

The Regular Meeting of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen,
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Senior Deputy Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 6, 2010 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PROCLAMATION – Vice Mayor Popper, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring February 8, 2010, “**Boy Scouts of America Day.**”

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring Tuesday, March 2, 2010 as “**Read Across America**” day.

PROPOSED SHED – PALMER PARK – LONG VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – Mr. Bob White made a presentation to the Committee to request storage for sports equipment. The Committee approved his plan to install a shed given the fulfillment of the Spring maintenance fees.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT – RIDGELINE RELIEF – Mr. Tony Egizi, 7 Jordan Court, requested relief from a conservation easement to aid in the sale of his home. The Ridgeline Ordinance is also an issue. The Planning Board will need to review the impact of the Ridgeline Ordinance on Mr. Egizi's property. **Leon Hall, Municipal Engineer**, will be consulted on this issue. The Committee will grant relief from the conservation easement if the Planning Board so recommends.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – Daniel McGuire made a presentation to the Committee regarding low and moderate income housing. The 10 unit apartment project has applied for funding and has the majority of funds in place. **Mayor Short** will sign a letter indicating that the Township has been informed of the status of the project and that a public presentation was held.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public with regard to Homeless Solutions.

Lela Callerimi, 20 Thomas Farm Lane, stated that she supports the Community Development Block Grant application of Homeless Solutions.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments unrelated to the Flea Market.

Tracy Tobin, 4 Mountain View Ave, complimented the DPW on clearing this year's winter storms. Mr. Tobin suggested that the Township Committee should also compliment them on their efforts.

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

ORDINANCES

FEE ORDINANCE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION FEE AMENDMENT – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 56, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**” later this evening.

Neil Ruggiero, 24 Yorkshire Drive, Construction Official, stated that the fees should generate sufficient revenue to break even.

PARKS AND RECREATION – HOUSEKEEPING ORDINANCE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**” later this evening.

Mayor Short recused himself from R0-01-10 as he is an owner of a split zoned property (residential and commercial) in the area in question and voting would constitute a conflict of interest. He left the dais and took a seat in the audience. Vice-Mayor Popper assumed the chair.

RO-01-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, LiaBraaten

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, LiaBraaten

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

Mayor Short returned to the dais.

RO-02-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RO-03-10 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RO-04-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RO-05-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONTOUR INTERVALS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONTOUR INTERVALS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Laura Akin, 98 East Mill Road, questioned the standards and requirements set forth in this ordinance. **Mayor Short** and **Attorney Jansen** explained the reasons for this amendment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONTOUR INTERVALS be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RO-06-10 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR FARMLAND INSPECTIONS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR FARMLAND INSPECTIONS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Laura Akin, East Mill Road, stated that farmers pay the same taxes on their homestead as do all residents of Washington Township. Ms. Akin feels that \$25 is an unfair inspection fee to charge the farmers every three years. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the Law specifically requires onsite farmland inspections every three years and authorizes the fee not to exceed \$25. **Mayor Short** reiterated that the Township is trying to recover its costs. Ms. Akins stated that she feels that farmland property provides a value to the Township. It was noted that land is assessed at a much lower rate if it qualifies for farmland assessment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR FARMLAND INSPECTIONS be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RO-07-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon first reading.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL PTA**

An application has been received from the Old Farmers Road School PTA for a School Fair to be held on May 21, 2010 from 4:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Old Farmers Road School located at 51 Old Farmers 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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – VALLEY SHEPHERD LLC**

An application has been received from Valley Shepherd LLC for a Shearing Festival to be held on May 8, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Valley Shepherd Creamery, 50 Fairmount 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.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for membership in the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company from Carl W. Slater.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

January 12, 2010 Special Budget Meeting
January 13, 2010 Work Session
January 18, 2010 Regular Meeting
January 26, 2010 Special Budget Meeting

***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,
Bureau of Fire Prevention Annual Report

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 resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

+ Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the January 12, 2010, January 13, 2010 and January 18, 2010 minutes.

RESOLUTION #R-38-10 – APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RESOLUTION #R-39-10 – AWARD BID – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL CAMP – COMPLETE PLAYER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHOOL

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RESOLUTION #R-40-10 – THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT PARIS GRANTS PROGRAM - RESOLUTION FOR SHARED SERVICES WITH MORRIS COUNTY

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RESOLUTION #R-41-10 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

RESOLUTION #R-42-10 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF COAH ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township Historical Society Annual Report for 2009 (on file in the Clerk's office)

2009 Comcast Franchise Fees - \$54,152.18

2009 Municipal Public Information Contest Special Recognition Award Certificate presented by the Center for Government Services at Rutgers University

DISCUSSION

FLEA MARKET UPDATE – The Township Committee is looking forward to getting hard data as to whether the Flea Market will work. There are many considerations such as storm water management, traffic and soil conservation, which would involve Morris County. **Mayor Short** announced that there will be no Flea Market in Washington Township during 2010. **Mayor Short** suggested the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the various issues related to the Flea Market. The Ad Hoc Committee would include some residents.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Ed Gallucci, 9 Ramsey Way, asked whether any of the data from the by-pass study could be used for the Flea Market traffic study. **Mayor Short** explained that the content and extent of that data was not viable for this purpose.

Dominic Puleo, 249 Fairmount Road, asked why the Committee is not simply dismissing the idea of the Flea Market as that seems to be the will of the people. He mentioned a public referendum as being useful to terminate the idea. **Mayor Short** stated that the public should wait for the Ad Hoc Committee to collect pertinent information.

Martha Puleo, 249 Fairmount Road, stated that Long Valley is a small town in which the business owners live. She stated that the residents like it that way. Ms. Puleo stated that the Committee already knows we have a traffic problem; why do we need a study to tell us what we already know?

Kevin Nedd, 65 Kim Lane, took exception to Mayor Short's comments about signs that are "illegally" posted around town. **Attorney Jansen** clarified the issue. Certain signs are protected by the First Amendment, but people should respect the environment and public safety.

Pat Schott, 9 East Maple Ave, asked what is involved with a traffic study when we know there is already a traffic problem. **Mayor Short** responded that the idea is whether the intersection can be controlled safely.

Jim Palermo, 11 Mountain View Drive, asked if the Chester intersection could not handle the traffic, how could Long Valley possibly do so.

Martha Puleo believes that we can learn from the signs; to think of us and not the businesses.

Jim Emery, 277 West Valley Brook Road, raised the issue of a conflict where the Lions Club might provide money for fireworks while negotiating for the Flea Market. **Mayor Short** responded that the Community Events Organization is independent and nonprofit.

Mike Callerimi, stated that the Committee needs to stay with the people, they know what they are saying.

Joanne Chaplin, 36 Wherli Road, questioned the amount to be raised. She questioned the Township's liability for those who might be hurt at the Flea Market.

Jeff Chaplin, 36 Wherli Road, stated that if a Farmers Market is allowed, a Flea Market will follow. He would like to volunteer for the ad hoc Committee.

Mayor Short stated that anyone interested in the ad hoc Committee should send a letter to the Township Committee.

Jeff Chaplin asked how long it would take to decide this question. He was told that a decision would probably be made by mid August. **Attorney Jansen** explained the non-binding referendum process.

Susan Romeo, 24 Gentry Drive, asked if the traffic problems in the fall will be taken into account.

The Committee stated that would be part of the information gathered.

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

Comm. Popper stated that he has not made up his mind.

Comm. Harmon stated that there is not enough information. The Ad Hoc Committee will help to understand the community's desire. He stated that we need to gather facts from the community and other resources.

Comm. LiaBraaten stated that he is also open minded toward this topic, even though he is not enthusiastic about it. He stated that the Committee is trying to represent the views of the people of the community. He further stated that it will be given a fair airing to the public.

LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW – "PAY TO PLAY" REFORM – This discussion was postponed to the March Work Session when Harlin Parker can be present.

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR – **Comm. Popper** commented that the candidate's experience level should be at least three years, and the candidate's availability to prosecute should be considered. **Comm. Harmon** suggested obtaining information that the candidate's experience is current. There have been nine applicants to date. A sub Committee consisting of Comm. LiaBraaten, Comm. Harmon and Administrator Galletts will conduct these interviews, with the information being brought to the entire Committee. A selection of four finalists will be made. The interviews are to be held March 2010. Califon will be involved in the final selection process.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – **Mayor Short** read into the record Committee assignments as follows:

Comm. LiaBraaten	DPW Assistant Commissioner, Health, Administration, Shade Tree
Mayor Short	Senior Citizen Liaison
Comm. Harmon	Morris County League of Municipalities Liaison
Asst. Admin. Burd	Special Projects, Shared Services

WTMUA APPOINTMENTS – Mayor Short stated that there is one open seat. He asked the Administrator to advertise in the Observer Tribune to let the public know what Committees have vacancies.

RESOLUTION #R-44-10 – AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Roehrich

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Township Clerk