

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:38 P.M.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney John Jansen, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd, Assistant Administrator Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Tobin, Roehrich

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.

**MAYORS UPDATE**

Monday, March 25 at 5:30 PM, **Congressman Lance** will be coming to the Municipal Building for a Town Hall Meeting.

**Mayor Short** will be meeting with JCP&L representatives on Thursday March 21; to tour staging areas in the Township should they be needed in another weather emergency situation and discuss circuit maps. JCP&L will also be presenting a check to the municipality for \$1,000 in recognition of the Township's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**PRESENTATION**

**Community Garden.** The garden concept has been discussed for two years, and it was decided that there is an interest and need for a Community Garden in Washington Township. The volunteer group received a \$1,000 grant from the NJ Garden Club, and \$800 from the State of NJ to be used for materials. **Attorney Jansen** recommended the Township adopt an ordinance to specify fees, authorize the use, establish rules and regulations, and recognize the volunteer committee as the Township's agent.

**Denise Tedeshi** a member of the Washington Township Community Garden Committee stated the Community Garden website will have a downloadable application. When the ordinance is adopted that information will be included on the website also. The application will also appear on the Township website. Community Garden fees will be used to purchase lumber for raised beds, and eventually a shed.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

**MUA Conservation Easement.** **Mike Pucilowski**, Director of the Washington Township MUA, discussed the need to amend the conservation easement at 46 East Mill Road, to allow for water supply improvements within the conservation easement. The Planning Board has recommended approval. Mayor Short and Committeeman Tobin own property close to the property in question and therefore there is no quorum to act on the ordinance at this meeting. This topic will be addressed at the March 25, 2013 special meeting.

**Taxi Limousine Ordinance.** The original ordinance was adopted in 1997 and revisions are now necessary to comply with changes in state statutes. The Township Committee agreed that the ordinance will state that the maximum number of taxi cabs will be 5 and the maximum number of limousines will be 5.

**RESOLUTION DISCUSSION**

**S2364 – Early Voting Legislation (Opposing)**

**A2753 – Direct Payment of Energy Taxes to Municipalities**

**BUDGET**

The budget was summarized by Kevin Lifer. Kevin highlighted the total budget and tax levy amounts. The budget and tax resolution hearing will be held on April 15, 2013

**R-40-13 INTRODUCE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RO-02-13 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RO-03-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #RO-10-12 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE GARAGE ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE FUNDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE GARAGE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION"- SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**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 – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**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 – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**NAYS:** None

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RO-06-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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**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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 185, TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES 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 April 15, 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. Kennedy, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RESOLUTION #R-41-13 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RESOLUTION #R-42-13 AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – SUMMER SOCCER CAMP – KICKZSOCCER, LLC**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RESOLUTION #R-43-13 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 20 – JUNE 2, 2013**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RESOLUTION #R-44-13 AWARD CONTRACT – POLICE VEHICLES – STATE CONTRACT**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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**RESOLUTION #R-45-13 REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDERS**

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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, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-46-13 AUTHORIZE FILING OF 2012 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #R-47-13 RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2364 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A3553 TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF EARLY VOTING**

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, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin **ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-48-13 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-2753 REQUIRING DIRECT PAYMENT OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

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

**RESOLUTION #R-49-13 AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

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

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

**\*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Our Lady of the Mountain Church	50/50	May 19, 2013
Long Valley Fire Co. Ladies Aux	50/50	June 8, 2013
Community Events Organization	50/50	September 21, 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 – FLOCKTOWN KOSSMANN SCHOOL PTA**

An application has been received from the Flocktown Kossmann School PTA for a School Carnival to be held on Friday, May 31, 2013 between the hours of 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM at the Flocktown Kossman School. 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 MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Nicholas DeBaisse, William J. Glennon, III, and Richard E. Ornelas.

**\*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association from Matthew J. Lopez.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

**\*APPROVE MINUTES**

January 29, 2013	Special Meeting
February 13, 2013	Work Session
February 18, 2013	Regular Meeting
February 20, 2013	Special Meeting
February 26, 2013	Special 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 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. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Kennedy on the following roll call vote:**

**AYES:** Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten (#), Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**(#) Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the February 20, 2013 meeting minutes. He was not present at that meeting.**

**DISCUSSION**

**On-line Reverse Auction for Electricity.** The Committee decided not to get involved at this time.

**Mayor Short** questioned the monthly vehicle mileage report, where one vehicle (38-15) traveled 20,240 miles in one month. Chief Bailey will look into the possible error.

**Mayor Short** discussed the monthly Court Report and the decrease in revenue, and the possibility of having the Township Committee review the fee structure to understand the decrease. **Attorney Jansen** stated that motor vehicle fines are set by state statute. **Chief Bailey** will discuss court costs with the Prosecutor to gain a better understanding.

**Mayor Short** stated that a County Board of Freeholders will hold a meeting on Saturday March 23 at 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. to discuss the JCP&L rate increase that has been filed with the BPU. **Comm. LiaBraaten** will attend.

**Mayor Short** discussed the part time records position at the Police Station. **Chief Bailey** recommended the position be full time. **Mayor Short** would like to try the position as a part time one for now.

Online Reverse Auction for Electric was discussed. The Township Committee decided not to get involved at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

A letter from Senator Bucco addressing the receipt of Resolutions R-31-13 and R-35-13, regarding Washington Township's concerns on Assembly Bill 1196 and Senate Bill 2511.

**PUBLIC PORTION.** Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public and offered to sit down with a Scout in attendance to discuss his project, after the Township Meeting.

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

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:48 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION #R-50-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – Collective Bargaining – Superior Officers Association**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:52 P.M.**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Tobin

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**The meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.**

\*Denotes Consent Agenda