

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

September 22, 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	Absent
Mayor Camp	Present

Richard Rybak, Solicitor, was present.

Donna Ryan, Clerk/Administrator was present.

Minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes. There was one correction to be made, Mayor Camp was marked absent in the minutes but did attend the meeting.

Closed Session minutes of September 8, 2009. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Scheduled Appointments

8:00 PM - Bonnie Rick & Chris Powell, Hardenbergh Insurance, JIF. Ms. Rick gave an update on the Township's insurance and the Joint Insurance Fund.

Open Meeting to Public for Comment on Agenda Items

Janet Curran asked about the dig in Timbuctoo that was up coming.

Old Business

Timbuctoo – the dig will take place this weekend, on October 3rd and 4th.

New Business

Joyce Knox – was present to give an update on mentoring program. The program is entitled "All About Me" and will be offered in Spring Meadows and Rolling Hills. She has been working with the County, specifically, the Sheriff's Department with developing the program. The kick off will take place on Saturday, September 26 at Westampton Day, where they will have a table with information.

Resignation of Linda Robbins from the EAC - the Committee had received a letter of resignation from Ms. Robbins, which they accepted.

Appoint Dave Guerrero and Leonard Godleski to the EAC - Mr. Adams made a motion; Mr. Maybury seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Public Works Report

Beazer Homes - Performance bond Release – update on last section to be released

Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program - Review of Acquisition List

Transportation Enhancement Program - Springside Road Bikeway. The Township's request for funds for this project has been denied.

Fire Prevention Report - August 2009

Municipal Court Reports - Westampton, Hainesport, Eastampton

Police Report

EMS Report - the annual open house will take place on Thursday, October 8th from 6 PM - 9 PM

Resolutions

128-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

129-09 Appoint Municipal Housing Liaison – motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

130-09 Endorse the Green Acres, Water Supply, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

131-09 Refund Taxes, Block 404, Lot 2.08 – motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

132-09 Cancel Taxes - Various Properties - motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

133-09 Executive Session - to discuss potential litigation. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

134-09 Bond Release, Coldem, Block 1203, Lot 24 - motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Ordinances

10-2009 Amending Chapter 17, Payment of Claims – second reading. This ordinance was tabled and then withdrawn. Motion to withdraw by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

11-2009 Create Position of Municipal Housing Liaison (COAH) – second reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

12-2009 Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast of Garden State, L.P. - first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Maybury.

13-2009 Authorize Lease Agreement with Rancocas Community Center - first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Daniels.

Correspondence

Medford Lakes Public Works – thank you letter. The letter thanked our PW Department for their efforts helping them with the clean up after a storm.

Workshop Items

1. Fernwood Springs Farm - no updates on this
2. Project Freedom – the meeting had taken place on September 15, 2009. Tim Doherty, from Project Freedom gave a presentation. Mr. Daniels and Mr. Robbins attended, as well as Township Planner Harry McVey and Deputy Clerk Marion Karp. There was a resident who was concerned regarding handicapped children in the development but it was explained to her that a handicapped resident was no more likely to have a handicapped child than was a non handicapped person. This location represents the best site at this time.
3. Environmental Resource Inventory – will begin on September 28, 2009 at 7 PM.
4. Tarnsfield Pool Lease – a date for a meeting will be set soon
5. Vision Plan – the first workshop meeting would take place on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 PM. A table would be set up at Westampton Day that would provide information for interested residents.

Dates to remember

Westampton Day – Sept. 26th, 11 AM – 4 PM

Vision Plan Workshop Meeting - Sept. 29, 2009, 7 PM

Rancocas Ham Dinner - Saturday, October 3rd, 4 PM - 7 PM

Comments

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – there is a fire fighter who is out on worker's compensation. He has been out of work for 5 weeks at this point

Police Chief Rick Smith – Sgt. Princiotta will return on October 1st.

Mr. Daniels – wanted to know if anyone knew of any plans to welcome Sgt. Princiotta home. No one at the meeting was aware of any plans. He had attended the American Legion meeting and was concerned with reports about the Philadelphia VA hospital situation. The weather looks good for Westampton Day and the Pet Expo.

Comments from the Public

Janet Curran – Joyce Knox's idea is outstanding for the children. The Sports Complex is looking good. She was upset that the Pet Expo was being held the same day as Westampton Day. It seems as if the Pet Expo got all the newspaper coverage.

Norm Miller - thanked the Committee for working through the lease for the Rancocas Community Center.

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

Mayor Camp – hopes to see everyone out at Westampton Day.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk