

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:32 PM.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Comm. Murello

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

**RESOLUTION DISCUSSION**

The Committee discussed the resolution authorizing the filing of a declaratory judgment action (affordable housing) and agreed to consider the resolution at the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2015.

**DISCUSSION**

**Request to Remove Deed Restriction, Block 56, Lot 26.05.** Property owner Eric Jania was present to answer questions regarding his request to remove a deed restriction. He would like to construct a single family home on his property for his in-laws. The Planning Board and Board of Health have approved the request. The Committee agreed and will consider an Ordinance at the May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting. Administrator Coppola noted that there is a shortage in the escrow account which needs to be satisfied prior to the adoption of the Ordinance.

**Hunting Bids.** The Committee discussed the upcoming bid process and decided to add a minimum bid price to the invitation for bids.

**Eagle Scout Ceremony Attendance.** Mayor Roehrich will attend the upcoming ceremony for Connor Onweller.

**Heath Village Zoning Change.** Vice Mayor Short offered several comments including: adding language to the Ordinance that states Heath Village will provide senior transportation; that the roads within Heath Village will be maintained by Heath Village; that COAH units should be dispersed through the community and not be constructed in one location; that the 25’ setback mentioned in paragraph D6 be confirmed to be adequate to accommodate driveway parking that will not encroach on the sidewalks, and that paragraph E4 be examined to insure that ample parking is available for employees and visitors.

Committee Members agreed and Administrator Coppola will inform Planner Banisch of these comments and suggestions.

**Temporary Part Time Recycling Laborer.** The Committee will fill this position at the Regular Meeting.

**Sign Ordinance Amendment** Attorney Jansen explained the proposed sign ordinance amendment. The amendment was recommended by Township Planner David Banisch to the Washington Township Planning Board in a May 9, 2015 memo.

**RESOLUTION #R-73-15                      AWARD BID – EAST VALLEY BROOK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

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

**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-74-15                      EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE:    Police Department**

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

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

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:49P.M.*

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