

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short

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

**ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Mayor Roehrich

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Zoning Permits.** The Committee discussed requiring zoning permits for fences. Fence concerns are infrequent, so the Committee decided not to impose additional regulations. The current ordinance requirements will remain in effect.

**Paving Township Park Parking Lots.** Committee agreed to authorize the use of Open Space Trust Funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to pave lots at Harrington Park.

**Recycling Center Hours.** **Administrator Coppola** was directed to conduct a survey of recycling center hours and the volume of traffic. Once that information is compiled, the Committee will discuss the possibility of reducing recycling center hours. **Comm. Babb** suggested more of a self-serve Recycling Center, thus reducing the need for manpower.

**Temporary Part Time Tax Office Help.** **Administrator Coppola** reported that five candidates were interviewed for the temporary position. A candidate has been selected. Two existing part-time employees will work additional hours to assist in office coverage during the upcoming maternity leave. An Appointments Resolution will be voted upon later tonight.

**RESOLUTION #R-117-15 AWARD BID –Two (2) Basketball Courts at Rock Spring Park**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Mayor Roehrich **ABSTENTIONS:** None

**APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

An application has been received from the Highland Presbyterian Church for a Carnival event to be held on August 15, 2015 between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM at 12 Pleasant Grove Rd., Long Valley. 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.

**AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

That the Fairmount Fire Company be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss to raise funds for the firehouse. The coin toss will be held Saturday, August 15, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the intersection of Old Farmers Road and Parker Road, subject to the conditions imposed by the Washington Township Police Department. The Township assumes no responsibility or liability for the safe operation of the event and will expect Fairmount Fire Company to hold the Township harmless from any claim arising out of this event.

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Babb** to approve the public event and coin toss applications. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Mayor Roehrich **ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-119-15 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Mayor Roehrich **ABSTENTIONS:** None

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

**DISCUSSION**

**Attorney Jansen** reported that the ordinance to amend review fee deposits for variances is ready for introduction at the August Regular Meeting.

**Affordable Housing. Attorney Jansen** briefly mentioned that **Judge Hansbury** granted the Township's motion for temporary immunity which was bought by **Attorney Buzak's** office. Immunity was granted for a five month period extending until early January 2016.

**RESOLUTION #R-118-15** EXECUTIVE SESSION – **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:** Collective Bargaining- DPW  
**ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:** Recreation Sponsored Trips

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

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Mayor Roehrich

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:55P.M.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:12P.M.*

Motion to adjourn was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Babb** and so carried.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.*

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Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk