

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-161-13 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDER

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-162-13 CANCEL 2013 TAX PAYMENTS

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-163-13 REFUND 2012 AND 2013 TAX PAYMENTS

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-164-13 AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY SECTION 3

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-165-13 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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-166-13 RESOLUTION ENDORSING ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 193 URGING CONGRESS TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

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-167-13 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE BENEVOLENT 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

PTA Long Valley Middle School	50/50	February 12, 2014
Columbiettes of Long Valley	50/50	March 2, 2014

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 FIRE COMPANY**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company from **Matthew Stitt, Kurt Douglas Schenck** and **Russell L. Dore**. That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley Fire Company.

***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, Washington Township Zoning Official,
Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Report

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. Tobin on the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

The Department of Community Affairs has completed their review and evaluation of the grant proposals submitted for the ROID Grant Program for 2014. Washington Township will not be funded for this program.

With respect to the request to modify a conservation easement it was agreed that the property owner should meet with the DEP first, if necessary.

DISCUSSIONS

Professional Service Contracts were discussed. Interviews were conducted. The Committee would like to make sure the reporting lines are clear for the Prosecutor and Public Defender. A further discussion is planned with the three Animal Control applicants. The Committee agreed to the Township Attorney's recommendations to decrease the retainer. The Township Committee agreed to the Township Engineer's request for an approximately 1.5% increase in fees. Appointments will be made at the January 4, 2014 Reorganization Meeting.

Comm. LiaBraaten would like to see that the work that the Township Professional Services Personnel do for the Township is reviewed periodically, since it represents a large expense.

IT Specialist Kenny would like to gauge interest in tablets for the Township Committee. A tablet would be used to decrease the amount of paper that is used, and provide access to Township email and documents. He is suggesting 10" tablets in the \$300 range. **Mayor Short** would like to have a demonstration at a future meeting so the Committeemen can get a feeling for how it will work.

Comm. Tobin and **Comm. LiaBraaten** discussed how some fire companies communicate using tablets and laptops, which they observed at their visit to the County 911 dispatch facility. The communication was efficient and helpful to the job that first responders do.

Sprint Tower. Mr. Kenny stated that Sprint indicated they would go live in the last part of 2014.

Police Chief Bailey stated that he will need a resolution so the candidate can start the academy on January 13.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:59 P.M. upon adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #R-156-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - **Land Acquisition:** Open Space
Personnel: Building Clerk, Zoning Officials, Recreation Coordinator, Assistant Tax Collector, Admin. Assistant, Office Manager

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

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The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk