

The Special Budget Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 6:35 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: CFO Lifer, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd, Assistant Administrator Coppola

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 22, 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 Senior Center, East Springtown 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 comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTION #R-37-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF BLOCK 34, LOT 46.04 BY THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion was made by Comm. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSION

POLICE K-9 UNIT. Chief Bailey said forfeiture funds would cover \$3,500 of the \$4,500 for K-9 training. Another \$1,000 would come from donations. Patrolman Michael Thompson will go to training when he is off-duty and when a minimum staff of three is on duty. No overtime will be needed. Training will take eight weeks and begin April 1. Officer Thompson, who will be training with the dog, said there will be no cost or overtime for recertification. The committee approved the K-9 unit with the stipulation there would be no additional municipal funding,

RECORDS DEPARTMENT POLICE. A job description will be reviewed and approval will be made at the Budget Meeting Saturday, March 2. Cleaning was also discussed.

DPW BUDGET DISCUSSION. Scott Frech stated that half of the salt budget has already been spent. The bays are currently two-thirds full.

BUDGET ITEMS.

The following were agreed:

- Keep OEM stipend at \$2,000
- Reduce Zoning OE by \$500
- Reduce Admin OE by \$10,000 for Committee Projects
- Reduce IT OE by \$2,700
- Increase Legal OE. For litigation \$20,000 was already spent in 2013.
- Cut \$8,700 for promotional exams. Dave Kennedy suggested changing ordinance so the exam would be good for 2 years.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-38-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Contract Negotiations - Califon

Motion was made by Comm. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:20P.M.

Kevin Lifer stated that \$466,000 of debt will be paid off in 2013.

The following decisions were made on capital requests

	Requested	Amt. Other Funds	Tentative Amt. Approved	Amount Rejected
Township computer replacement & software	6,888	0	6,888	0
Replace tax / finance server	10,940	0	10,940	0
Backup/Disaster Recovery	1,900	0	0	1,900
Telephone system wiring project	18,470	0	7,500	10,970
Walk through security detector	3,250	0	0	3,250
Mobile vision recorder and writer replacement	13,597	0	0	13,597
Generator replacement - 2	1,000	0	1,000	0
Replace shotguns - 4	1,400	0	0	1,400
MDT laptop computers – 4 license, auto air adapters	5,310	0	5,310	0
Tahoe police 4x4 - 2	71,020	0	71,020	0
Replace Engine 2-2	650,000	0	0	650,000
6 sets of turnout gear	18,000	0	18,000	0
LV firehouse generator	15,000	0	7,000	8,000
Swiftwater rescue boat and equipment	30,000	0	0	30,000
Two electronic sign boards	34,000	0	17,000	17,000
Replace 1995 tandem dump truck with plow & sander	178,000	0	178,000	0
Replace 1990 Elgin sweeper	250,000	0	0	250,000
Purchase 1 new 60ft bucket truck- tree trimming/removal	188,000	0	0	188,000
Replacement dump body & hoist for 1999 tandem dump truck	24,363	0	24,363	0
Replace one 1994 11 ft. snow plow	8,500	0	8,500	0
Replace one 1996 brush chipper	45,000	0	0	45,000
DPW road project – overlay 920 ft Wherli Rd	22,750	0	22,750	0
DPW road project – overlay 1,852 ft E. Springtown Rd.	45,500	0	45,500	0
East Mill sidewalk improvements	96,622	0	0	96,622
Road improvements – Old Farmers Rd.	403,817	200,000	203,817	0
Road improvements – Mission Rd.	394,408	0	0	394,408
Road improvements – East Valley Brook Rd	387,315	0	0	387,315
Extend water system to additional fields, garden	34,000	34,000	0	0
Replace two 2000 mason dump trucks	144,000	0	72,000	72,000
Replace 1986 concrete mixer	4,100	0	0	4,100
Generator for municipal building	86,000	0	50,000	36,000
Generator for Senior Center	55,000	0	0	55,000

The water system extension will be funded from a trust.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 2. 9:00 A.M. at the Senior Center.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Deborah A. Burd, Acting Clerk