

The Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Vice Mayor Roehrich at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Roehrich, Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Mayor Short (8:07 PM)

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 – 2012 MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND APPLICATION – Ingrid Vandegaer, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, presented for public hearing an application to the Morris County Open Space Program for a 6 acre property which is adjacent to property previously acquired from Mr. Borgenicht. The property was described as “wet” and she inquired of the Committee whether the Township has other plans for the property. Ms Vandegaer stated that the project's purpose is to protect natural resources.

Vice Mayor Roehrich opened the meeting to the public on this matter only. No one wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RO-15-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$310,000 FROM THE “HOUSING TRUST FUND” – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$310,000 FROM THE “HOUSING TRUST FUND” be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Short

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

It was noted that the Township intends to acquire the Fairview property for Affordable Housing purposes, so this ordinance will be defeated.

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

AYES: None

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

RO-16-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$240,000 FROM THE "HOUSING TRUST FUND" – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$240,000 FROM THE "HOUSING TRUST FUND" be read by title 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, Tobin, Vice Mayor Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Short

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

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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, LiaBraatenb, Tobin, Vice Mayor Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Short

PROPOSED ORDINANCES AMENDMENTS

DUMPSTERS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – The Committee discussed the issue of a dumpster located on a residential property which is possibly being used for commercial purposes. It was noted that this resident has not complied with the request for removal of the dumpster on the property. The Committee decided that they would investigate the property further and consider how to proceed. The relevant ordinance may be amended based on numerous complaints of the inappropriate use of dumpsters. The Committee decided to review any issues relative to dumpsters at year end and decide whether any action is required. They also discussed whether to make the ordinance applicable to dumpsters smaller than 30 cubic yards. The consensus was to not amend the ordinance for the time being, while other enforcement efforts are being pursued.

Mayor Short arrived to the meeting at 8:07 PM and assumed the Chair.

DISCUSSION

HUNTING BIRDS – **Assistant Administrator Coppola** advised the Committee that there will be a resolution authorizing hunting license bids at the Regular Meeting.

It was noted that the Committee may take action when they come out of Executive Session.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:12 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-93-12 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Collective Bargaining:** PBA

Contract Negotiations: IT/Shared Services

Attorney/Client Privilege: Liquor Licenses

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:48 P.M.

The following action took place in open session.

With respect to IT/shared services, **Mayor Short** expressed the Committee's desire for the Township to pursue financial efficiencies through shared services. All municipal departments have been reviewed. Recently, IT has been the focus. One of the IT positions will be eliminated at a significant cost savings to the municipality. The Committee discussed that the elimination of the position does not have anything to do with performance. The Township Committee decided that Robert Kelly's position will be eliminated with the cost savings to the Township as the predominant factor in this decision. Mr. Kelly's position will be eliminated effective August 1, 2012.

Mr. Kelly made a statement that he has been employed in public service for almost 40 years. He has served the Township to the best of his abilities. He has the utmost regard for the people of the Township; however, he is saddened by this outcome. He stated he did not wish to remain until Aug. 1 nor assist the designer of the new website.

Formal action on the elimination of Mr. Kelly's position was deferred to Monday's Regular meeting. Mr. Kelly will be Riced again for that meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

FAIRVIEW AVE INTERSECTION - **Comm. Kennedy** stated, in response to inquiries, that paving of a portion of Fairview was provided for in the budget and that was what the road department paved. Some residents may have misinterpreted the intent of the project as being the paving of all of Fairview Avenue and Comm. Kennedy wanted to clarify the issue.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY – Comm. Roehrich will attend an Eagle Scout ceremony at Schooley's Mountain Lodge this Saturday. If he is unable to attend, he will contact Comm. LiaBraaten. There will be two more Eagle Scout Ceremonies on August 18, 2012 which will also be attended by at least one Committeeman.

BOE – **Mayor Short** stated that this Monday, July 18, 2012, a meeting will be held prior to the Regular Meeting to address the finalization of the bus maintenance facility agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk