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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 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

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

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MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich

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.

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:33 PM.

It was noted that it is the Committee's intention to come out of Executive Session and address other business in open session.

RESOLUTION #R-90-13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigations – Fred Semrau, Ann Marie Obiedzinski
Mohawk Oil Company, Inc. v. Washington Township
Yi-Ding-Fa Reality, Inc. v. Washington Township
West Mill Road Assoc., LLC v. Washington Township

ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE - Tax Appeals in General

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

AYES: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Comm. Roehrich ABSTENTIONS: None

Note: The came out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM. They moved and adopted a second resolution and went back into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #R-91-13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE / ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Cleveland Industrial Park

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

AYES: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Comm. Roehrich ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

PUBLIC PORTION.

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

RESOLUTION #R-92-13 AUTHORIZE FILING OF COMPLAINT

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

AYES: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Comm. Roehrich ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSIONS

<u>Definition of Minimum Front Yard Ordinance.</u> The attorneys, Leon Hall and David Banish are working on a revised definition and will provide it to the Committee shortly.

<u>Income Limits on Buy-Down Property</u>. **Mr. Coppola** stated that there has been interest in the property being offered for sale by the Township, but the applicant's income exceeded the limit. **Mr. Coppola** recommends changing the criteria from low income to moderate income, which would raise the income level, increasing the pool of people eligible to apply. The Township has been advertising the property for more than six months. The Committee agreed to changing the criteria, **Mr. Coppola** will advertise the property as a moderate income property.

<u>Environmental Health Specialist Appointment by Board of Health.</u> The Board of Health has appointed a replacement for Elyssa Loiacono. The Committee will acknowledge the appointment at the Regular Meeting.

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<u>Animal Control</u>. The current animal control officer has resigned, the Township advertised for a replacement on the website and **Mr. Coppola** contacted surrounding towns to see if they were interested. One bid has been submitted and we are waiting for one more. The cost is approximately \$13,000 each year.

<u>Fire Prevention</u> Bruce Tynan, the current Fire Prevention Official, has resigned. Two individuals have expressed interest in the position. There have been no recommendations from the Fire Chiefs. **Mr. LiaBraaten** and **Mr. Coppola** will interview both applicants and make their recommendations to the Committee.

<u>JCP&L.</u> A few outages were reported this week. **Mayor Short** spoke with the JCP&L contact person. JCP&L Engineers are examining the failed wires. Restoration took over 12 hours. JCP&L will follow up with Mayor Short.

Comm. Tobin expressed his frustration and disappointment in JCP&L and their lack of attention. The time for band aids is over, a hard and fast repair is essential.

Comm. Liabraaten stated that he has averaged 1 power outage each month for the past 20 years. **Mayor Short** asked **Comm. LiaBraaten** to request a report from JCP&L to detail the number of power outages he has had. This information will provide support for future meetings and discussions.

<u>APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD</u>

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Carolyn Krickus and Casey Krickus.

Motion made by **Comm. Tobin**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten** that the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad. Motion carried forward by the following role call vote:

AYES: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSIONS

GREEN FESTIVAL REQUEST. A local winery has asked to be allowed to provide tasting and sell wine at the event. **Mr. Coppola** will research ordinance prohibitions on alcohol in public parks. **Comm. Tobin** stated that this vendor falls under the category of an agricultural business and the Green Team does not object to their participation. Discussion will continue at the regular meeting on Monday.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:57 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-93-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE - Alarm Service

Charges West Morris

West Morris Central High School

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PERSONNEL - Senior Driver,

Zoning Officer, Dep. Zoning Officer

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

Motion was made by **Comm. Tobin**, seconded by Comm. **LiaBraaten** to adjourn. Motion was carried forward by the following role call vote:

AYES: Comm. LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich ABSTENTIONS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk