

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/Acting Clerk Burd, Assistant Administrator Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio

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.

**MAYORS UPDATE** – One of the many items being looked at after the events of Hurricane Sandy is the Well Check List. This is a list of seniors and residents with special needs who need to be looked in on during an event such as Hurricane Sandy. The list is being updated and the well check program expanded by Andrew Coppola, the Department of Health, and the Senior Program staff.

A communication meeting was held on December 12, 2012 prior to the Township Committee Meeting. Fifteen people attended and discussed the current state of communications and made suggestions for improvements.

Mayor Short will be attending a meeting with the BPU, in Morristown, on January 3, 2013, which was arranged by Senator Bucco.

A mayors meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 to discuss OEM, Hurricane Sandy, and ways to work together in the future. Mayors from the Chesters and the Mendhams will also attend.

Mayor Short will be meeting with First Energy Senior VP Mark Jones in January.

The cell tower by the police station is up and will be operational by the end of 2012. The tower has a backup generator and fuel to keep running during an event such as Hurricane Sandy. The tower will also provide revenue to the Township.

The Senior Holiday Luncheon took place last week. About 85-90 residents attended. It was a great success.

Washington Township was approached by the State to serve as a model for successful shared services agreements. We will be working with the State over the next 12-18 months.

Mayor Short has communicated with the Board of Education and Washington Township Police Department, in the wake of the shootings in Newtown Connecticut, and assured the public that adequate steps have been taken at all the schools in the Township.

A luncheon to thank WRNJ for all their efforts during Hurricane Sandy will take place on December 18, 2012. Mayor Short will attend with mayors from surrounding towns.

The bus maintenance facility is ready to begin construction. It is scheduled to be completed during the 2013 school year.

A new commercial ratable may be coming to the Township in the area of Route 46. Discussions are ongoing.

EPA and DEP are putting in a water pipeline from Washington Township to Chester to make potable water available to residents. Discussion is also underway to get a generator at the Old Farmers Road School so that it can be used as an evacuation center in the future.

The “Sponsor A Wreath Program” is underway, to raise money for the food pantry. Mayor Short asks that everyone consider making a donation to the food pantry.

**PROCLAMATION** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring January 2013 as Radon Action Month.

**EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION** - Scout Christian Z. Paolella earned the rank of Eagle Scout by working with the Washington Township Historical Society at the Union Church ruins. He described his project and was congratulated by the Township Committee.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**RO-19-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$138,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT AND \$79,800 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND-- SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$138,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT AND \$79,800 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND 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, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**Washington Township**

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE #RO-19-12

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey on December 19, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on December 17, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
Deborah A. Burd,  
Acting Township Clerk

DATED: November 19, 2012

ORDINANCE #RO-19-12

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$138,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT AND \$79,800 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND**

WHEREAS, the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., provides that a municipality may, by ordinance, provide for the acquisition of real property or an interest therein by purchase, gift, devise, lease, exchange, or condemnation in the manner provided in the Eminent Domain Act, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington has determined that it is in the interest of the Township to purchase property known as Block 16, Lot 22.01 consisting of approximately 7.822 acres of vacant land; and

WHEREAS, a grant is about to be awarded to the Township for the acquisition of the fee interest in the amount of \$79,800 from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Washington hereby authorizes the acquisition of property located on North Four Bridges Road identified as Block 16, Lot 22.01 as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Washington which property is to be conveyed to the Township by purchase from David and Geraldine Hickey for the sum of \$138,000.00.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated the total amount of \$138,000 for the purpose set forth in Section 1 consisting of the sum of \$79,800 from a grant from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund and the sum of \$58,200 from the Capital Account entitled "Reserve for Open Space", subject to the receipt of the grant from the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund.

SECTION 3. There is hereby also appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for closing costs and for trail clearing from the Capital Account entitled "Reserve for Open Space" of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and Township Clerk and all other proper officers and employees of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. No debt is to be authorized by the enactment and passage of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances of the Township of Washington that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Deborah A. Burd,  
Acting Township Clerk  
P.F. \$ 78.03

By: Kenneth W. Short, Mayor  
11/29/11

**RESOLUTION #R-130-12 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO REGENCY AT LONG VALLEY 1, LLC**

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-141-12 SCHEDULE 2013 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

That the following resignation be accepted:

Marcella Hoover – Part time Deputy Court Administrator, effective January 1, 2013

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin to accept the resignation. 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-142-12 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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-143-12 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAIVING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE SANDY**

**DISCUSSION** – Comm. Tobin asked about waiving the cost of electrical inspections for generator installations. Mayor Short would like to be able to do so, but it would be a financial problem for the Township since we utilize an outside inspection agency that would still have to be paid. The Committee agreed not to waive electrical inspection fees for generator installations. Mayor Short stated that OEM has done seminars on the past regarding safely hooking up generators, and will do similar seminars in the future.

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-144-12 AUTHORIZE REFUNDS TO THE HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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-145-12 AUTHORIZE REFUNDS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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-146-12 REFUND 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 AND 2012 TAX PAYMENTS**

**DISCUSSION** – Comm. Kennedy inquired about the legislation for sharing the burden of successful tax appeals. Currently when tax appeals are successful, the refunds come from the Township, not the school districts and county. Legislation would address that inequity. Mayor Short will discuss status of legislation with Sen. Bucco.

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-147-12 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

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-148-12 AWARD CONTRACT – EMERGENCY LIGHT BAR PACKAGES – STATE CONTRACT**

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-149-12 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL FOR THE HACKETTSTOWN AREA CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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-150-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VIRIDIAN ENERGY TO SPONSOR A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**

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

**\*APPROVE MINUTES**

October 10, 2012 Work Session  
October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting

**\*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Long Valley Women's Club	50/50	February 2, 2013
Long Valley Women's Club	50/50	February 23, 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.

**\*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP -- LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Kaitlin Fleming and Raymond Isenburg.

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

**\*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 comment.

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

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy (#), LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin (^), Mayor Short  
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

(#) Comm. Kennedy abstained from voting on the October 10, 2012 meeting minutes  
(^ ) Comm. Tobin abstained from voting on the October 15, 2012 meeting minutes

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Hickey acquisition, Block 16, Lot 22.01, is one of the 9 proposals selected to receive funding from the 2012 Open Space Trust Fund Program. The amount of the grant is \$79,800.

**DISCUSSION.** Comm. Kennedy would like to open discussions with Township School Boards about security plans and better understand what direction they are going in. Mayor Short stated he is aware that Chief Bailey is meeting with both Superintendents to discuss the topic. He also indicated that an increased police presence and increased patrols around the schools have already been put into place.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

