

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. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short
Comm. LiaBraaten arrived at 8:05 PM

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 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

WELCOME CUB SCOUT PACK 136. Mayor Short welcomed the Scouts and explained what happens at the Township Committee Meetings.

MAYORS UPDATE. Mayor Short has had three meetings with JCP&L since Super Storm Sandy, the latest last Thursday. He has also met with the Board of Public Utilities. The Office of Emergency Management has also met three times. He has met with neighboring communities to discuss regional shelters. The Township has met with residents as well as emergency responders to discuss communication improvements.

Intense tree trimming by JCP&L contractors is continuing. Trimming by helicopter along high tension wires from the Hastings area to that of the West Morris Regional High School was scheduled to begin on the 18th and continue through April 1. Discussions with JCP&L on improving communications are ongoing. Circuit grid maps have been provided to the Township.

Letters were sent to electricians and plumbers asking them if they had an interest in being placed on a list to be used in the event of emergencies. Letters were also sent to area gyms and health clubs asking them to open their shower facilities during emergencies. Another round of CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team) training will begin in March. Shelter management with other municipalities is also being discussed.

The cell tower at 1 East Springtown Road is operational and has a 210 gallon diesel tank for the backup generator. Equipment at the tower on West Springtown Road near Zellars Road will be upgraded and a 210 gallon diesel tank has been installed.

Radios have been installed in Township vehicles to improve communications between DPW and Police. Sandwich style boards, for emergency updates when electronic communications are out are in the process of being constructed. These boards will be placed at key locations throughout the Township in the event of electronic communication failure. A critical location list has been provided to JCP&L. A letter supporting legislative remedies has been sent to our representatives in Trenton.

The Township is applying for generators at the Municipal Building and Senior Center. We are also working with the local Board of Education and MUA to make Old Farmer's Road School a shelter.

JCP&L has been notified of damaged poles and will be returning to repair spliced lines.

In other news, the new fire truck and ambulance have been delivered and are being equipped. Township representatives have been meeting with the local Board of Education about a land swap which will enable them to implement solar power at the middle school.

A budget meeting will be held Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. To get under the 2% levy cap, \$160,000 will have to be cut from the budget requests. All budget meetings are open to the public and we encourage all residents to attend.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring that Read Across America – NJ be celebrated on March 1, 2013, and encouraged all children to read with a caring adult on that date.

PUBLIC PORTION.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

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

PRESENTATION – Darlene Hatcher, Recreation Program Coordinator outlined the new Pathway's Program. This program is devoted to developing leadership in our schools and communities that will help create a more inclusive environment for all our children. In September, teachers at Old Farmers Road School trained 37 young adults on how to be peer mentors to special needs children, and assist special needs children in interacting with other students without having to have their parents present. All schools in the district are interested in the program, will participate in the training, and offer their facilities at no charge for these programs. Darlene Hatcher is working with the sports organizations in town to allow special needs children to join their organizations or to work with the children to obtain playing time. Several coaches have volunteered to assist in getting these programs up and running. Darlene estimates 30-40 special needs children will participate in this program.

RO-01-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY NAMING A CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY FOR A MILITARY HERO AND RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF OTHER PRIVATE STREETS/ROADWAYS FOR MILITARY HEROES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY NAMING A CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY FOR A MILITARY HERO AND RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF OTHER PRIVATE STREETS/ROADWAYS FOR MILITARY HEROES be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS:None

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PUBLIC PORTION

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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

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-04-13 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH MAKES CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON -INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH MAKES CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on March 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full 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

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

Comm. LiaBraaten joined the meeting at 8:05 PM.

RO-05-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY DONATION - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 BY DONATION be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

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 BY DONATION be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on March 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

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

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Jr. Women’s Club Long Valley	50/50	April 5, 2013
PTO Benedict Cucinella School	50/50	April 12, 2013
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Heath Village	Draw Raffle	May 17, 2013
Heath Village	50/50	May 17, 2013
Raritan Headwaters Association	50/50	May 18, 2013
Long Valley Columbiettes	50/50	June 19, 2013
Garden Club of Long Valley	Raffle	May 11, 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 PUBLIC EVENT – OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL PTA**

An application has been received from the Old Farmers Road School PTA for a School Fair to be held on Friday, May 17, 2013 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM at 51 Old Farmers Road, Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing application be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – RARITAN HEADWATERS ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received from the Raritan Headwaters Association for a Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at 91 East Springtown Road, Long Valley. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing application be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

January 2, 2013	Reorganization Meeting
January 21, 2013	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 a (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

The Department of Community Affairs Division on Housing and Community Resources has awarded Washington Township a grant through the Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) Grant program in the amount of \$5,000. These monies will be used for the Children’s Enrichment Program at Benedict A. Cucinella School.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Comm. Tobin explained to the Scouts that there always was a plan in place for natural disasters. Super Storm Sandy presented many challenges with power lines down, power being out, and road closures. Progress is being made, building upon an emergency plan. **Comm. Tobin** expressed how important volunteers are to the town and emergency situations.

Comm. Kennedy discussed First Aid Communication concerns brought up at the January Township Meeting. Comm. Kennedy met with representatives from the First Aid Squad and the County to discuss these concerns.

Acting Clerk Deborah Burd stated that the West Morris Central High School Board would like to present their budget at the April 10, 2013 Work Session Meeting. The Freeholders would like to hold a monthly meeting here on Wednesday July 24. The Planning Board Meeting scheduled for July 24 will be rescheduled.

Mayor Short wanted to discuss police vehicles. The last day for ordering Chevy Caprice Police Vehicles is February 21. Cost is \$32,000 for each vehicle. **Chief Bailey** is looking to gain approval to purchase the 2 new cars that have been budgeted for already, and at least one additional car to replace a recently totaled car. The Committee agreed to commit to 3 cars before the February 21 deadline. A resolution and certification of availability of funds will be prepared for the March meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Christopher Cuella, Squire Hill Road, thanked the Committee for the work they are doing post Super Storm Sandy and asked if the Township is receiving any state or federal funds to cover the costs of the enhancements and changes identified. **Mayor Short** stated that we are applying for grants for generators and sandwich boards and that FEMA reimburses approximately 75% of expenses, so we will get an estimated \$175,000 from FEMA.

Scout Dillon Beck asked how much each new police SUV will cost. **Mayor Short** stated approximately \$37,000.

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:44 P.M. with the expressed understanding that it would come out of Executive Session and not take any action.

RESOLUTION #R-36 -13 EXECUTIVE SESSION LAND ACQUISITION- BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:54 P.M.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk