

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:31 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy, Assistant Administrator 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 the efforts of the Mayors of the five municipalities to consider educational system reorganization have reached an impasse. A meeting will be scheduled in September to ascertain whether these discussions will continue.

Mayor Short stated that a resolution of the collective bargaining agreement with the Township's police officers has been reached through arbitration. There will be a five year contract approved later this evening.

Municipal road repairs for 2012 are almost complete.

An Office of Emergency Management (OEM) drill took place this past week at Schooley's Mountain Park in which our Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Scouts participated. This "staged disaster" was handled very well and the results are published on Patch and in several newspapers. The CERT volunteers are now fully certified

The Township's Wastewater Management Plan which has been in the works for almost 6 years has received final approval.

A fireworks display, sponsored by the Community Events Organization, will be held on August 25th at the Middle School.

A power outage occurred this past weekend which affected approximately 1,300 homes. JCP&L has indicated to Mayor Short that the outage was due to downed trees.

An "armed individual" situation on Turtleback Road was diffused by members of our Police Department. Mayor Short commended the five officers that responded to the scene for their outstanding efforts.

Washington Township's 275th Anniversary is next year and Mayor Short will be having a meeting on September 12th with the Historical Society and various groups to start preparing for next year's activities.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT RECOGNITION - Scout Nicholas Clark Hamilton was recognized by the Township for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Short commended him for his 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-17-12 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – 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 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:

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy

RO-18-12 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO MAINTAIN A WELL IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 55, LOT 7 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy

RESOLUTION #R-104-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

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

RESOLUTION #R-105-12 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – TILCON NEW YORK, INC.

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

RESOLUTION #R-106-12 AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF A 1999 GMC YUKON TO THE LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY

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

RESOLUTION #R-107-12 REFUND 2012 TAX PAYMENT

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

RESOLUTION #R-108-12 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDERS

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

RESOLUTION #R-109 -12 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICEMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 301

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

RESOLUTION #R-110 -12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS

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

RESOLUTION #R-111-12 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF CASH GUARANTEE – VALLEY VIEW CHAPEL, Block 36, Lots 43 & 43.01

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

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT - THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC.**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc. petitioning to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on October 7, 2012 with a rain date of October 14, 2012, between the hours of Noon and 8:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 Fairmount 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.

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

An Application has been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company from Julie Smith.

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

***APPROVE MINUTES**

May 16, 2012	Work Session
May 21, 2012	Regular Meeting
June 13, 2012	Work Session
June 18, 2012	Regular Meeting
June 25, 2012	Special Meeting
July 11, 2012	Work Session
July 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. 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. LiaBraaten (+), Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy

(+) Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the June 13, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meeting minutes as he was not in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

The 2013 Municipal Alliance allocation is \$13,103.00 contingent upon receipt of a formal letter from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

An on-site review of the Senior Center was conducted on July 19, 2012 in compliance with the Community Development Block Grant Program funding requirements.

DISCUSSION

MOTOR POOL BUDGET UPDATE – **Mayor Short** stated that repairs on our vehicles are higher than expected because the vehicles are getting older. Scott Frech, DPW Superintendent, requested that additional funding toward the motorpool budget be considered for 2013. **Comm. Tobin** stated that he will bring this issue up at the Fire Chiefs meeting tomorrow evening. He stated that the Township should consider if it wants to cover repairs/maintenance on both Chiefs' and Assistant Chiefs' vehicles. The Township has looked at the breakdown of the cost of its municipal fleet with respect to maintenance, repairs, age, mileage, etc. These costs will continue to be investigated.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION FIRM – **Comm. Tobin** stated that the road construction firm that the Township used this past year has been outstanding. He feels that the signage was excellent and that the work progressed in a timely manner.

GREEN MARKET– **Comm. Tobin** stated that the **Secretary of Agriculture Fisher** and a representative from the USDA visited our Green Market. It was one of three in the state that they have attended in a week long promotion of Green Markets in New Jersey. They were there for an hour and spoke to all of the vendors and the public to show their support of these markets.

MUA – **Mayor Short** stated that he met with the MUA regarding several projects. The water pumping station is going out to bid in September and a test well on top of the mountain currently has a good yield. Combe Fill South has been shown to have more contaminants. Washington Township MUA will be supplying water to the affected areas in our Township and in Chester. A public meeting will be held in mid September to discuss the hookup, which will be at no cost to our residents. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be funding the project.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kennedy

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk