

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

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

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

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

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.

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

DISCUSSION

2015 Insurance. Insurance costs for 2015 are projected to be \$40,000 less than they were in 2014.

Risk Manager. The Township will continue to use the same Risk Manager in 2015. The cost in 2014 was \$8,500 and it will be approximately \$9,500 in 2015. This is the first increase since 2011.

Public Defender. The Township will continue to use the existing Public Defender in 2015.

Township Engineer. The Township will continue to use the current Township Engineer in 2015.

Township Attorney. The Township will continue to use the existing Township Attorney in 2015.

2015 Employee Benefits Resolution. The Township will continue with summer hours.

Animal Control. Mt. Olive will handle Animal Control duties during weekday business hours; Kim Bennett will cover nights and weekends. Washington Township previously provided Animal Control to Califon; Califon will now be making their own arrangements.

Califon CFO & Tax Collector Contract. There is a conceptual financial agreement with just a few insurance issues to finalize. The contract will be mutually advantageous.

The Committee would like to interview Mr. Raes for an opening on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. An interview will be set up for Monday, December 15.

Budget Meeting Dates. 2015 Budget Meetings have been set for January 20, February 10, and February 17. All meetings will be held at the Senior Center beginning at 6:30 PM.

The Township Labor Attorney, Special Tax Counsel, and Bond Counsel will remain the same for 2015.

Community Development Block Grant 2015. The Committee will consider applying for a grant to be used for a portion of Mission Road.

Cleveland Industrial Park. This is a 17 acre property with 5 acres that are contaminated. Mayor Short was contacted by a developer interested in a rezoning and building a few homes or a small professional building. No applications have been submitted. This is in the early talking stages.

Health Village presented the Planning Board with a conceptual plan for 144 residential units and a medical building.

Power Outages. Two power outages occurred in the last 2 weeks. The Committee still plans to stay on top of JCP&L and maintain as much communication as possible.

Mansfield Construction Shared Services is still being discussed. The current agreement expires on January 31, 2015. Mansfield will meet at the end of this month. Mayor Short and Comm. Roehrich will offer to meet with Mansfield prior to their public meeting to discuss any open issues.

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Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Roehrich seconded by Comm. Tobin. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.