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The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Acting Township Clerk Burd at 10:01 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. David Kennedy, Kenneth W. Short, Bill Roehrich, James LiaBraaten

OTHERS PRESENT: Comm.-Elect Tracy Tobin, Attorney John P. Jansen, Administrator/Acting Clerk

Deborah A. Burd, Office Manager Andrew Coppola, Deputy Clerk Nina M.

DiGregorio

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on December 22, 2011 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.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **INVOCATION**

Father Michael Drury gave the invocation.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER SWORN IN BY ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK

Acting Township Clerk Burd administered the oath of office to Tracy Tobin.

#### **ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2012**

Comm. Roehrich nominated Comm. Short to serve as Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2012. The motion was seconded by Comm. Tobin. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

# NEW MAYOR TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR FOR 2012

Mayor Short nominated Comm. Roehrich to serve as Vice Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2012. The motion was seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

## MAYOR'S PUBLIC OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Short recognized and acknowledged the following elected officials in the audience: Sen. Anthony Bucco, Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco, Freeholders Margaret Nordstrom, Douglas Cabana, Gene Feyl, Thomas Mastrangelo and Ann Grossi, Sheriff Edward Rochford, Past Mayor John Krikus and Past Committeeman Jim Harmon.

# LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Mayor Short acknowledged First Aid members Leanne Ajbuszyk, Vin Dreeland, Trent Hagan, Bonnie Hooker, Andi Huber, Rebecca Lare, Claudette McElroy, Hagan Sniffen, Chris Speakman and Anna Wagner with letters of commendation.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

# SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS

Acting Township Clerk Burd administered oaths of office for the year 2012 to the Fire Department Chiefs, the officers of the Fairmount Fire Company, Long Valley Fire Company, Schooley's Mountain Fire Company and the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

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#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE – 2012

Mayor Short made his opening remarks for the year 2012 by welcoming Comm. Tobin and providing an explanation of the Committee's function. Mayor Short reviewed 2011 and summarized his expectations for the year 2012.

Mayor Short suspended the meeting to allow for a recess at 10:35 A.M. The meeting reconvened at 10:55 A.M.

\*RESOLUTION #R-01-12 DESIGNATION OF THE OBSERVER TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 2012

\*RESOLUTION #R-02-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$17,500

\*RESOLUTION #R-03-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CONTRACTS NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500

\*RESOLUTION #R-04-12 DATES AND TIMES FOR REGULAR AND WORK MEETINGS OF THE

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 2012

\*RESOLUTION #R-07-12 APPOINTMENTS - MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE – 2012

\*RESOLUTION #R-09-12 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS – 2012

\*RESOLUTION #R-10-12 AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES AND CREDITS

AND THE ANNUAL SALE OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2011 AND SET RATE

OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES – 2012

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 proceeded by a (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSENT: None

# **RESOLUTION #R-05-12** TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSENT: None

#### **RESOLUTION #R-06-12** APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP POSITIONS – 2012

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSENT: None

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# **RESOLUTION #R-08-12** TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, VARIOUS BOARD/ COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Short read into the record Committee assignments and various Board/Committee appointments.

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

It was recognized that Resolution #R-08-12 should be amended to reflect Comm. Tobin as a Liaison to the Green Team and as the Mayor's representative to the Library Board.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin to amend Resolution #R-08-12 as noted above. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

## CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

A letter from Governor Christie wishing the Mayor and Township Committee continued success in the New Year.

#### **DISCUSSION**

**SET BUDGET MEETING DATES** – The following budget meeting dates were set:

Wednesday	January 25, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Senior Center
Monday	February 6, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Senior Center
Monday	February 13, 2012	7:00 P.M.	Senior Center

#### **PUBLIC POTION**

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

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Deborah Burd,	Acting	Township	Clerk