

RESOLUTION #R-202-09 – APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Roehrich

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

RESOLUTION #R-203-09 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LAND TRUST IN REGARD TO THE LANCE PROPERTY

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish	Fifty-Fifty	01/29/2010
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish	Tricky Tray	01/29/2010
Long Valley Middle School PTA	Fifty-Fifty	02/10/2010
Independence Township PTO Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	03/19/2010
Independence Township PTO Inc.	Tricky Tray	03/19/2010

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

That the following resignation be accepted:

Henry Newbold – Member, Washington Township Library Board of Trustees, effective November 10, 2009

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – LONG VALLEY JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUB**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Junior Women’s Club for a fundraiser to be held on February 6, 2010 from 6:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. at The Lodge on Schooley’s Mountain, 54 Camp Washington Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company No.1 from Matthew James Lopez and Thomas Frederick Esposito.

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley Fire Company No. 1.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Ken Birchby.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Fairmount Fire Company.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

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***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Tax Collector

Mayor Short asked if anyone on the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. There was no response.

All items preceded by a (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich(++), Mayor Short(+)

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: see below

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

+ Mayor Short abstained from voting on the St. Mark the Evangelist raffle applications.

++ Comm. Roehrich abstained from voting on the October 14, 2009 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Governor-Elect Chris Christie thanking Mayor Short for his letter of congratulations and the work the Mayor did on the Governor-Elect's campaign and offering his assistance during his term.

Letter from the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders congratulating Mayor Short on his election victory and offering the Freeholders' resources and support.

Letter from Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner Charles A. Richman, stating Washington Township will receive a Rec Opps for Individuals with Disabilities grant of \$5,000.00.

Letter from County Administrator John Bonanni stating the Morris County Mental Health/Substance Abuse Advisory Board and County Alliance Steering Subcommittee has recommended that the Washington Township Municipal Alliance receive \$13,103.00 in 2010.

Letter from ARC Morris Executive Director William R. Testa, presenting a check in the sum of \$1,150.25, the contribution made to host municipalities in lieu of property taxes.

Thanksgiving card from Commander Ray Milheme, expressing the Veterans' appreciation for the breakfast hosted by Senior Citizens Program Coordinator Gail Werner on Veterans Day.

Note from Communications Specialist Jim Smith acknowledging our expressions of sympathy for the loss of his father.

DISCUSSION

VACATION CARRY-OVER – Cris Cook-Gibbs requested permission to carry-over vacation days.

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon to allow the carry-over of vacation days by Cris Cook-Gibbs. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

HUNTING ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY – The Committee has received e-mails expressing concerns regarding hunting on Washington Township property. The Committee invited the person(s) to come forward to express their concerns formally.

The Mayor and various Committee members commented on the positive handling of events throughout the year of 2009.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:57 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-201-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: CHESTER COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT**
PERSONNEL: TAX ASSESSOR
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: PBA CONTRACT

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:37 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk