The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:33 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: None

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.

<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u> <u>Mayor Short</u> opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, he closed the meeting to the public.

#### MAYORS UPDATE.

<u>Mayor Short</u> continues to meet with JCP&L and acknowledged the company has made improvements. The Mayor encourages all residents to plan and prepare for inevitable power outages.

Electronic waste recycling for residents will take place Saturday October 26 at the DPW from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

<u>Mayor Short</u> and <u>Administrator Coppola</u> met with Committee Chairs this evening to get an update and improve communication.

On Veterans Day, November 11, several Township Veterans will be at Old Farmers Road School for a flag raising ceremony. There will be a private entrance road dedication ceremony at Zion Lutheran Church at 10:00 AM on November 11 for **U.S. Marine Private Vincent E. Fields**. On November 16 at 11:00 AM there will be a driveway entrance road dedication for **U.S. Army Private First Class John L. Lindaberry** at the Califon Road Cemetery.

<u>PROCLAMATION – National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.</u> <u>Mayor Short</u>, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring September National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

<u>PROCLAMATION – Breast Cancer Awareness Month.</u> <u>Mayor Short</u>, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**PRESENTATION.** Special Needs Housing Partnership. A home at 7 Hilltop Terrace has been purchased to offer housing to people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. <u>Alush Patel</u> from Monarch Associates works with agencies like Special Needs Housing to help them develop programs. His organization worked on a Mission Road home that opened in July 2013. Special Homes will take ownership of the property and provide services including 24/7 supervision. The plan has been approved by the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Special Homes of NJ would like to obtain financial support from the Washington Township Committee for a home on Hilltop Terrace that will house 4 individuals, all are intellectually disabled and three have physical disabilities.

**Comm. Tobin** recused himself from this discussion. He knows the owner of the residence.

## **<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u>** Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

<u>Ann DeFries</u>, 4 Hilltop Terrace questioned how this home would impact the market value of other homes, and if the home could ever house recovering addicts. <u>Mr. Patel</u> stated the home will only house intellectually and physically disabled persons.

**Robert Weber**, case manager for Special Homes of NJ, stated that he was available for questions.

<u>Cinta Guinaraes</u>, Mountain View Ave, former Department of Disabilities Case Manager. Would like to know if residents have violent histories or sexual criminal histories. She asked about monthly fire drills, how many worker shifts there will be, and how much traffic will be generated. <u>Mr. Weber</u> stated that the 4 individuals have no psychiatric diagnoses. There will not be anyone with a sexual criminal history living in the home. He does not anticipate an increase in traffic. He stated that staff is certified and trained.

Jacqueline Tridente, 46 Mountain View, lives adjacent to the property and is concerned about traffic.

<u>Gerry DeFries</u>, 4 Hilltop Terrace, is concerned about traffic. He would like to know about police calls to the home on Mission Road. <u>Police Lt. Niemynski</u> stated there have been no police calls to the home on Mission Road and there was one medical call. There were two police calls at the house on Jackie Drive.

<u>Mayor Short</u> stated there were 9 group homes in Washington Township.

Attorney Jansen read the statute stating that such residences are permitted uses in all residential districts of the municipality.

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

#### **DISCUSSION.**

<u>Comm. LiaBraaten</u> understands that neighbors do not want their neighborhoods to be negatively impacted, but there have been no problems with other group homes in the Township. He is in favor of supporting this housing and feels all people should be welcomed in the community.

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten** to send a letter of endorsement in support of the Special Needs Group home on Hilltop Terrace

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin

<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u> Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public

# RO-18-13 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u> Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-19-13 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 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS – 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 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by <u>Comm. Roehrich</u>, seconded by <u>Comm.LiaBraaten</u> 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 ABSENT: None 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 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 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 November 18, 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 or by summary 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

## RESOLUTION #R-134-13 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

### RESOLUTION #R-135-13 REFUND 2013 TAX PAYMENTS

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. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

### RESOLUTION #R-136-13 REFUND 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012 AND 2013 TAX PAYMENTS

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten,** seconded by **Comm. Kennedy** 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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

## RESOLUTION #R-137-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Kennedy** 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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-138-13 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH ANDACRES FARM, LLC FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO BLOCK 34 LOT 50.01

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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

#### RESOLUTION #R-139-13

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY GRANT

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Kennedy** 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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

#### RESOLUTION #R-140-13 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

#### RESOLUTION #R-141-13 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT

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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

## RESOLUTION #R-142-13 AWARD BID – DUMP BODY AND ACCESSORIES

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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

## \*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Friendship Center	50/50	December 7, 2013
Friendship Center	Tricky Tray	December 7, 2013
Knights of Columbus	50/50	December 7, 2013
Knights of Columbus	Draw Raffle	December 7, 2013
Fairmount Fire Company	Draw Raffle	November 9, 2013

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

## \*AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMITS FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS –NORTHERN NJ – PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

An application has been received from the Northern New Jersey Region – Porsche Club of America for a Social Affair to be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 P.M. to be held at The Lodge at Schooley's Mountain Park, 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.

An application has been received from the Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 11:00 P.M. to be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 265 West Mill 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.

#### \*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 Code Enforcement, Washington Township Zoning Official

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

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

#### CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township was not selected for one of the 2013 Sustainable Jersey Grants or the FEMA grant for the Long Valley Firehouse generator.

The State of New Jersey Department of Transportation denied the Local Aid Infrastructure Funds for the Resurfacing of Mission Road.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

**Firehouse Generators** – IOM 26-13. Four quotes for 15kw generators have been obtained. Quotes include purchase and installation. Two quotes for a 30 kw generators were also obtained, where the cost of installation would be absorbed by the Long Valley Fire Department. A concrete slab would be installed by the DPW in both generator scenarios.

# RESOLUTION #R-143-13 AWARD CONTRACT – 30KW DIESEL POWERED GENERATOR FOR THE LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

**Generator for Municipal Building. Administrator Coppola** stated that a 100kw diesel generator would service the building. The cost would be approximately \$33,000 under state contract.

The Township Committee entered into Executive Session at 8:45 PM. It was noted that the Committee intends to come out of Executive Session and continue the meting in Open Session.

RESOLUTION #R-133-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION Attorney/Client Privilege: DPW Underground

Storage Tank

Litigation: Cooper Chemical

Collective Bargaining: Superior Officers and PBA

Motion was made by <u>Comm.LiaBraaten</u>, seconded by <u>Comm. Roehrich</u> 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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:16 PM.

Motion was made by <u>Comm. Roehrich</u>, seconded by <u>Comm. Tobin</u>, to authorize <u>Administrator Coppola</u> to enter into a contract with a LSRP at a price of \$2,400. The LSRP would investigate and report his findings on the Underground Storage Tank at the Long Valley Fire Company, with the understanding that the Township Committee is not accounting responsibility or liability for that underground storage tank. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

#### **DISCUSSION.**

<u>Use of Digital Signboard</u>. The digital signboard will be used for health, safety, road closures, public welfare, and municipal events. <u>Administrator Coppola</u> has the authority to determine which messages get posted.

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<u>Firehouse Siren.</u> The Health Department has been getting calls about fire sirens being noise violations. <u>Attorney</u> <u>Jansen</u> informed the Committee that fire sirens are exempt under the State Noise Control Act.

<u>Property Maintenance</u>. Many bank owned properties are not maintaining properties or responding to <u>Construction</u> <u>Official Ruggiero's</u> inquiries. <u>Attorney Jansen</u> summarized the Ordinance, and stated that summons can be issued by <u>Mr. Ruggiero</u>, and fines can be imposed by the Municipal Court. Members of the Committee agreed that <u>Mr. Ruggiero</u> can and should issue notices of violation to the banks for vacant properties where there are property maintenance issues.

**Police Hiring.** On November 1, there will be 27 officers in the police department; another officer is leaving July 1, 2014, bringing the number down to 26. **Chief Bailey** would like to hire 2 additional officers in January. The Committee agreed. One candidate for the January hiring is the son of another officer. He will not be supervised by his father who will be retiring July 1, 2014. **Chief Bailey** wanted to see what the Committee's opinion was on Nepotism. The Committee agreed that, as long there will be no direct supervision, hiring the candidate is fine.

**RFPs for Professional Services.** Each year the Committee looks at certain professional services positions and requests proposals to see if fees and services are in the best interest of the Township. **Mayor Short** proposed that requests for proposals for the Prosecutor and Public Defender positions be solicited. The Committee agreed.

<u>Parking at Library.</u> The Long Valley Raider families are parking at the library and on the grass causing congestion and limiting the parking for library users. <u>Comm. Tobin</u> would like to find some overflow parking in the area. The Committee has asked the DPW to post signs reminding drivers where they can park.

<u>Library Capital Reserves.</u> <u>Mayor Short</u> asked what capital improvements have been made in the past, what improvements are scheduled for the future, and could they purchase a generator with excess capital. <u>Comm Tobin</u> stated that the library is not interested in purchasing a generator, and will be available to meet with Mayor Short to discuss capital improvements.

<u>Polling Sites.</u> The Boards of Education do not want their schools to be used as polling sites any longer, citing security reasons.

**Best Practices**. **Administrator Coppola** asked if there were any questions about the best practices checklist that was previously distributed. **Comm. LiaBraaten** liked the idea of formalizing a Finance Committee.

<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u> Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, and seconded by **Comm. Roehrich.** Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

NAYS: None	ABSENT: None	ABSTENTIONS: None
*Denotes Consent Agenda		
Meeting was adjourned at 10:4	) PM.	

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk