

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

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

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

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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MAYORS UPDATE**

Mayor Short was advised that it was estimated that between 1,500 and 1,700 homes were currently without power. The actual number was 677. A cable was damaged on the Newburgh Road circuit. **Mayor Short** has spoken with JCP&L three times so far this evening. Full restoration is expected by 8 PM. **Mayor Short** will meet with JCP&L next week to discuss why Washington Township has such frequent outages.

A cooling center will be opened at the library this week to assist residents with the current extreme heat.

The Green Festival will take place on August 17 at Rock Spring Park.

On September 21 there will be fireworks, a parade, and the celebration of Washington Township's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The township is currently looking for parade participants and vendors.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.**

**Jeff Feidler**, Moore Street in Hackettstown is the owner of Feidler Real Estate. The Hackettstown MUA has hired Fiedler Real Estate to conduct the auction of three properties. One property is in Washington Township on Reservoir Road. It consists of 14 acres. **Mr. Feidler** stated it can be built upon, and could also be used for a park or recreation area. He asked whether the Township is interested. **Mayor Short** will look into it.

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

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

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That the following resignation be accepted with regret:

Bruce A. Tynan – Fire Official of the Fire Prevention Bureau, effective July 31, 2013

Motion to accept the resignation was made by **Comm. Kennedy**, seconded by **Comm. Roehrich**. 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-95-13 RESOLUTION ISSUING A CLUB LICENSE TO HEATH VILLAGE**

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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-96-13 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

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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

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-97-13 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDERS**

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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-98-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS – MOHAWK OIL COMPANY, INC.**

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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 **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

Mayor Short explained the tax appeal process to the public.

**RESOLUTION #R-99-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS – YI-DING-FA REALTY, INC.**

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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 **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-100-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS – WEST MILL ROAD ASSOCIATES**

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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-101-13 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**

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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 **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

**\*RAFFLE APPLICATION**

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An Application has been received for the following raffle:

St. Mark the Evangelist 50/50 September 22, 2013

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

**\*PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

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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**

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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

**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 on a motion made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Kennedy on the following roll call vote:**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Animal Control.** The Township sought a shared services agreement without success. **Mr. Coppola** solicited quotes and found someone to handle animal control for the remainder of 2013.

**RESOLUTION #R-102-13 AUTHORIZE UNIONVILLE WINERY TO HOLD A WINE TASTING IN ROCK SPRING PARK**

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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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

**RESOLUTION #R-103-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING AN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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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**

**PUBLIC PORTION.**

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

**DISCUSSION.**

**Mayor Short** announced the Morris County Freeholders will be having their meeting in the Washington Township Municipal Building on July 24.

**Comm. Tobin** stated the First Aid Squad calls have increased.

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:02P.M. The Committee expressed the intention to come out of Executive Session and take action on R-94-13.**

**RESOLUTION #R-104-13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION Attorney / Client Privilege – DPW Underground Storage Tank Personnel - Fire Prevention Official**

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Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, 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**

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:24 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION #R-94-13 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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The resolution was amended to include the appointment of Bill Herwagon as a part time Fire Prevention Official with no health benefits. Not to exceed 14 hours per week at a rate of \$23 per hour, increasing to \$24 per hour after a 90 day probationary period, effective August 1, 2013.

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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

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

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.**

\*Denotes Consent Agenda