

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Coppola, Attorney Jansen, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 7, 2016 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.

PRESENTATION – WEST MORRIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Pechanec, WMRHSD Business Administrator, and **Mr. Ben-David**, WMRHSD Superintendent, presented the 2016-2017 Budget. **Comm. Babb** asked about the declining enrollment and its impact on future budgets. **Mr. Pechanec** stated that they will continue to scrutinize the budget and find efficiencies to reflect the decrease in enrollment. **Comm. LiaBraaten** and Vice Mayor Short stated that they believe there should be a consolidated K-12 district. **Comm. Murello** and **Mayor Roehrich** thanked WMRHSD for their presentation. **Vice Mayor Short** asked why the State funding number was lower than other similar sized districts. The WMRHSD representatives did not know why. **Vice Mayor Short** asked if there was communication between the high schools and the sending elementary and middle schools. The WMRHSD representatives stated that these distinct entities attempt to work together and that by junior year in high school all the students are caught up and on equal ground.

PUBLIC PORTION. **Mayor Roehrich** opened the meeting to the public.

Michael Marino, 24 Setting Sun Drive, believes there is too much focus on the IB students and IB programs and that focus should be on the entire student body.

Tom McBride, 1 Melissa Trail, asked how many students at the high school are out of district placement. The WMRHSD stated the number is about 90.

Ken Zarouni, 16 Candour Court, asked for details about the time commitment of the police range ad hoc committee. **Mayor Roehrich** envisioned two meetings a month for approximately six months but the ad hoc committee will set its own meeting schedule

Steve Maciejewski, 10 Shadow Hill Way, asked if there are specific criteria for members of the ad hoc police range committee, **Mayor Roehrich** said there are not. **Comm. Murello** asked **Attorney Jansen** if applicants for the ad hoc committee who are represented by an attorney would be disqualified. **Attorney Jansen** stated that those people would not be precluded from serving. **Mr. Maciejewski** asked if professionals would be available to the ad hoc committee. **Mayor Roehrich** said they would be available.

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

DISCUSSIONS

Scout Ceremony Attendance. The Committee determined who would attend the upcoming Gold Award and Eagle Scout Ceremonies.

Scheduling of Ad Hoc Police Range Committee Interviews. **Administrator Coppola** reported that nine applications have been received and that the deadline for submitting an application is April 20. The Committee agreed that **Vice Mayor Short** and **Comm. Murello** will conduct the interviews, and Mayor **Roehrich** will be the alternate.

Use of Open Space Trust Funds for Accessibility. **Administrator Coppola** reported that the Township did not receive a Trails Grant. It was suggested that Municipal Open Space Trust funds be used to improve and provide access to Township preserved parcels. The Committee discussed some of the work being done through Scout projects. It was also noted that the County will be making funds available for development of trails.

Road Work Timetable. **Administrator Coppola** suggested that the Township move up its time table, identifying road projects earlier, and that bids be prepared earlier. Getting on contractors calendars earlier may make the bids more competitive.

PUBLIC PORTION. **Mayor Roehrich** opened the meeting to the public. *There being no questions or comments **Mayor Roehrich** closed the meeting to the public.*

Mayor Roehrich announced that the Committee would be going into Closed Session and will come out and act on Resolution 72-16 only.

RESOLUTION #R-71-16 – EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – SHARED SERVICES: Mendham Township, Chester Borough

Motion was made by **Vice Mayor Short** seconded by **Comm. Murello** that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:28 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:45 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-72-16 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF
CHESTER TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL CLERK SERVICES TO THE
BOROUGH OF CHESTER**

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Babb. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk