

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:30 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Murello (#), Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich

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

(#) Committeeman Murello arrived at 7:31 PM

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

Our seniors enjoyed a complementary "Taste of Spring" luncheon on April 25. The event was hosted by the Recreation Department and was attended by twenty- six seniors while nineteen members of the Kids 4 Kindness group served. The event was very well received and a follow up event has been planned for June 12. The Recreation Department will provide pizza, Kids 4 Kindness will provide prizes, and the seniors will enjoy a night of pizza and bingo.

Many County and Township road projects are scheduled for the upcoming months, including: the intersection of Schooley's Mountain Road at Camp Washington, areas of West Mill Road, a portion of Naughtright, a portion of East Valley Brook, and areas of Black River, Pickle and Apgar. The DPW will also be doing as much chip and oil as time allows which will extend the life of the roads.

The SafeWise Report released its '100 Safest Cities in America' list. Washington Township was listed as the 15th safest city in America and the 2nd safest in New Jersey. We have many township employees and members of the Police Department to thank for earning this recognition.

The Township agreed to settle the lawsuit with our former Tax Assessor so as to not incur additional litigation fees. The Joint Insurance Fund paid a portion of the settlement and the Township will pay for a portion. The recently realigned Tax Assessor's Office has realized sizable savings that will offset the cost.

COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION – Freeholder Doug Cabana presented highlights of the \$329,353,292 County budget.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION. Eagle Scout Nikolas Kontos of Troop 36 provided the details of his Eagle Scout Project. He improved an outdoor gathering area at West Morris Central High School by weeding gardens and providing refurbished picnic tables and new plantings.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Roehrich opened the meeting to the public.

Tracy Tobin, Mountain View Road, invited all to attend this Saturday's Memorial Day event at Rock Spring Park. The ceremony will commence at noon. This past week Friends of Library had a successful used Book Sale. The raised funds will offset children's programs. Other groups, such as those servicing Veterans and the disabled, also benefited from the sale. This weekend Garden State Wine Growers will host a Wine and BBQ Festival at Schooley's Mountain Park. This is the first time at this venue and it should be a success. Clean Communities Week is fast approaching and all residents are encouraged to participate and help pick up litter at various public venues. Interested persons should contact DPW.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Roehrich closed the meeting to the public.

RO-03-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE GRANTING OF RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK – 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 COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE GRANTING OF RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE RO-03-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE GRANTING OF RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

WHEREAS, the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission has promulgated rule amendments at N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 which permit the Municipal Governing Body to delegate, by Ordinance, the authority to approve the granting of raffle licenses to the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington desires to delegate the authority to approve the granting of raffle licenses to the Township Clerk;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:
Section 1. Chapter 96 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Washington entitled, Games of Chance, shall be amended by the inclusion of new Section 96-2 which shall be entitled, "Authority to Approve the Granting of Raffle Licenses," and which shall read in its entirety as follows:
"§ 96-2. Authority to Approve the Granting of Raffle Licenses.

a. The Township Clerk is hereby delegated the authority to approve the granting of raffle licenses within the Township of Washington. In the event that the Township Clerk has a conflict of interest or is otherwise unable to issue said license, then the Township Committee shall retain the authority.
b. The Township Clerk shall notify the Township Committee when raffle licenses are issued, as appropriate, but at least every three months.
Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.
Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
Section 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.
Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect according to law.

Introduced: TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Adopted:
ATTEST:
Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk
Kenneth W. Roehrich, Mayor
(\$53.24)

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 Official Newspaper according to law.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-04-15 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$456,225 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING \$150,000 IN GRANT MONIES AND \$306,225 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$456,225 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING \$150,000 IN GRANT MONIES AND \$306,225 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

NOTICE OF PENDING
ORDINANCE #RO-04-15

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$456,225 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING \$150,000 IN GRANT MONIES AND \$306,225 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP. The ordinance, the title of which is published herewith, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, held on April 20, 2015. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held in the Municipal Building, in said Township, on May 18, 2015, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building in said Township to the members of the General public who shall request the same. The purpose of said ordinance is to appropriate \$456,225 to the extent of \$21,000, from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township, to the extent of \$10,225, from the Reserve for Sidewalks of the Township, to the extent of \$275,000, from the Reserve for Refurbishments of the Township and, to the extent of \$150,000, from proceeds of a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, for various capital improvements to be undertaken by the Township.
/s/ Nina DiGregorio
Township Clerk
(\$25.96)

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 Official Newspaper according to law.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-05-15 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,198,100, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,198,100, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. Babb that the foregoing resolution be adopted. 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

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND
ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

#RO-05-15
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon the governing body of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, on April 20, 2015. It for final passage, considered after public hearing thereon, at a meeting to be held at the Municipal Building at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road in said Township on May 18, 2015 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office at said Municipal Building for the members of the general public, who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Title: Bond \$1,198,100, and authorizing the issuance of \$800,000 bonds for various Township improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey

Purpose(s): Acquisition by purchase and installation, as necessary, of new and additional equipment, including one (1) asphalt paver, two (2) controllable spreaders, and one (1) switch and go body for use by the Department of Public Works on the Township. Improvements in and by the Township by the construction of and locations therein of roadway pavements, including reconstruction, Naughtright Road from Nancy Terrace to Drakestown Road, East Valley Brook Road from Old Farmers Road to Fairmont Road, Black River Road for approximately 1,500 feet, Pickle Road for approximately 2,530 feet north from Route 512 and Apgar Road from Parker Road to Green Hills Road.
Appropriation: \$1,198,100
Bonds/Notes \$800,000
Authorizes (my) \$275,000
Appropriation: \$100,000.
Section 30 Costs: \$100,000.
Useful Life: 10.95 years.
/s/ Nina DiGregorio
Township Clerk. Is published
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17. (335.20)

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 Official Newspaper according to law.

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

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

RO-06-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN ROAD - 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 REGARDING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN ROAD** 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 Official Newspaper 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 June 15, 2015 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.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-07-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND SIGN REGULATIONS - 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 AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND SIGN REGULATIONS 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 Official Newspaper 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 June 15, 2015 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.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. Babb that the foregoing resolution be adopted. 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

RO-08-15 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND RELEASE A BUILDING RESTRICTION LOCATED ON TURTLEBACK ROAD, BLOCK 56, LOT 26.05 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND RELEASE A BUILDING RESTRICTION LOCATED ON TURTLEBACK ROAD, BLOCK 56, LOT 26.05 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 Official Newspaper 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 June 15, 2015 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.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

*RESOLUTION #R-75-15 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

*RESOLUTION #R-76-15 AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (ROID) GRANT APPLICATION

*RESOLUTION #R-77-15 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK It or TICKET* MOBILIZATION FROM MAY 18 -31, 2015

*RESOLUTION #R-78-15 OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND

*RESOLUTION #R-79-15 REFUND 2013 AND 2014 TAX PAYMENTS

*RESOLUTION #R-80-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

*RESOLUTION #R-81-15 AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT LOCATED ON BLOCK 31, LOT II

*RESOLUTION #R-82-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, LAW DIVISION AND A MOTION SEEKING TEMPORARY IMMUNITY FROM THIRD PARTY LAWSUITS WHILE PURSUING THE DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION AND TAKING ALL ANCILLARY ACTIONS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH TO ACCOMPLISH THAT OBJECTIVE

*RESOLUTION #R-83-15 AWARD BID – NAUGHRIGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

*RESOLUTION #R-84-15 AWARD BID – EAST VALLEY BROOK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

DISCUSSION

Palmer Park Bathrooms. Administrator Coppola reported that the engineering estimate for the bathroom facilities is \$138,000. The Open Space Fund has \$528,000. This estimate does not include the cost for a sewer connection, electric, water permits required for pumps, or drinking fountain installation costs. Some of the work could be done in house by Township labor, but most of the project will have to go out to bid. Attorney Jansen suggested a modular structure, similar to one recently installed in a Boonton Township park. After some discussion the Township Committee agreed to move forward, and also suggested that the Township explore contributions from local sport clubs to offset project costs.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR RECORD

Washington Township has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) Municipal Aid Program for East Mill Road Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$150,000.00. The New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) 2015 Municipal Aid program is unable to provide municipal aid for the Naughtright Road Improvement project.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Roehrich opened the meeting to the public.

Tom McBride, 1 Melissa Trail, stated that Lt. Colonel Ingrid Parker, Garrison Commander at Picatinny Arsenal will attend the Memorial Day Ceremony.

There being no further questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. Lia Braaten.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk