

WESTAMPTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:30 PM Closed Session      8:00 PM Regular Meeting

September 8, 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	Present
Mayor Camp	Present

Richard Rybak, Solicitor, was present.

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

Minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Adams; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes.

Closed Session minutes of August 11, 2009. Motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

Minutes of the Comcast Public Hearing, July 14, 2009. Motion to accept by Mr. Robbins, second by Mr. Adams. All voted yes.

Mayor Camp swore in the new Class II Police Officer Tara Slater.

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

There was no comment made by any member of the public on an agenda item.

**Old Business**

Beazer Homes – the Township will release the performance bonds at this evening's meeting.

Timbuctoo – there is a tentative dig planned on October 3rd & 4th, however, there is no exact time as of yet. They are looking for some volunteers.

Comcast Renewal – most likely will be on the next meeting agenda

**New Business**

Joyce Knox – update on mentoring program. Cancelled for this evening

Letter of Interest (EAC) – Donna had received a letter of interest from Jackie Valerio. She has a second letter of interest as well; there are two persons interested and two seats available. Mr. Daniels asked if this person resides in the Township, since the letter does not state if she is a resident or not. Marion Karp had checked and she does live in the Township. Mr. Robbins made a motion to appoint Ms. Valerio; seconded by Mr. Maybury. All voted yes.

Proclamation – Constitution Week – Mayor Camp read this aloud

Proclamation – Plastic Bottles & Bags – Mr. Robbins read this aloud. Mr. Daniels commended Mr. Robbins on his research regarding this proclamation; he would like to eventually prohibit these items.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Report –

Contract Negotiations – Burl. Co. Professional Firefighters Assoc. –

Raffle License #13-2009 & #14-2009 (The Drenk Foundation 9/22/09) – Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve the licenses; Mr. Robbins seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Narcotics Task Force – this is a request for a loaner officer of ours to be trained by Burlington County. The training will then be utilized within Westampton Township.

## **Resolutions**

124-09 Payment of Vouchers – motion to approve by Mr. Robbins; seconded by Mr. Daniels. All voted yes. Mr. Robbins had several questions regarding the bill list. On the August 20th bill list, on page 4, there is a charge listed under vehicle maintenance; it was a repair to Joe Otto's unmarked vehicle. It is totally covered by insurance and was not his fault, someone backed into his vehicle. On the 9/13/09 list, he questioned the Visioning Plan charge and wanted to make sure this \$6300 was budgeted for. It is, according to Donna. The Township Committee would receive an interim report on the Visioning Plan in the near future. He then asked about the charge for the removal of a deer carcass. Clarification was needed for a charge that appeared on page 2. It was a charge for Labar's Lock Shop and is for a bail safe; the old one safe broke, this is a new one that they had to purchase.

Mr. Daniels asked about the costs for the police radio warranties. This is for the portable radios the police carry and are well worth it since when they break the repairs cost hundreds, according to the Chief. He has had to send out six radios so far this year for repair.

125-09 Bond Release, Beazer Homes, Deerwood Country Club Estates, Section T-4 (rejection) – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Fire Official John Augustino has to be contacted to approve the new sign which needs to be replaced.

126-09 Bond Release, Beazer Homes, Deerwood Country Club Estates, Sections S-1 thru S-8 & T-1 thru T-3 – motion to approve by Mr. Maybury; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

127-09 Executive Session – to discuss litigation; motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes.

### **Ordinances**

10-2009 Amending Chapter 17, Payment of Claims – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Second reading will be on September 22, 2009.

11-2009 Create Position of Municipal Housing Liaison (COAH) – first reading. Motion to approve by Mr. Daniels; seconded by Mr. Robbins. All voted yes. Second reading will be on September 22, 2009.

### **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 – we are waiting for the State to see if they will be putting more money into Green Acres. Donna will need some help with this.
2. Project Freedom – meeting on Sept. 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM
3. Environmental Resource Inventory – the EAC has their kick off soon. A rep from the DVRPC will be present.
4. Tarnsfield Pool Lease – will be scheduled sometime in the fall to meet with the Township Committee
5. Vision Plan – Mr. Maybury participated in a conference call last Wednesday; they will set up at Westampton Day on Sept. 26. There will be a meeting held here on Tuesday, Sept. 29. They want to get the word out to as many people out as they can to participate. It was discussed where to hold the meeting, Mr. Daniels suggested the WMS Media Center, Mayor Camp suggested the Firehouse.

### **Dates to remember**

Westampton Day – Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 4 PM

Project Freedom Presentation, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM– Sidney would not be able to attend the meeting.

Vision Plan Meeting - Sept. 29, 2009

Recreation Committee Meeting – September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM. Andre asked for a moment of silence in order to commemorate September 11, 2001.

## **Comments**

Fire Official John Augustino – asked for a Fire Prevention week Proclamation. The Mayor has it on his desk.

Fire Chief Wylie Johnson – a visitor from Virginia who was in the Township had a cardiac arrest last week, thanks to our crews he is still alive. They will be going to the competition in Maryland on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Rick Smith – the Police Department has had more interaction with Public Works this year than they have had in the last 22 years. They have done a lot of work for them this year and have done a phenomenal job. They are saving the department a lot of money.

Solicitor Rich Rybak – regarding the lease for the Rancocas Community Center; the process is still on going, when complete it would be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Daniels – has nothing new regarding Veteran's Affairs. He thanked Melissa Hightower for her help with organizing the clean up effort at Spring Meadows, as well as for her organizing a movie night. Tanya Ray was involved as well in the effort and he thanked her.

Mr. Adams – hopes everyone comes out for Westampton Day.

## **Comments from the Public**

Bill Holland – 21 Augusta Drive. He asked what the different sections are represented in Deerwood Country Club for the bond release resolutions. He also commented regarding blue recycling carts being left outside in the development.

Janet Curran – asked how the people were being notified about Project Freedom. Letters were sent out to all Spring Meadows residents and it has been posted on the website. She asked if the Township could still continue to send requests to Ikea asking if the driveway for the Dolan project could be relocated on Ikea Drive even though they have already refused. Donna suggested that we could try. She asked if a sign could be placed out at the site for the Sports Complex so that everyone would know what was being constructed. Public Works has done a super job with the chipping.

Tom DiOrio – asked the Committee if they would draft a resolution supporting the Open Space funding that will be on the ballot in November. We would do this in support.

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

Mayor Camp – a motorcycle dealership is looking at the Arrow Pontiac site. He asked Fred at the LDB meeting about asking developers to hire our local residents; even though we may not be able to control this, he would like to send this message. Mr. Daniels thinks there is language that already speaks to this; maybe in the last legislative bulletin that came out. He would support this

effort. Rick Rybak stated that the Township cannot mandate this under the law, but can ask them to make every reasonable effort to employ a Township resident.

Mayor Camp asked the Solicitor if anything could be done regarding long term hotel stays, for example, what is going on at our Econolodge. It might not sit right with the County and their Section 8 regulations, but we have to do what is right for Westampton Township. Mr. Robbins commented that this could affect an extended stay hotel and he would hate to hurt a business. We would have to be careful with this. Mayor Camp stated that something has to be done with the Econolodge.

Mike Meenan has come into the Public Works Supervisor position and is very hands on. He is out there in the trenches; he wants to commend him and the Public Works Department as well, they are very responsive to the needs of the residents. He called for a moment of silence in honor of 9/11.

There were no further comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Karp, Deputy Clerk