

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:33 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.

Municipal paving projects are still ongoing.

PROCLAMATION – Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva. Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation raising awareness for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva.

POLICE STAFFING DISCUSSION.

Police Chief Michael Bailey addressed the Committee with his proposal to have alternating Officers in Charge for the month of August, until such time as the new Police Chief is appointed upon Chief Bailey’s retirement. Three lieutenants will split this duty. The Township Committee concurred.

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

DISCUSSIONS

Zoning Board Candidate. Comm. LiaBraaten and **Comm. Murello** interviewed Rick Thauer for the position of Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a term to expire December 31, 2018. Both Members endorsed the appointment. The appointment will be addressed in R-98-15.

Open Space Applications.

Administrator Coppola reported that the Resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda authorize submission of two applications to the Morris County Open Space Fund. Resolution 106-15 is for acquisition of Block 20, Lot 52 which will allow this parcel to be annexed to Township owned Cataract Park and provide an alternative access route to the waterfall. This Open Space application is in the amount of \$42,400.

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

Resolution 107-15 is for Block 18, Lot 10.01. Acquisition of this property will provide recreational opportunities on-site as well as access to other Township-owned property and the Patriot’s Path. The Township will acquire 11.5 acres of this 12.5 acre parcel. This Open Space Application is in the amount of \$176,000.

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

*RESOLUTION #R-98-15	APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS
*RESOLUTION #R-99-15	OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND
*RESOLUTION #R-100-15	CLUB LICENSE RENEWAL – HEATH VILLAGE
*RESOLUTION #R-101-15	PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – CORNERSTONE TAVERN & GRILL, LLC
*RESOLUTION #R-102-15	PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – UKIAH, INC.
*RESOLUTION #R-103-15	PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – MINEBROOK BEVERAGE CORPORATION
*RESOLUTION #R-104-15	PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – LONG VALLEY INN, INC.
*RESOLUTION #R-105-15	PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.
*RESOLUTION #R-106-15	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 20, LOT 52 – Haines
*RESOLUTION #R-107-15	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT AN APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 18, LOT 10.01 – Fraser

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| *RESOLUTION #R-108-15 | AWARD BID – LICENSE TO HUNT ON SPRING LANE/MARJORIE DRIVE, BLOCK 11, LOTS 16, 20, 21, 22, 23 AND 27.07 |
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| *RESOLUTION #R-109-15 | AWARD BID – LICENSE TO BOW-HUNT ON RESERVOIR ROAD, BLOCK 3, LOTS 10 AND 10.02 AND BLOCK 9, LOTS 1, 2, 34 AND 6.02 |
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| *RESOLUTION #R-110-15 | REJECT BIDS – SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST MILL ROAD |
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| RESOLUTION #R-111-15 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,275,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY |
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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. LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None **ABSENT: None** **ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Babb**

RESOLUTION #R-112-15	RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BLOCK 30, LOTS 70, 70.01, 70.02 AND A PORTION OF LOT 71.03 A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.
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AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT: None** **ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Roehrich**

RESOLUTION #R-113-15	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE 60’ WIDE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS ESNA DRIVE IS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA ACCORDING TO THE DEFINITIONS AND CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ)
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AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSENT: None** **ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Roehrich**

RESOLUTION #R-114-15	RESOLUTION WITHHOLDING CONSENT TO THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP FOR A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL FOR CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE CAMP
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AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None **ABSENT: None** **ABSTENTIONS: None**

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

An application has been received from the Long Valley First Aid Squad for a Washington Township Community Night Out event to be held on July 21, 2015 (rain date July 22, 2015) between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM at Rock Spring Park, East Springtown Road, 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 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 an Oktoberfest to be held on October 4, 2015 (Rain date October 11, 2015) 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:

- 2015 June - Municipal Court
- 2015 May - Building
- 2015 June - Building
- 2015 June - Police Department
- 2015 June - Administration/Clerk
- 2015 June - Revenue
- 2015 June - Vehicle Usage
- 2015 May - Health
- 2015 June - Zoning
- 2015 June - Budget

Mayor Roehrich asked if anyone on 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. 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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township has been awarded a Hazard Mitigation grant for a generator project from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) totaling \$49,500.00.

Washington Township Municipal Alliance will receive \$13,717 for the 2016 fiscal year subject to the final approval by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

DISCUSSION

Comm. Short suggested that next Police negotiation include discussion of requiring members of the Department to be certified as EMTs. Mr. Jansen advised that he does not believe that this must be negotiated. He felt that management could require this training. It was agreed that acceptance by the officers would be preferable and worth pursuing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten; 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 meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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