

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Babb, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jansen, Administrator Coppola, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 9, 2014 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.

MAYORS UPDATE – the Township Committee has spent the past six weeks working on the budget. The difficult winter stressed the DPW budget because of overtime and salt usage. More roads are now in bad shape. There will be a 2.9% budget increase this year; this calculates to an average increase of \$55 per household, \$40 of this increase is related to DPW winter expenses.

JCP&L has experienced only three minor outages this season. This improvement shows that the utility has been proactive.

2,500 residences have registered with Nixle, which is 38% of the Township. Mayor Short encouraged anyone who has not registered their cell number or email address to please do so.

Today the Senior St. Patrick Day Luncheon took place at the Senior Center. Approximately 60 seniors attended. Girl Scouts and the Junior Women's Club assisted Washington Township staff.

On September 13, 2014 the Washington Township Police Department will celebrate 50 years of service to the community.

PROCLAMATIONS - EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Comm. Tobin, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation recognizing **Randy Beam** as a valued township employee.

Comm. Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation recognizing **Officer Daniel Parrish** for his excellent work relative to a smoke condition due to farmer's modification.

Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation recognizing **Ray Kenny** for his valuable IT work in the township.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring March 2014 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring April 2014 as National Autism Awareness Month.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RECESS

Mayor Short suspended the meeting for a recess at 7:51 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:03 P.M.

RO-03-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PROMOTIONS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

It was noted that this ordinance has been replaced by RO-04-14.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-04-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PROMOTIONS – 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 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PROMOTIONS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

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 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PROMOTIONS be passed on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RO-05-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – 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 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

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, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING CONSERVATION EASEMENTS be passed on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RO-06-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, 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 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, 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. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten
ABSTENTIONS: None

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 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be passed on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten
ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-07-14 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND RELEASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 AND TO ACCEPT A REVISED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND RELEASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 AND TO ACCEPT A REVISED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten
ABSTENTIONS: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND RELEASE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 AND TO ACCEPT A REVISED CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 15, LOT 62 be passed on first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten
ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-01-14 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF– ADOPTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Attorney Jansen confirmed receipt of the \$5,000 check and the bond. The check is being held in escrow pending adoption of the ordinance.

The Public Hearing on this Ordinance was held last month.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RO-02-14 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)– SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mayor Short requested that **Auditor Bill Schroeder** explain the purpose of the ordinance. **Mr. Schroeder** explained that the purpose is to protect the cap bank.

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 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation as Chairperson be accepted:

Mia Szymanski – Chairperson, Recreation Advisory Committee, effective March 31, 2014

Motion to accept the resignation was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin**. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-49-14 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-50-14 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-51-14 INTRODUCE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Prior to introducing the budget, **Mayor Short** highlighted a number of items in the budget.

Attorney Jansen stated for the record that the public hearing on the budget will take place at the April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-52-14 AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2014

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-53-14 RATIFICATION OF MAILBOX/POST REPLACEMENT POLICY

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-54-14 AUTHORIZE FILING OF 2013 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-55-14 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDER

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-56-14 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-57-14 REFUND 2013 TAX PAYMENTS

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-58-14 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-59-14 RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE 2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS U.S.A. GAMES AND ALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND VOLUNTEERS TO NEW JERSEY

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-60-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

Mayor Short stated that the minimum bid for the license would be \$290,000.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-61-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Administrator Coppola provided an overview of the Professional Services proposals.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten **ABSTENTIONS:** None

***RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

WT Community Events Organization	Tricky Tray	April 25, 2014
Old Farmers Road School PTA	Tricky Tray and Raffle	May 30, 2014

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.
That the foregoing raffle application(s) be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LAND TRUST**

An application has been received from Washington Township Land Trust for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 between the hours of 3:00 PM and 8:00 P.M. to be held at Schooley’s Mountain Lodge, 54 Camp Washington Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the 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 Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

Work Session	December 11, 2013
Regular Meeting	December 16, 2013
Special Meeting	February 4, 2014
Special Meeting	February 11, 2014
Regular Meeting	February 17, 2014
Special Meeting	February 18, 2014
Special Meeting	February 25, 2014

***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,
Washington Township Zoning Official

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

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb (#), Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

(#) Comm. Babb abstained from voting on the December 11, 2013 and December 16, 2013 meeting minutes. He was not present at those meetings.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Akin, 98 East Mill Road, expressed discontent with the easement ordinance. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the ordinance proposes nothing new; it is simply an act of clarification.

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

Office Manager Lyons reminded the Committee to complete EPL training or to attend next month's meeting in East Hanover.

Municipal Clerk DiGregorio notified the Committee that the Freeholders would like to present an overview of their budget. The Committee would like them to come in April.

Mayor Short inquired about the election polling location change request. **Municipal Clerk DiGregorio** anticipates being notified after March 28, 2014.

Administrator Coppola notified the Committee of an agreement between the DPW and the MUA. The DPW will cut the grass at various MUA locations, and the MUA will purchase a new mower for the DPW every other year.

Administrator Coppola stated that the Construction Department is in need of clerical support. The Committee authorized Andrew to advertise or retain a temp for two days per week, with possible extra days in the summer.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:36 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-62-14 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION – Historic Preservation

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:50 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk