

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 Coppola, Township Clerk DiGregorio

**ABSENT:** Office Manager Lyons

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 asked Comm. Tobin for an update on the Green Festival that took place on August 17. Comm. Tobin discussed the successful event, the vendors, education provided at the event, and the old time baseball game that took place.

Mayor Short stated that representatives of the Department of Transportation visited the Township to assess the Schooley's Mountain Road weight limit.

A half mile section of Schooley's Mountain Road, near James Trail, is scheduled to be resurfaced during the first week of September.

The County will create a shoulder and walking path on Bartley Road from Palmer Park to West Morris Central High School. Work is scheduled for the beginning of September.

Mayor Short met with the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority about Sanico. It does not appear that there will be any reduction in the Sanico rates. The Mayor reminded residents that there are four waste removal companies that service Washington Township.

Comm. Roehrich met with Lt. Gov. and the Secretary of Agriculture at the Long Valley Creamery to discuss how to help stimulate agricultural business in New Jersey.

Mayor Short announced that the Newburgh Road bridge work will begin on or about September 3. The bridge will be closed for approximately one year.

**PROCLAMATION** – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into record a proclamation declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**PRESENTATION** – Beth Styler Barry, Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA), made a presentation on stormwater management to educate the Township Committee and residents about the topic.

**PRESENTATION** – Jim Rasmussen, Long Valley Fire Company, stated that FEMA has turned down Washington Township for a generator grant. There is currently a portable generator at his firehouse but it is not enough to keep everything working. OEM Coordinator Davidson and Administrator Coppola are working on reapplying for the grant. Mr. Rasmussen stated that at least a 15kw diesel generator would be ideal. Mayor Short would like to consider purchasing a portable generator for use at the firehouse. If a grant comes in, we could move the generator to another building in town that needs it. The Township Committee would like to discuss this further at the September meeting.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

John Crooke Jr. and John Crooke Sr., 356 Fairmount Road discussed toxic fumes in Mr. Crooke Sr.'s home caused by gas deliveries at the gas station across the street. The delivery truck was not hooked up properly; the vapor recovery nozzle was not fastened and therefore fumes escaped. The homeowner requested that the driver stop his delivery, he refused. This is not the first incident. The homeowner has tried to discuss the problem with the gas station owner but has not had any success. The homeowner called the police after the July 11 incident. A police report was filed as well as an Environmental Incident Response Form with the County. The DEP was called and has issued a ban on delivery. Chief Bailey stated that the DEP is responsible for enforcement. The Township will continue to monitor the situation.

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

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Release of CO Request Toll Brothers – Estates of Long Valley**

John Peck, Assistant VP Toll Brothers, asked what the process would be for the release of the final Certificate of Occupancy. Attorney Jansen read the applicable portion of the Ordinance stating that the Certificate of Occupancy will be released upon completion of all improvements to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer.

**Right of Way – AndAcres Farm, LLC and Valley Farms, LLC Fairmount Road**

Two Resolutions will be voted on this evening. There were no concerns raised by the Committeemen.

**Scheller Farm/Trail, Flocktown Road.** The Township is requesting a 20 foot wide trail easement. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the Township should talk to the County to try and establish the easement before the land becomes preserved. A Resolution endorsing the acquisition of development rights will be voted on later this evening.

**Front-Yard Ordinance.** The Township would like to clarify the existing ordinance. The revised ordinance will be considered later this evening.

**Summer Internships.** There was a discussion on providing the 2013 summer intern with a small stipend. The intern's duties have been completed; he worked 20 hours per week for 8 weeks. The intern accepted the unpaid internship position before he began working at the Township. The intern did not request a change in the arrangement. The Committee agreed not to offer the stipend.

**Tax Revaluation.** For the previous two quarters, the assessed value to sales price ratio was 103%. Many of the tax appeals for 2013 were upheld. The Committee agreed to hold off on revaluation to see what the market does. **Comm. Kennedy** asked about the Yorkshire tax appeal, and the low value that was approved. **Administrator Coppola** will research and report back.

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**RO-16-13 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 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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**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 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD 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** **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 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD 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 September 16, 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**

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**RO-17-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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**



**RESOLUTION #R-112-13 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT**

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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-113-13 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED "NO PASSING ZONE" ON ROUTE 46**

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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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

**RESOLUTION #R-114-13 APPOINTMENTS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – 2013**

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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-115-13 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

**RESOLUTION #R-116-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CARL W. BRAND FOR THE SALE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6**

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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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

**RESOLUTION #R-117-13 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS – MARK PAVING COMPANY**

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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 ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None**

**\*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

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Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Pet Adoption League	50/50	October 4, 2013
Pet Adoption League	Tricky Tray	October 4, 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.

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

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Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Matthew Gorini and Erin M. Gutkind.

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

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

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An application has been received from the Washington Township Green Team for a Green Living Festival to be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 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 retroactively 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 – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORG.**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Community Events Organization for a Fireworks Festival for the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Long Valley to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm (rain date September 22, 2013) at 53 West Mill 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.

**\*AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

An application has been received from Washington Township Fire Department for a Fireworks Festival event to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 between the hours of 3:00 PM and 11:00 P.M. (rain date of September 22, 2013) to be held at 99 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.

**\*AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received from Fairmount Fire Company for a Beefsteak Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 11:59 P.M. to be held at the Fairmount Fire House, 12 Parker 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.

**\*APPROVE MINUTES**

May 20, 2013	Regular Meeting
June 12, 2013	Work Session
June 17, 2013	Regular Meeting
June 24, 2013	Emergency Meeting
July 10, 2013	Work Session
July 15, 2013	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,  
Washington Township Code Enforcement

**\* AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

That the Washington Township Committee Events Organization be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss to raise funds for the Kevin M. Walsh Fireworks Festival. The coin toss will be held Saturday, September 9, 2013 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the intersection of Schooley's Mountain Road and East and West Mill Road, subject to the approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the conditions imposed by the Washington Township Police Department. The Township assumes no responsibility or liability for the safe operation of the event and will expect Washington Township Community Events Organization to hold the Township harmless from any claim arising out of this event.

That the foregoing request for a coin toss be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the application.

**Mayor Short asked if anyone on the Township Committee or from 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. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy(#), LiaBraaten (\$) , Roehrich (#), Tobin, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(#) Comm. Kennedy and Comm. Roehrich abstained from voting on the July 10 minutes. They were not present at that meeting.  
(\$) Comm LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the June 24 minutes. He was not present at that meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

An invitation from Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders to attend a NJDEP meeting on August 20, 2013.  
Correspondence from Toll Brothers regarding the Estates at Long Valley Section III.

**PUBLIC PORTION.** Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no question or comments, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

**DISCUSSION**

Road Closure for the Parade and Fireworks Festival on September 21. Chief Bailey recommended that East Mill Road be closed at Old Farmers Road, but Old Farmers Road remain open. The Township Committee agreed with Chief Bailey’s recommendations. Resolution R-119-13 will be voted upon in a few moments. Attorney Jansen raised the issue of notifying residents of the road closure. Chief Bailey had not yet received any request for police support for the parade or fireworks.

**RESOLUTION #R-119-13 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION, TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF EAST MILL/WEST MILL ROAD**

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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

**DISCUSSION**

Comm. Tobin requested that signs be posted on Newburgh Road announcing the upcoming construction.  
Comm. Kennedy stated that the 12 year old boys fall ball baseball team was unable to field a team, so the interested players are going to other towns to play. The league needs a field and has requested to use and pay for the Township fields. The Township Committee has no issue with the request, and recommends Comm. Kennedy clears it with Darlene Hatcher at the Recreation Department.

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:24 P.M. upon adoption of the following resolution:*

**RESOLUTION #R-118-13 EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – Regional School District LAND ACQUISITION – Borgenicht Trust**

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Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the meeting be adjourned.

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

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:50 P.M.*  
*The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.*

\*Denotes Consent Agenda