

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. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney John Jansen, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd, Assistant Administrator Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten (*)

*Note: Comm. LiaBraaten participated in the consideration of RO-07-13 via speaker phone.

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 10, 2013 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

There were two power outages this past week.

A new shared services agreement with Califon is on the agenda to be effective May 1, 2013. CFO and Tax Collecting services will be provided by Washington Township. Califon will compensate Washington Township at the rate of \$3,000 per month.

The Long Valley Garden Club is having an event at the library this Friday at 3:00 PM. All are invited.

The Memorial Day event will take place on May 25 at noon. All are invited.

Free paper shredding will be offered to residents this coming weekend, April 20.

Free electronics recycling will be offered April 27.

This is the last meeting Administrator/ Acting Clerk Burd will attend before her retirement.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

NOTE: Due to the need for Mayor Short and Comm. Tobin to recuse themselves, Comm. LiaBraaten participated in the consideration of RO-07-13 via speaker phone at 7:33 PM. Mayor Short and Comm. Tobin stepped down. Comm. Roehrich assumed the chair.

RO-07-13 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28, LOT 19 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28, LOT 19 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be adopted upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin, Mayor Short

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE

Comm. Roehrich opened the meeting to the public.

There being no comments or questions, Comm. Roehrich closed the meeting to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28, LOT 19 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin, Mayor Short

NOTE: Comm. LiaBraaten was excused from the telephone call at 7:36 PM.

PRESENTATION

PROCLAMATION. National Volunteer Week. Mayor Short, on behalf of the Township Committee read into record a Proclamation declaring April 21-21 National Volunteer Week and encouraged citizens to thank volunteers and consider giving back to their community in the form of volunteerism.

GOLD AWARD PROJECT PRESENTATION. Sara Lichon lives in the Stephensburg section of Washington Township. For her Gold Award she will research the history of the area, present it at the Fall Festival, and eventually provide it to a Middle School History Teacher so her research can be shared with students in the future. **Miss Lichon** will also design a sign and erect it on Route 57 for maximum visibility. She will work with the DPW on the installation of the sign.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION. A presentation was made by **Mr. Jeffrey Mohre**, Superintendent, Washington Township Board of Education and **Ms. Liz George**, Business Administrator, Washington Township Board of Education. Highlights are noted on the 'Just the Facts' brochure.

RO-06-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES – 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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE

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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXIABAS AND LIMOUSINES be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

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 TO PROVIDE FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN – 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 TO PROVIDE FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Cullen, Laurel Drive, congratulated the Committee on a good job.

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

RESOLUTION #R-52-13 ADOPT 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-53-13 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TAX COLLECTOR SERVICES

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-54-13 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-55-13 CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-56-13 REFUND 2012 TAX PAYMENTS

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-57-13 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDER

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-58-13 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-59-13 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERIOR OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION

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

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

***RAFFLE APPLICATION**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Long Valley Girls Softball Association, Inc.	50/50	June 2, 2013
Pet Adoption League	50/50	June 8, 2013
Pet Adoption League	Merchandise Raffle	June 8, 2013

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Form 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 MEMBERSHIP – N.J. STATE FIREMAN’S ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received for membership in the N.J. State Fireman’s Association from Matthew V. Gorini. That the foregoing application for membership be approved and forwarded to Fairmount Fire Company.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES**

An application has been received from the River of Life Ministries for a Church Tent Service to be held from June 16th to June 23rd between the hours of 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Union Cemetery. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing application be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

March 2, 2013 Special Meeting
April 3, 2013 Special 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 proceeded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

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

Note: Mr. Banish had still not arrived so the Committee decided to proceed with the introduction of RO-08-13 and invite him to the May Work Session Meeting.

RO-08-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PETITION THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE FOR THE PLANNING AREA – 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 TO PETITION THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE FOR THE PLANNING AREA 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. Kennedy, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: Comm. Roehrich

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 TO PETITION THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE FOR THE PLANNING AREA be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on May 20, 2013 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 in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: Comm. Roehrich

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.