

The Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:33 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jansen, Administrator Coppola, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

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.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments he closed the meeting to the public.

DISCUSSION

ROAD PROJECTS. Mayor Short provided a brief update of road projects in the township.

LV FIRE HOUSE GENERATOR Long Valley Fire Chief Rasmussen will obtain estimates for purchase and installation of a generator. Chief Rasmussen has also applied for grants. The Township agreed to fund the purchase of a generator. If grant money is received the generator purchased could later be transferred to the senior center.

FIRE SIRENS. There have been noise complaints about the Long Valley Fire Company sirens. Comm. Tobin will discuss with the Board of Health. Chief Rasmussen will discuss with the County.

OCTOBER WORK SESSION. The workshop meeting scheduled for October 16 will be cancelled. It is the same date as the special election and the municipal building is a polling place.

USR OPTONIX REZONING REQUEST. Mayor Short and Comm. Roehrich have conflicts. Comm. LiaBraaten is absent so there is no quorum for a discussion. Mr. Selvaggi provided a summary of the application. The discussion will take place at the November 13 Work Session meeting.

SEWER EASEMENT. It will cost approximately \$13,000 to run a sewer line across the Police Department lot to the Mountain View Restaurant. Comm. Kennedy questioned the maintenance of the line. Mr. Jansen stated it is a private line and will be the responsibility of the restaurant owner. The holding company of the restaurant would like to proceed with the easement ordinance. The connection is necessary to sell the property.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION & 275th ANNIVERSARY PARADE. Chief Bailey and Josh Drake updated the Township Committee on the upcoming event. Parade participants will line up at Carl Lane, come down Old Farmers Road to East Mill Road, ending at the Middle School. Josh Drake stated that an electronic sign board would be put up to notify residents about parade. Mayor Short will ask for police volunteers to manage traffic. Comm. Tobin suggested using funds from the Township Special Events Funds to offset Police Department expenses, if there are any.

Motion to have Attorney Jansen prepare new resolution outlining the parade route made by Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. Roehrich. Motion was carried forward by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

LONG VALLEY RAIDERS FOOTBALL SOUND SYSTEM. The LV Raiders installed new speakers at Rock Spring Park. Residents have complained about the noise. LV Raider football representatives will explore ability to lower the volume. Lights were previously installed; night test still needs to be performed. LV Raiders will contact Leon Hall to arrange. Comm. Tobin suggested the organization speak with local residents. Comm. Roehrich was concerned that speaker system was not included with the light approval. Comm. Kennedy stated the lights were an improvement and that the organization should consider sending a letter to local residents outlining use at the field and providing a contact for questions. Mayor Short reminded the football club that no parking would be allowed in front of the Senior Center polling place on October 16. In the future the club should notify the Recreation Committee about any improvements.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Jen Drake, East Springtown Road stated the new speakers are very loud and can be heard inside her home.

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

359 FAIRMOUNT ROAD. Penalties will be assessed by the DEP but not yet issued. The air pump will be relocated. The Zoning Officer approved the propane request as it is an accessory use.

BASEBALL FIELDS. Township fields are underutilized. **Comm. Kennedy** recommended making fields available for a fee. The current ordinance allows for the use of the fields only if 80% of those using the fields are Long Valley residents. **Comm. Kennedy** suggested amending the ordinance. **Mayor Short** recommended that **Comm. Kennedy** work with the Recreation Committee on a proposal.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments he closed the meeting to the public.

The Township Committee went into closed session at 9:35 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-120-13 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: PBA & SOA
LAND ACQUISITION: BORGENICHT TRUST
ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE: DPW
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
PERSONNEL: DPW LABORER**

Motion to approve Resolution R-120-13, Executive Session was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin**. Motion was carried forward by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:59 P. M.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk