

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:34 P.M.

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

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

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 Washington Township received a Clean Communities Grant from the state. The grant will be used throughout the year to keep the Township free of debris.

The Mayors of the Mendhams, Chesters and Washington Township have been meeting since last June to discuss the Regional School District, and a potential change in funding formulas. On June 7 at 7PM in Chester Borough, an open meeting will take place and representatives from each of the School Boards and the Mayors will be in attendance.

Thursday, May 24, 2012, there will be an Office of Emergency Management (OEM) seminar at 7 PM at the Washington Township Library to help residents prepare for storms.

Effective July 1, 2012, Andrew Coppola will be the Washington Township Assistant Administrator.

Construction work will commence on Schooley's Mountain Road over the next couple of weeks. Traffic will be confined to one lane between the hours of 9AM – 4PM. Use alternate routes where possible to avoid delays.

Comm. Tobin explained his discussions with Mt. Olive regarding shared services. Specifically, he would like to establish a single point of contact for senior citizens.

This Saturday at Rock Spring Park is our annual Memorial Day Observance to recognize veterans and those currently serving.

ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AWARDS – Eileen Stokes of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission presented Historic Preservation Awards to certain residents of Washington Township in recognition of their historic preservation efforts.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RO-07-12 CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$975,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS AND FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL FUND BALANCE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$975,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS AND FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL FUND BALANCE 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

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.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$975,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS AND FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL FUND BALANCE 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-08-12 AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN ASSIGNMENT OF AN EASEMENT ON BLOCK 28, LOT 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN ASSIGNMENT OF AN EASEMENT ON BLOCK 28, LOT 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, 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.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN ASSIGNMENT OF AN EASEMENT ON BLOCK 28, LOT 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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. 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-09-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, 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.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington has introduced Ordinance #RO-09-12 entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT**”, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, the aforesaid ordinance was forwarded to the Planning Board for a report and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered the proposed ordinance amendment on May 14, 2012 and, after providing an opportunity for public input on this proposed rezoning and after receiving comments from the public, the Planning Board identified inconsistencies with the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township petitioned the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance and received conditional approval based on the Township adopting amendments to the municipal planning program in conformance with the Highlands Regional Mater Plan; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance #R0-09-12 adopts a Development Application Checklist as an Initial Revision and required by the Highlands Plan Conformance Guidelines in order to ensure that any Application for Development in the Highlands Planning Area not be deemed complete until such time as certain documents have been submitted by the Applicant and to ensure that Applicants for Development are consistent or revised to be consistent with the Highlands Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township has not yet adopted the amendments to the municipal planning program, including amendments to the Environmental Resource Inventory, Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance which are required to achieve conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan and hence Ordinance #R0-09-12 is inconsistent with the Land Use Plan Element of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62 provides in pertinent part that, “the governing body may adopt a zoning ordinance or amendment or revision thereto which in whole or part is inconsistent with or not designed to effectuate the land use plan element and the housing plan element, but only by affirmative vote of a majority of the full authorized membership of the governing body, with the reasons of the governing body for so acting set forth in a resolution and recorded in its minutes when adopting such a zoning ordinance;” and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is convinced that Ordinance # RO-09-12 furthers the purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law by;

- a. promoting the public health, safety and general welfare;
- b. providing adequate light, air and open space;
- c. preserving the environment;
- d. promoting a desirable visual environment;
- e. promoting the conservation of open space and valuable natural resources and preventing the degradation of the environment through improper use of land; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to spread upon the minutes of this meeting its reasons for proceeding with the adoption of this ordinance despite the Planning Board’s recommendation and any inconsistencies with the land use plan element and/or any other elements of the Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

The governing body has determined to proceed with the adoption of Ordinance #RO-09-12 for the following reasons:

- 1 The Township has petitioned the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance with respect to lands in the Township located within both the Preservation Area portion and the Planning Area portion of the Highlands regions and received conditional approval.
- 2 The changes to the municipal planning program are vital to the protection of the Highlands resources of the Planning Area and Preservation Area in the Township and are compelling to the interest and general welfare of the community.
- 3 An immediate level of protection to the resources located within the Highlands Region by adoption of the revised submission requirements pertinent to Application for Development is required by the Plan Conformance Guidelines.
- 4 Approval of the Township’s Wastewater Management Plan by the NJDEP, which is essential to permit reasonable sewer connections that address emergent septic system conditions, is conditioned upon adoption by the Township of either the Highlands checklist ordinance or the Highlands Land Use Ordinance.
- 5 The Land Use Plan calls for “channeling development to appropriate areas with available infrastructure, and limiting the effect of growth in the environs. In this way, the Township’s resources can be conserved, farmland can be retained for agricultural use and ...Washington’s unique identity can be protected.” The proposed ordinance is consistent with the principle of the Land Use Plan.
- 6 The Master Plan is “designed to maintain or establish compact and desirable residential neighborhoods...” The compact settlement patterns of present and future neighborhoods should provide vital places to live, work and play in safe and attractive surroundings, where an expanding network of public open spaces connects residents with recreation, cultural and community facilities.” The proposed ordinance is consistent with this planning principle in the Land Use Plan.
- 7 The Land Use Plan calls for “planning and zoning strategies that combine with easement purchases and other conservation efforts to assure that future residents can share” Washington’s unique sense of place. The proposed ordinance is consistent with this concept in that application of the Highlands Master Plan will limit the amount of residential development that would otherwise occur.
- 8 It is the policy of the Land Use Plan to be “consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP).” The proposed ordinance is consistent with SDRP policies that call for limiting sprawl, encouraging compact forms of development and locating new development adjacent to existing centers where infrastructure exists.
- 9 Providing open space is a major goal of the Municipal Land Use Law.
The Municipal Land Use Law directs towns to:
“provide adequate light, air and open space”;
“provide sufficient space in appropriate locations for a variety of agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial, and industrial uses and open space, both public and private, according to their respective environmental requirements in order to meet the needs of all New Jersey citizens;”
and
“promote the conservation of historic sites and districts, open space, energy resources and valuable natural resources...and to prevent urban sprawl and degradation of the environment through improper use of the land.”
Adoption of Ordinance #R0-09-12 will further the goal promoting the conservation of valuable open space and valuable resources in the State and preventing sprawl.

- 10 The Utility Services Plan Element of the Master Plan recognizes that wastewater collection facilities need to be extended

“where existing developed sites require wastewater treatment due to small lot sizes and/or failure of on-site systems” and that the Township’s proposed Wastewater Management Plan amendment will “address only existing developed sites where documented conditions indicate the need for connection to the system to remedy failures of on-site systems on small lots.” The Utility Services Plan Element identifies wastewater collection for “the West Morris High School” and the need “to collect wastewater from recreation facilities at Palmer Park and ...golf course on Bartley Road” and that the “Long Valley plant can easily accommodate the increase flow projected” that will result from addressing these and other existing conditions within the Bartley Road area that require sewer service.

Adoption of Ordinance #RO-09-12 furthers Utility Services Plan Element policies to remediate existing failures of on site systems and provide connections for Palmer Park, the golf course and Bartley Road area properties requiring wastewater collection and treatment services as well as the designation of the High School, which is already connected to the sewer system, within the Township’s WMP.

For all of the foregoing reasons, **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMEDNDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT**” be adopted on final reading and that notice of the final passage be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-10-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE GARAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE FUNDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GARAGE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE GARAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE FUNDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GARAGE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION 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 adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE GARAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE FUNDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GARAGE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION 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 June 18, 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 give 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. 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-11-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$385,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

It was noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$385,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, 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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$385,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION 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 June 18, 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. Tobin, 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-12-12 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES 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 June 18, 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. 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

05-21-12

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GREEN TEAM**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Green Team for a Green Living Festival to be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Rock Spring Park, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, the 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, the Zoning Officer, the Construction Official, and the Fire Prevention Official.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WEST MORRIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

An application has been received from West Morris Central High School for an overnight walk (Relay for Life) to benefit cancer research to be held on June 15-16, 2012 at Four Bridges Road, Chester, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, the 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, the Zoning Officer, the Construction Official, and the Fire Prevention Official.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – TENT CHURCH SERVICES**

An application has been received from River of Life Ministries for Tent Church Services to be held from June 17 – 24, 2012 during the hours of 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, at the Union Cemetery, East Avenue, Hackettstown, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, the 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, the Zoning Officer, the Construction Official, and the Fire Prevention Official.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Aman Rastogi.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

March 14, 2012 Work Session
 March 19, 2012 Regular Meeting
 April 11, 2012 Work Session
 April 16, 2012 Regular 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. Comm. Kennedy asked a couple of questions regarding vouchers and engineering costs. He will be provided with the information he requested. There was no further comment.

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

05-21-12

(+) **Comm. Roehrich abstained from voting on the March 14, 2012 meeting minutes.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

A letter from Senator Bucco regarding the award of \$5,000.00 for the Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities program. This award will provide funds for recreational and social opportunities for children with disabilities and their families.

The Municipal Alliance Supplemental Funding application for \$2,500 has been awarded subject to final approval by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

DISCUSSION

REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY OPTIONS – There will be a meeting on June 7th. The areas of study are still being discussed. Changes within our school system are being investigated for opportunities in increased efficiencies. The Township is ultimately looking to maintain and excel in our level of scholastic achievement.

HUNTING BIDS – Mayor Short mentioned the statistics related to accidents caused by deer. The Committee will take a closer look at soliciting bids for hunting on certain Township property in June.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SOLAR PANELS – Liz George provided additional information with regard to the installation of solar panels for the Middle School. Ms. George feels that the acres needed to erect the panels would be approximately 2 acres and would offer savings of \$50,000 to \$75,000. As the cost of energy is coming down, the Committee would like to have more information before considering a lease of Township land or a land swap.

COUNTY SOLAR PROGRAM – The Township had looked at erecting a solar field and found it was not feasible at the remote locations being considered.

FLOODING ISSUES – STONY BROOK – Mayor Short informed the Committee that the use of boulders from Dry Brook to stabilize the banks is not permitted. These boulders need to be removed from the site. The NJDEP special permit does not cover building up the banks. Costs are escalating and it was decided that the next important step after the removal of the boulders is the building of the weir by the Viggianos. The Committee will investigate whether there is a business interested in taking the boulders.

IT MEETING – **Comm. Tobin** stated that a meeting will take place tomorrow regarding IT.

SITE PLAN – **Attorney Jansen** informed the Committee of the Planner's and Engineer's recommendations for further amendments of fees for agricultural uses.

IT QUOTE/EVIDENCE MODULE - **Chief Bailey** stated that CSI works with Dell and he understands that there is a State contract. He is waiting for the final quote. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the Township needs to ascertain if the funds are available. CFO Lifer unofficially confirmed that the funds are available.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing final quote be obtained and the purchasing agent move forward with CSI, subject to more formal ratification at a later date. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PORTION

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

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:22 P.M.
05-21-12**

**RESOLUTION #R-53-12 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land Acquisition – East Valley Brook Road
Personnel – Senior Citizen Coordinator**

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:39 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk