

The Regular Meeting 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, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons, Attorney Jansen

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.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Roehrich summarized the 2015 Municipal Budget, encouraged participation in the upcoming Clean Communities events from April 23 – April 30, and announced the May 30 Paper Shredding Event.

PROCLAMATION. **Vice Mayor Short** presented a Proclamation to **Sloane DiBari** congratulating her on winning the 4th Grade New Jersey Spelling Bee Championship.

PROCLAMATION. **Mayor Roehrich** presented a Proclamation to **Ms. Antoinette Dominicci-FiFoot** proclaiming April 2015 as National Autism Awareness month in Washington Township.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION. Scout Matthew Lombardo presented his Eagle Scout project to the Township Committee.

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

Max Zoller, a Long Valley Cycle Craft employee, requested that he be permitted to continue blazing and grooming the trails in Cataract Park. He received permission last year from the Recreation Committee. He would like to complete a biking loop in the park where it approaches Pheasant Drive. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Zoller for his effort and endorsed his continued work.

Kim Kavin, 15 Tall Timber Road, presented a petition signed by Tall Timber Road Homeowners, requesting to be added to the list of streets to be paved. **Administrator Coppola** accepted the petition and **Mayor Roehrich** acknowledged that it would be considered during the 2016 budget meetings.

Kathy Kabinask, 33 Nassau Street High Bridge, expressed her support for Mr. Zoller's efforts at Cataract Park, and reminded the Township Committee that enhanced trails will bring more visitors to the community.

Thatcher Simpson, Manager of the Nassau Trail System, encouraged support for the trail blaze. Administrator Coppola informed Mr. Simpson about tonight's resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a Trails Program Grant to connect trails in the Drakestown Preserve to the South Branch Wildlife Management Area.

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

RO-03-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE GRANTING OF RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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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 May 18, 2015 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.

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

RO-04-15 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$456,225 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING \$150,000 IN GRANT MONIES AND \$306,225 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RO-05-15 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,198,100, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

It was noted for the record that the supplemental debt statement has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services and the Office of the Township Clerk.

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NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. **Mayor Roehrich** opened the meeting to the public on the budget. There being no questions or comments, **Mayor Roehrich** closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTION #R-61-15 ADOPT 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation be accepted:

Dale Blum – Regular Member Historic Preservation Commission, effective March 27, 2015

Motion to accept the resignation was made by **Comm. Murello**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Short**, 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

***RESOLUTION #R-62-15 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT**

***RESOLUTION #R-63-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A LICENSE TO CONDUCT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY ON BLOCK 34, LOT 46.04**

***RESOLUTION #R-64-15 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

***RESOLUTION #R-65-15 AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A 2015 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

***RESOLUTION #R-66-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS CAREFARO v. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP**

***RESOLUTION #R-67-15 REFUND 2012 AND 2013 TAX PAYMENTS**

***RESOLUTION #R-68-15 OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND**

***RESOLUTION #R-69-15 APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

***RESOLUTION #R-70-15 RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 2015 PAYMENT**

RESOLUTION #R-71-15 CONSENT TO SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

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. Murello, Babb, Roehrich

NAYS: Comm. LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

***RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Garden Club of Long Valley	Raffle	May 9, 2015
Operation Chill Out Inc.	50/50	May 9, 2015

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Form and all forms are in order. That the foregoing raffle application(s) be approved, subject to the Mayor or Municipal Clerk signing the Findings and Determination Form.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – FLOCKTOWN-KOSSMANN SCHOOL PTA**

An application has been received from the Flocktown-Kossmann School PTA for a School Fair to be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 between the hours of 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM at the Flocktown-Kossmann 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.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from the following:

- Cristian Carbini, Cadet Member
- Thomas Javier, Probationary Member
- Matthew Stitt, Probationary Member

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

January 3, 2015	Reorganization Meeting
January 14, 2015	Work Session
January 19, 2015	Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015	Special Meeting
February 10, 2015	Special Meeting
February 11, 2015	Work Session
February 16, 2015	Regular Meeting
February 17, 2015	Special Meeting
February 24, 2015	Special Meeting
March 11, 2015	Work Session
March 16, 2015	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:

- 2015 March Board of Health
- 2015 March Municipal Court
- 2015 March Township Tax Collector
- 2015 March Building Department
- 2015 March Police Department

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello (#), Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: NONE ABSENT: NONE ABSTENTIONS: NONE

(#) Comm. Murello abstained from voting on the approval of the January 20, 2015 meeting minutes and Resolution #R-69-15.

DISCUSSION

Office Manager Lyons discussed the March 26, 2015 memorandum on building and contents values for all three fire department buildings and the two first aid squad buildings, advising that they need to be modified to reflect current values. This is the first of several steps to improve insurance coverage for these and all other municipal facilities. The Committee concurred with the recommendations.

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

RESOLUTION #R-72-15 - EXECUTIVE SESSION: LAND ACQUISITION – BLOCK 20, LOT 52

It was announced that no action would be taken following the Executive Session.

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 8:30 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:35P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten and so carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda