

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 PM Special Meeting 8:00 PM Regular Meeting

July 14, 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:

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| 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 June 23, 2009 meeting. Closed Session minutes of June 23, 2009. Motion to accept by Mr. Maybury, second by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes, Mayor Camp abstained.

The public hearing was held at 7:00 PM for Comcast Cable and the renewal of their franchise agreement. James Mallon, area manager of Government Affairs for Comcast was present. The governing body must base its franchise renewal decision on four things: has Comcast substantially complied with the material items of the existing franchise and applicable laws; has the quality of the service, including signal quality, responsiveness to consumer complaints and billing practices been reasonable in light of community needs; does Comcast have the financial, legal and technical ability to provide what it is proposing to provide; and lastly, will the franchise renewal proposal meet the future needs of the community. There was no one from the public present to comment.

Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items

No comments made.

Old Business

Beazer Homes – Gene Blair, Dave Denton, Jim Winckowski and two Beazer representatives met two weeks ago and went through every single punch list item. We expect to go to maintenance bonds by August; we will take over the roads. All problems have been resolved, it was a very good meeting, we are on our way to finishing it up according to Donna.

Timbuctoo – Mayor Camp stated we will probably have a full report by our August meeting.

New Business

NJ American Water Co., Inc. – public hearing for proposed rate increase & billing change. The public hearing was held on July 13th; Mr. Adams attended and objected to any rate increases. They will be moving to monthly billing instead of quarterly billing.

Recreation Trust Account Report – Mr. Daniels thanked Donna for the report but would like to see a balance type report with a beginning and an ending. Donna explained that this is not like the Township budget, this is a rolling account. She could get a different report that would detail this information. He would like to see something more detailed which would show expenditures. Mr. Robbins asked who breaks out the amounts in each column; Donna and Todd do this. He would like to know what the budget is for each area, what the expenses are, and what the profit is, if any.

Resolutions

110-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins has no questions on the bill list! Mr. Daniels asked what the Boy Scout Troop 117 Clean Communities Grant is. Donna explained that the Troop is paid money to clean up parts of the Township. He asked who Gary Krause was; he is the leader of Troop 117. He had a question on page 11, the Team Mega training expenses. Donna explained this is our Municipal Drug Alliance.

111-09 Regional Implementation Grant – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

112-09 Over the Limit/Under Arrest 2009 Statewide Crackdown – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins asked what impact this would have on our Police Department. Chief Rick Smith explained that it is a six thousand dollar grant, we put the money out, then we get it back.

113-09 Place to Place Liquor License Transfer – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

114-09 Bond Release, Dolan Group IV, Block 203, Lot 6 (yard expansion) – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

115-09 Bond Release, Edgewood Partners, LLC, Hancock Commercial, Block 905.01, Lot 1 (Hilton Garden Inn) – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

116-09 Executive Session – discussed the contract for Rancocas Community Center – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

Ordinances

None

Correspondence

Kent Pipes is holding an open house at the Fort Drive residence on Saturday July 18th from 10 AM to noon.

Workshop Items

1. Fernwood Springs Farm – no update
2. Project Freedom – Donna has received one appraisal so far, she is waiting for the second to be submitted. We should plan a meeting with the residents. Mayor Camp wondered if August was a bad time due to people's vacations. Donna doesn't want to lose the window of time to purchase the land; she has to be careful with Green Acres. She would work on setting it up for the first meeting in September; a letter would be sent out to the residents like we had done before. The council president, Rich Levek from the Robbinsville location had spoken to Mayor Camp and is willing to come and attend the meeting.
3. Environmental Resource Inventory – everything is signed; they will be getting started soon.

Dates to remember

Cable Franchise – Public Hearing @ 7:00 PM on 7/14/09

Westampton Township Recreation Meeting – 7/15/09

August 11, 2009 – next Township Committee meeting

July 23, 2009 – our Recreation Department is hosting a family movie night at the Burlington County Amphitheatre along with Eastampton Recreation

Comments

Craig Farnsworth – things have been quiet. There was a fire on Rancocas Road the other night. They are waiting to hear about the three grants they have applied for.

Police Chief Rick Smith – two officers will be in attendance at the movie night. The NIXL notification system goes to cell phones and email, it is up in running in a BETA stage. It can be used by everyone, it is very similar to Twitter, they hope to have it up and running by September 1.

Marion Karp – gave the Committee a brief report on the recycling cart expansion. After the next phase in the fall, all residents would have blue paper carts.

Rich Rybak – negotiations are continuing regarding the Rancocas Community Center lease.

Mr. Adams – welcomed home Chris Howe when he returned from Iraq. It was very well attended.

Mr. Robbins – reminded the Committee that there are two vacancies on the EAC that need to be filled. Perhaps we can post something on the website seeking volunteers. John Anderson resigned and Dorene Berry resigned. He would like this matter posted under workshop on the next agenda.

Mr. Daniels – went to the 113th annual PTA convention, for the first time there is a male president. Congressman Adler stopped by for an open question and answer session. Two citizens came up to him and complimented the front office. Mr. Maybury and Mr. Daniels attended the Westampton employee barbeque on June 30; he thanked everyone for all they do for our residents. July 4th was Sidney Camp's birthday, Willingboro had a parade, Governor Corzine signed into law that any American flag purchased must be American-made. The pavilion for the Recreation Center may be put on hold at this time. As an alternative, we could purchase a tent and use it on an as needed basis.

Comments from the Public

Nick Troster – regarding recycling, he wants to know if the Township is considering participating in Recycle Bank, Mt. Holly is doing it, recycling is way up. He asked if we have a property maintenance code; he thinks we need a full time property maintenance person. He thinks the Township has gone downhill in the last three years. He moved away two years ago and came back and the same pod is still sitting on someone's driveway. He wants to know if the Township can do something to enforce this. This might be a good idea to put on the workshop agenda.

Norm Miller – the Master Plan Subcommittee does have language drafted to deal with pods.

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

Mayor Camp – the Farm Fair starts next week, July 22nd through the 25th in Lumberton. He attended the reorganization meeting in Mt. Holly; they spoke very highly of Todd Mitzelman and his work with Recreation. Their program has grown and they are very pleased with Todd's efforts.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk