

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

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

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 9, 2014 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.

Mayor Short was pleased to report that Washington Township was the only Morris County municipality to receive additional funds from NJDOT. The Township received a \$250,000 grant which will be used for East Valley Brook Road Improvements.

On September 13, the Washington Police Department will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Tours and refreshments have been planned for the public.

The Route 46 Bridge near the Pump House restaurant closed at 9PM on August 16 and will remain closed for two weeks. Mayor Short recommended that residents take alternate routes.

The lower section of Schooley’s Mountain Road between Newburgh Road and the county line will be paved starting August 27.

The entire length of Bartley Road will be paved in September or October. The County could not accomplish paving during the summer due to so many other summer road projects.

Mayor Short then reminded all that on September 10 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm here at the Municipal Building there will be a Volunteer Summit. All Boards and Committees will be present to answer questions from interested potential volunteers.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring support for the ‘Turn the Town Teal Month’ campaign and proclaiming September 2014 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION. Ryan Arndt presented his Eagle Scout Project Proposal. He would like to use galvanized steel roof panels to cover the baseball dugouts at Palmer Park. He would like to begin the project in the Spring/Summer of 2015. The Committee commended Ryan for his presentation and thanked him for proposing this much needed project.

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

RO-12-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS TO PROVIDE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA EXEMPTIONS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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 TO PROVIDE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA EXEMPTIONS** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSION

Attorney Jansen noted Planning Board correspondence dated August 13, 2014 which recommends that section 4.7 be changed to read “Applications for a Municipal Exemption Determination shall be accompanied by an escrow fee of \$200 unless waived by the Township Zoning Officer because review by the Township Planner and/or Township Engineer is deemed to be unnecessary.” Attorney Jansen deemed the proposed amendment not substantial and advised that adoption could proceed with the amended language if the Committee is in agreement with the Planning Board. After brief discussion there was no objection from the Township Committee to the proposed change.

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

Washington Township

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE #RO-12-14

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey held on July 21, 2014, and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on August 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

DATED: July 21, 2014

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-2, please be advised as follows:

1. On July 21, 2014, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey, they being the governing body of the Township of Washington, introduced at first reading an Ordinance entitled:

RO-12-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, TO PROVIDE FOR HIGHLANDS AREA EXEMPTIONS

2. The main objective of the above entitled Ordinance is to set forth the procedural and substantive requirements of the Township of Washington will issue Highlands Act Exemption Determinations. This Ordinance will permit residents and property owners to apply for and receive an exemption from the Township instead of having to apply to the NJDEP for a Highlands Exemption. The Ordinance establishes an application fee of \$150.00.

3. The Ordinance will be considered at a public hearing to be held on August 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, Township of Washington, County of Morris, New Jersey, or at such time and place as said further consideration may be adjourned.

4. Three (3) copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Township Clerk at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey.

This notice is published at the direction of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris.

Dated: July 22, 2014
P.F.# 53.55

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk
.07/21/14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that said Ordinance be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roerich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-13-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roerich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE #RO-13-14

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey, held on July 21, 2014, and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on August 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

DATED: July 21, 2014
Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-2, please be advised as follows:

1. On July 21, 2014, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey, they being the governing body of the Township of Washington, introduced at first reading an Ordinance entitled:

RO-13-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO UPDATE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

2. The main objective of the above entitled Ordinance is to adopt the Highlands Council's updated model checklist ordinance that includes revised submission requirements pertinent to applications for development involving lands located within, in part, partially within the Township Highlands Area that seek approval of a site plan, subdivision or change in use to ensure that applicants achieve compliance with the standards and provisions required for the Highland Regional Master Plan. The Ordinance requires that only certain applicants that fall into designated categories, identified in the Ordinance, require a Highlands Consistency Determination and will relieve other applicants of the administrative requirement to file with the Highlands Council, or a Highlands Consistency Determination.

3. The Ordinance will be considered at a public hearing to be held on August 18, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, Township of Washington, County of Morris, New Jersey, or at such time and place as said further consideration may be adjourned.

4. Three (3) copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Township Clerk at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey.

This notice is published at the direction of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris.

Dated: July 22, 2014
P.F.#54.57

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk

.07/21/14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that said Ordinance be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrlich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-14-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 52:14-15f et. seq. – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f et. seq.** be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee and that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 15, 2014 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.

DISCUSSION. Comm. LiaBraaten clarified that an employee with good reason could be exempted from direct deposit. Administrator Coppola confirmed this to be correct.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrlich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION DISCUSSIONS

Community Development Block Grant Program. The Committee expressed no concerns prior to action.

Shared Service Agreement with Mount Olive. The Committee expressed no concerns prior to action. Mayor Short reported that this is the Municipalities 19th Shared Services Agreement.

Resolution supporting the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican custody. The Committee expressed no concerns prior to action.

New Continuing Disclosure Requirements. The Committee expressed no concerns prior to action.

RESOLUTION #R-118-14 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrlich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-119-14 APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrlich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-120-14 ENDORSE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – SKY-TOP FARM – BLOCK 43, LOT 68, CLIFFORD PULTZ

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrlich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R -121-14 ENDORSE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – MIGLIACCIO FARM – BLOCK 22, LOTS 8, 15, 28, ROBERT & MICHELLE MIGLIACCIO

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION #R -122-14 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF UNITED STATES MARINE SGT. ANDREW TAHMOORESSI FROM MEXICAN CUSTODY

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

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

RESOLUTION #R -123-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$385,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

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

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

RESOLUTION #R -124-14 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING A COOPERATIVE MEANS OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOME ACTIVITIES

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-125-14 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOUNT OLIVE FOR THE USE OF THE AERIAL TRUCK

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-126-14 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF TITLE OF 1995 VOLVO TANDEM DUMP TRUCK TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE PURSUANT TO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-127-14 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2003 FORD 550 TRUCK FROM LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-128-14 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CONCORD ENGINEERING FOR AN ENERGY AUDIT

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-129-14 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, RELATING TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE MATTERS APPLICABLE TO BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-130-14 AWARD BID – LICENSE TO HUNT ON RESERVOIR ROAD, BLOCK 3, LOTS 10 AND 10.2 AND BLOCK 9, LOTS 1, 2, 34 AND 6.02

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-131-14 AWARD BID – LICENSE TO HUNT ON SPRING LANE/MARJORIE DRIVE, BLOCK 11, LOTS 16, 20 21, 22,23 AND 27.07

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)**

Applications has been received for the following raffle(s):

Pet Adoption League	50/50	October 3, 2014
Pet Adoption League	Tricky Tray	October 3, 2014

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 signing the Findings and Determination Form.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT - THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC. d/b/a LONG VALLEY PUB**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc., d/b/a Long Valley Pub & Brewery for permission to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on October 5, 2014 (Rain date October 12, 2014) between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 Fairmount Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

That the foregoing special permit for a public event be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***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,
- Washington Township Zoning Official

Mayor Short asked if anyone from the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. There was no response.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township Historical Society has been awarded a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$19,812.

Washington Township will receive an allotment of \$250,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for East Valley Brook Road.

DISCUSSIONS

Animal Licensing. Adminisitrator Coppola referred to recent correspondence from the Board of Health making a case for an animal census to be performed. Centenary College has been contacted to inquire if paid interns could conduct this census. In addition, at the 2015 January rabies clinic held by Washington Township, the pet licensing officials will be present to process licenses. The Township Committee agreed that a census is necessary.

Historic Museum Lease. The Committee agreed to enter into a 20 year lease with the Historical Society. Attorney Jansen stated this requires an ordinance which will be ready for introduction in September.

Comm. Tobin reported that he has received comments from the community about the crosswalk at the Columbia Trail on Route 513. The speed limit is 50 mph and there have been several near misses with pedestrians. The trail marker signs are not adequate and roadside brush should be cut back to improve sight lines. Chief Bailey stated he will contact the County about these concerns.

Open Space Tax. Comm. Tobin reported that there will be a referendum question on the November ballot regarding the use of open space funds for maintenance of trails. Comm. Tobin suggested that the Committee take action to support this endeavor. Mayor Short suggested that the Committee review the question and have some discussion in September.

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

RESOLUTION #R-133-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-132-14 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - Attorney Client Privilege – Ramifications of rezoning request for Kings Highway.

Mayor Short and Comm. Babb left the meeting at this time.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS:None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:40 PM.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

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

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda