

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:32 PM.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 8, 2015 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.

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

**PRESENTATION.** The **West Morris Regional High School District Budget** was presented by WMRHSD Superintendent Pendergrast and WMRHSD Business Administrator Pechanec. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Municipal Clerk's office.

**DISCUSSION**

**ECHO Housing.** After consideration of Zoning Official Margolese's March 18, 2015 memorandum, the Township Committee decided not to take action at this time but will readdress the subject next year.

**Raffle Approval Authority Ordinance.** In the interest of efficiency the Township Committee agreed that the Municipal Clerk should become the approval authority for raffles. The Ordinance will be ready for Introduction at the April 20, 2015 meeting.

**East Mill Sidewalks** NJDOT has awarded a Local Aid Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for pedestrian safety/sidewalk improvements on East Mill Road. The bid process will begin shortly.

**Eagle Scout Ceremony Attendance** The Township Committee discussed upcoming Eagle Scout ceremonies and Township Committee attendance.

**Cliffside Park Water System** Mr. Babb reported on Resolution 15-04-E from the WTMUA, titled "In Support of Cliffside Park Associates Sale of Its Water System to Aqua America Inc.". The WTMUA has no interest in owning this small water utility; however the WTMUA does support the purchase by Aqua America. The WTMUA is still owed \$50,000 by Cliffside Park Associates for repairs and improvements and is optimistic the debt will be retired upon the sale.

**RESOLUTION #R-60-15 - EXECUTIVE SESSION** PENDING LITIGATION – Tax Appeal: Carfaro v. Washington Township

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

**AYES:** All members present voted in the affirmative

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:23 P.M after announcing it would not reconvene in Open Session except to adjourn.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:31 P.M.*

Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Murello, seconded by Comm. Short. The motion was unanimously approved by the four members present.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.*