

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Jansen, Assistant Administrator Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd

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 there will be a meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in Chester Township concerning a water line which the Washington Township MUA will be extending down Parker Road to accommodate 17 Washington Township residents and 57 Chester residents. The water line is being installed due to a pollution problem. The hook ups will be free and fire hydrants will be added to the area. Homewoner insurance rates should drop dramatically for these residents.

Washington Township is in the process of receiving bids for a new plenary retail consumption liquor license. It has been advertised and the Township will be opening bids on October 10, 2012.

Washington Township has a new Senior Citizens Bus which was obtained through a County grant last year.

This year, monies were appropriated for two new police vehicles.

The County is installing a special pavement on Schooley's Mountain Road near the municipal building as a test. The pavement will be a different color and texture. They are trying to improve the road to prevent accidents. Residents should respond back with their comments.

Middle Valley Bridge will be closed for at least 8 months for reconstruction.

The Regional Board of Education Advisory Group, which consists of the mayors of the five surrounding school districts, as well as representatives of the Boards of Education, has reached an impasse. The group intends to hold a meeting here in Washington Township on October 11, 2012 to try to move the process forward.

**PROCLAMATION** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring October 2012 as “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**”.

**PRESENTATION** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented certificates to the Township's new Citizen Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) volunteers who have successfully completed their training. **Mr. Butz, C.E.R.T. Coordinator for the State Police**, gave an overview of the C.E.R.T. program. New Jersey has one of the largest, and the best C.E.R.T. programs in the nation. He commended the volunteers who have completed the program.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**Walt Cullen, 9 Laurel Drive**, thanked the Township Committee and DPW Superintendent Scott Frech for a great job with the road repairs. He stated that not enough is said about what the DPW does for the community.

**Kathy Reidinger, 181 Parker Road**, is a consultant with Energy Audit Exchange. She offered her services to the Township. She mentioned a New Jersey program which could be a source of revenue for the Township as well as conserve energy for residents and the municipality. She will contact Assistant Administrator Coppola to discuss her services further.

**There being no further 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– SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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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 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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or question, 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 FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF 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. Kennedy that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**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- SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled 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 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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **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** 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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

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**RESOLUTION #R-113-12    A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING  
THE RENEWAL OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

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**RESOLUTION #R-114-12    APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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**Vincent Grayson was added to the Appointments Resolution as a member of the Library Board of Trustees.**

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten



All items proceeded by an (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

An invitation from Flocktown-Kossmann School for a shared reading on October 4, 2012 in participation of the world-record setting event, Jumpstart's "Read for the Record."

**DISCUSSION**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF** – **Police Chief Michael Bailey** stated that one of his officer's has applied for permanent disability, and another officer will be having surgery which will remove him from his duties for 4 to 5 months. Additionally, the Department may be experiencing 3 possible retirements. Chief Bailey's concern is the safety of his officers and the residents they serve. He further stated that the hiring process can take up to 6 months to develop a list and another 6 months for training. Chief Bailey requested that the Township allow the Police Department to begin the hiring process immediately so we can get someone into the Academy in 2013.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the Washington Township Police Department begin the hiring process for one or possibly two new officers immediately. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**DISPATCH CONCERNS** - **Mayor Short** explained that the concerns that have been raised regarding County dispatching services are being vigorously addressed. He believes that the system should be working smoothly very shortly. Chief Bailey will stay in contact with Comm. Roehrich regarding the progress being made. Chief Bailey suggested a line item in the budget for radio maintenance.

**BARTLEY ROAD SPEEDING** – A resident reported a speeding car on Bartley Road which was stopped and cited by the Police Department. The officers who dealt with the incident on Turtleback Road were sent letters of commendation.

**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 8:18 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION #R-117-12 - EXECUTIVE SESSION** – **Contract Negotiations** - Shared Services Municipal Court  
**Collective Bargaining** - Superior Officers Association,  
Foreman's Association

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, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.**