closed to the public.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk