

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:32 P.M.

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

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

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.

MAYOR'S UPDATE – **Mayor Short** stated that he was advised by the County that there will be no more funding for the Long Valley Safety Project (By-Pass). The reason provided to him was that since there is no project completion date, the County cannot release the federal funds that have been appropriated. He wrote a letter to **William Chegwidan, Director of the Morris County Board of Freeholders** expressing his disappointment, and the need for improvements on Schooley's Mountain Road to ensure the safety of its users. **Chief Michael Bailey** provided the Committee with statistics for accidents that occurred on Schooleys Mountain Road. Chief Bailey has contacted the NJ DOT regarding better signage, weight restrictions and crosswalks. **Comm. Tobin** suggested that the Committee approach our State Legislators to further address the safety issues of Schooley's Mountain Road.

Washington Township is in the process of establishing a Citizen's Emergency Response Team (CERT). Applicants are scheduled to be interviewed by Jim Smith. The CERT Team will be responsible for operating shelters, directing traffic, telephone notification, etc. during emergency situations

Mayor Short stated that JCP&L would prefer not to meet during a public meeting, but instead wishes to meet with the Mayor and Vice Mayor in early April. A press release will detail what progress JCP&L has made in Washington Township. Mayor Short will advise the public on the details of the meeting and determine if JCP&L should appear at a general meeting.

A Board of Education meeting will be held in the Municipal Building on April 18, 2012 with the Mayors of Washington Township, the Mendhams and the Chesters. Also in attendance will be two representatives from each of the local and regional Boards of Education. It will be a public meeting, but it will not be open for public comment.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION - - **Scout Jesse Ray Nardone, Troup 436** was recognized by the Township Committee for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Scout Nardone was commended for his efforts.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Lou Sandover, 47 Parkersville Road, Hackettstown, is a 20 year veteran tractor trailer driver. For the past five years, he has been using Schooley's Mountain Road, instead of 206, to access central New Jersey. Mr. Sandover stated that the issue is not so much the weight of the vehicle, but how and where the rear axle is affixed to the trailer (turning radius). He has never had a problem coming up or down Schooley's Mountain Road. The proposed changes in the law will make his situation more difficult. He also stated that without a portable scale, it would be hard to determine the weights of vehicles. Mr. Sandover feels that the weight of the vehicle should not be the determining factor.

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

RO-02-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM PART B- VARIANCE CHECKLIST- 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM PART B- VARIANCE CHECKLIST be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-03-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SHARED SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT- 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SHARED SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

RO-05-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING SITE PLAN ESCROW FEES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES – 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 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING SITE PLAN ESCROW FEES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES 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 approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 16, 2012 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. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the foregoing resolution be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RO-06-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 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 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-35-12 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-36-12 AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2012

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-37 -12 AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-38 -12 ENDORSE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – ARLEY SMITH FARM, BLOCK 50, LOT 23

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-39-12 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO HAVE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED FINANCIAL OFFICER TO CHESTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-40-12 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND VERIZON WIRELESS

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-41-12 AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ADDITIONAL BEDROOM TO AN EXISTING GROUP HOME

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

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

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Knights of Columbus Council #10419	50/50	May 4, 2012
PTO Benedict A. Cucinella School	50/50 and Tricky Tray	May 11, 2012
The Garden Club of Long Valley	Raffle	May 12, 2012
Heath Village	50/50 and Draw Raffle	May 18, 2012
Old Farmers Road School PTA	50/50 and Tricky Tray	May 18, 2012
NRA Foundation	50/50 and Tricky Tray	May 24, 2012

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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL PTA**

An application has been received from the Old Farmers Road School PTA for a School Fair to be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 between the hours of 4 :30 PM and 8 :00 PM at 51 Old Farmers Road. 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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – VALLEY SHEPHERD CREAMERY**

An application has been received from Valley Shepherd Creamery for a Shearing Festival to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Valley Shepherd Creamery, 50 Fairmount Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, Zoning Officer, Construction Official and the Fire Prevention Official.

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

***APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY**

An Application has been received for junior membership in the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company from Nancy Moeman.

That the foregoing application for junior membership be approved and be forwarded to Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

- February 6, 2012 Special Meeting
- February 13, 2012 Special Meeting
- February 20, 2012 Regular Meeting
- February 27, 2012 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. Tobin that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten (+), Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

(+) **Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the February 6, 2012 and February 27, 2012 meeting minutes.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

A letter from Mayor Short to the County Freeholder Director, Bill Chegwiddden regarding the proposed abandonment of the Long Valley By-Pass.

DISCUSSION

GREEN FAIR – **Andrew Coppola** stated that the Green Team would like to hold a festival at Rock Spring Park on Saturday, July 14, 2012. The theme of the Green Living Festival will be “Local Life and Learning.” The festival will feature exhibits and demonstrations. The Committee approved the idea.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

LAPTOP RESEARCH – **Comm. LiaBraaten** inquired about the results of the laptop research. **Chief Bailey** advised him that an updated model is being reviewed. An allowance for up to \$1,800 for each of three computers will be utilized.

MOBILE/PORTABLE RADIOS – **Comm. Tobin** inquired about the status of research on radios warranties. **Administrator Burd** advised him that many of them are still under warrantee. Motorola was contacted regarding this issue and a possible maintenance contract. Administrator Burd is waiting to hear from the company. The Township is going to begin self-insuring them.

VERIZON TOWER – **Chief Bailey** provided the Committee with the status of the Verizon Tower.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk