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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd, Office Manager Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 9, 2012 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.

PRESENTATION - BARE ROOT PLANTING AND TREE FARM DISCUSSION - Steve Zaikowski, Chairman of

the Shade Tree Commission, gave a presentation to the Township Committee regarding the planting of trees in Washington Township, in part due to the need to replace trees destroyed during the September 2011 storm. Mr. Zaikowski proposed making the tree replacement a community project. He asked if the Committee would be willing to commit approximately \$1,250 for this replanting effort in next year's budget, a \$250 increase over the 2012 budget. Mr. Zaikowski wants to begin the program by planting 25 trees next year. He would like to set up a replanting program over the next few years. The Committee agreed to implement this plan over the next few years.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RESOLUTION #R-73-12 RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF STATE AID BID – East Valley Brook Road

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. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor ShortNAYS: NoneABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

RESOLUTION #R-74-12 RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF STATE AID BID - Wehrli Road

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor ShortNAYS: NoneABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

DISCUSSION

REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION – A meeting was held on June 7th and meetings have been held monthly regarding the Township's share of expenses and other issues. There are three options being considered. \$10,000 has been committed to study the possible reorganization of the Regional Board of Education system. The first option is to combine all five municipalities in a K-12 district. The second is to have two K-12 districts, one in Washington Township and one for the Mendhams/Chesters. The third option is to have one K-12 for Washington Township and a 9-12 district for the Mendhams/Chesters. A vote needs to be taken to put up the \$10,000 to perform the study. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the possible redistribution of students. The Committee agreed that an objective study would provide facts to the public. <u>Mayor Short</u> stated that videotaping of the meetings was discussed at a cost of \$80 per session. It was decided that Comcast should be used, at no additional cost. Mayor Short indicated that he would not be present at the July 19, 2012 meeting.

<u>WTFD STUDY</u>- Officials from the Fire Department were in attendance as Fire Commissioner Comm. Tobin stated that it was discussed at the last Fire Department Meeting whether it is necessary to have another Fire Department study. There were some comments from the Fire Department representatives that the study is a waste of money. The number of vehicles, geographic distribution and coordination with surrounding towns were some of the topics discussed. The Fire Department provided input on their equipment. Given that the study will be conducted, the Fire Departments will review the Committee's survey criteria and respond with their input as to what should be reviewed in the study, as well as the names and references of those being considered to conduct the study and offer feedback.

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FIRE TRUCK BID – One bid was received for the Pumper Fire Truck from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the bid process for this equipment and comments on Pierce Manufacturing's proposal. **Mayor Short** stated that it would have been nice to see multiple bids; however, **Attorney Jansen** stated that there is no statutory requirement to reject the bid when only one bid is received. The Committee agreed that proposal #2 which allows for the furnishing of one (1) Pumper as specified by Washington Township, with full payment for the chassis upon its completion and with a trade-in allowance for the 1991 Spartan Gladiator/E is the best proposal. The bid award resolution will be on the agenda at Monday night's meeting.

BOE SOLAR PANELS - This discussion was tabled until Monday evening.

<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u> – <u>Office Manager, Andrew Coppola</u> outlined several options for the use of Housing Trust funds should the legislation extending the July 17 deadline not be passed. Approximately \$150,000 needs to be committed by this deadline. A special meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM to discuss affordable housing expenditures.

<u>SITE PLAN APPLICATION FEES AGRICULTURAL USES</u> – An amendment to the ordinance was already made which addressed escrow fees. The Washington Township Planner and Engineer both recommended that the preliminary site plan fee remain unchanged, however, a further adjustment could be made on final site plan review of agricultural uses. The ordinance will be on for introduction at Monday's Regular Meeting.

<u>**HUNTING PROPERTIES**</u> – Bids for leases for the two properties made available for hunting last year will be sought again this year.

ORDINANCES

<u>MUTUAL AID HUNTERDON COUNTY</u> – <u>Attorney Jansen</u> explained that a mutual aid ordinance could be drafted which would provide for the approval of mutual aid agreements with the County, with individual agreements to be authorized separately by resolution.

RESOLUTION #R-76-12 AUTHORIZE THE PLAN/DESIGN PROPOSED BY LEON HALL, P.E. FOR WORK IN THE STONEY BROOK

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor ShortNAYS: NoneABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

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RESOLUTION #R-77-12 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENTS

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor ShortNAYS: NoneABSTENTIONS: None

P<u>UBLIC PORTION</u>

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

<u>COUNTY ENGINEER</u> - <u>Comm. Tobin</u> asked that Steve Hammond, County Engineer be formally thanked for his time and efforts.

<u>AMBULANCE BID</u> – <u>Comm. Kennedy</u> stated that only one bid was received and he called around to see why others did not bid. He found a company out of Maryland which offered the same product. The vehicle is consistent with the specifications; however, the vendor stated he would not sell in this region and prices differ according to region. The Committee agreed that there is some market manipulation by vendors regarding pricing of emergency vehicles in general. Administrator Burd will confirm the information regarding the trade-in with the First Aid Squad and the Committee will make a decision on Monday regarding the award. A resolution of award will be prepared inclusive of the trade-in, provided that CFO Lifer confirms that the funds are available.

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<u>IT FUNCTIONS</u> – <u>**Comm. Tobin</u></u> will provide some information on Monday evening regarding potential shared services with Mt. Olive.</u>**

LETTER REGARDING WEIGHT LIMIT – <u>Comm. Tobin</u> asked if Senator Bucco was contacted yet regarding weight limits on Schooley's Mountain Road. He feels that the NJDOT letter is being ignored. Senator Bucco has not gotten involved yet.

<u>LIQUOR LICENSE</u> – <u>Mayor Short</u> stated that there is interest in the possible issuance of another liquor license. It will be further discussed on Monday evening.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:30 P.M.

<u>RESOLUTION #R-75-12</u> - EXECUTIVE SESSION – <u>PENDING LITIGATION</u>: Costa Percham <u>COLLECTIVE BARGAINING</u>: Police <u>LAND ACQUISITION</u>: OFP

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor ShortNAYS: NoneABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:50 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk