

The Regular Meeting of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:47 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Recording Secretary DiGregorio

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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.

EAGLE AWARD – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, congratulated Scout Ross Whitehaus, a member of Troop 236, for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

PRESENTATION – LONG VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB – SUMMER TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL - **Mr. Oliver Duerr** made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding a summer baseball tournament to be held June 12 through June 25, 2010 for the 9 through 12 age group. The Township Committee approved Mr. Duerr's request subject to the submission of proper insurance certificates and coordination with DPW.

REGOGNITION – **Comm. Popper** read into the record a resolution passed by the Township of Peapack/Gladstone recognizing the Fairmount Fire Company volunteers for their outstanding dedication and services at a recent house fire.

Mayor Short introduced Alex Hughes and Anthony Zarillo from St. Michaels who were there to observe the meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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 – 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 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, 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, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, 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, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-08-10 – 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 – 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 56, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, 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, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Laura Akin, 98 East Mill Road, asked why the Township is interested in making changes to fees. **Mayor Short** explained that fees are supposed to pay for the operation of the construction office and we have been falling short. These changes are in line with fees charged in other municipalities.

Neil Ruggiero, Construction Official, expanded on the Mayor's explanation.

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 56, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, 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, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-55-10 – AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES
VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

All references to the Long Valley Fire Company and Long Valley First Aid Squad were deleted.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-56-10 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-57-10 – CANCEL VARIOUS UNFUNDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-58-10 – CANCEL VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS TO
THE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-59-10 – CANCEL VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS TO
THE OPEN SPACE FUND**

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-60-10 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT FOR THE CONNECTION OF THE BLACK OAK GOLF
CLUB HOUSE TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY LONG VALLEY SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-61-10 – AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Popper

ABSENT: None

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

The Garden Club of Long Valley	Draw Raffle	05/08/2010
Old Farmers Road School PTA, Inc.	Draw Raffle	05/21/2010
Old Farmers Road School PTA, Inc.	Tricky Tray	05/21/2010
Heath Village, Inc.	Tricky Tray	05/21/2010
Heath Village, Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	05/21/2010
N.R.A. Foundation New Jersey State Fund Committee	Tricky Tray	05/27/2010
N.R.A. Foundation New Jersey State Fund Committee	Fifty-Fifty	05/27/2010
N.R.A. Foundation New Jersey State Fund Committee	Fifty-Fifty	05/27/2010
St. James Episcopal Church	Fifty-Fifty	05/17/2010
Centenary College Men's Basketball	Fifty-Fifty	04/25/2010

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.

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

An application has been received for Junior Membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Sawyer Waller.

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

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LAND TRUST OF MORRIS COUNTY INC.**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County Inc. for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on April 17, 2010 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Schooley's Mountain Lodge, 54 Camp Washington Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the applicant for submission to Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

February 15, 2010 Regular Meeting
February 22, 2010 Special Budget Meeting
March 6, 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

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. Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: see below

ABSENT: None

+ **Comm. Roehrich abstained from voting on the February 15, 2009 minutes.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

2009 NJDEP Division of Parks and Forestry Business Stimulus Fund award in the amount of \$7,000 to be dedicated to forestry projects.

Letter from Freeholders Director Gene Feyl, stating the Municipal Alliance will receive \$2,500 to be used for substance abuse prevention programs in 2010.

Final Equalization Table for Morris County for the year 2010

DISCUSSION

NARROWBANDING – **Municipal Technical Specialist, Ray Kenny** explained the Form IV request for four FCC licenses, with regard to narrowbanding. Federal regulations require that radio frequencies be narrowbanded by 2013. Grants may be available in the future. No decision was made by the Committee. This will be further considered during budget deliberations.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Hagen Sniffen, Chief Long Valley First Aid Squad, stated that there is no money left in the State Training Fund for anything other than basic EMT training. He inquired how he is to proceed with upcoming recertifications.

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

ROCK SRPING PARK GRANT – Mayor Short stated that a Community Development grant for Rock Spring Park improvements was applied for but not received.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-62-10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION: ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUBS V. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Popper

Comm. Popper returned to the meeting.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:20 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.