

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: Administrator Coppola, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons, Attorney DeBona

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.

MAYOR'S UPDATE. Mayor Short provided an update.

Mayor Short acknowledged the Cub and Boy Scouts attending tonight's meeting for purpose of Citizen Badges and two Eagle Scout presentations.

Newburgh Road Bridge was scheduled to open tomorrow but the frigid temperatures have delayed the application of a sealant. Once this arctic blast subsides the sealant will be applied. The bridge should be open by next week.

The Planning Board has begun to consider a Downtown Redevelopment Area for the Township's Center. This is a 30 acre tract of land which, if approved, will provide additional housing, retail and recreation facilities. Several public hearings will be scheduled and all are encouraged to participate.

This Friday at 11AM is the annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Senior Center. The event is booked to capacity.

December 7 is the 9th Annual Holiday Happenings in Downtown Long Valley. Shops will be open and activities are planned for all ages. The Tree Lighting will also take place.

Sad News: Retired State Senator Robert Littell, father of Assemblywoman Allison McHose has passed away. Also, Township Attorney John Jansen's father has passed away. Our condolences are extended to both families.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATIONS -

Mitchell Carpenter, Troop 236, presented his plan to construct 2-3 picnic tables at Rock Spring Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

Michael Cuccaro, Troop 426, presented his plan to install 2 Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) at Palmer Park for his Eagle Scout 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-17-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53, BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, AND CHAPTER 148, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS- INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53, BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS, AND CHAPTER 148, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS** 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 December 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.

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, Vice Mayor Roehrich, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-153-14 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-155-14 SCHEDULE 2015 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

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

RESOLUTION #R-156-14 UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

RESOLUTION #R-157-14 AUTHORIZE REFUNDS TO THE HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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

RESOLUTION #R-158-14 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDER

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

RESOLUTION #R-159-14 REFUND 2014 TAX PAYMENTS

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-160-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DIVISION OF LAND USE REGULATION APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION FOR BLOCK 33 LOTS 2, 3 AND 4

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

RESOLUTION #R-161-14 REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE – ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY – SECTIONS 2 & 3

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

RESOLUTION #R-162-14 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DEED OF SHADE TREE EASEMENT FROM BENJAMIN P. IUVONE, DMD, AND ANTHONY IUVONE, DMD

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

RESOLUTION #R-163-14 RESOLUTION EXPRESSION THE IMPORTANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE STRENGTH OF LOCAL PENSION FUNDING IN REGARDS TO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S PENSION & HEALTH BENEFIT STUDY COMMISSION

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-164-14 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO RIVERIA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LLC

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

***RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)**

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

Long Valley Competition Cheerleading Association	Tricky Tray	January 30, 2015
Long Valley Competition Cheerleading Association	50/50	January 30, 2015
Long Valley Junior Woman's Club	Casino Night	February 28, 2015
Long Valley Junior Woman's Club	50/50	February, 28, 2015

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.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

An Application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association from Brian T. Cross.
That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to New Jersey Firemen’s Association.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

October 15, 2014 Work Session
October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting

***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 Tax Collector
- Washington Township Finance Department
- Washington Township Clerk’s Department
- Washington Township Building Department
- Washington Township Police Department
- Washington Township Zoning Department
- Washington Township Vehicle Usage

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township Health Department will be reimbursed \$4,905.00 for expenses incurred in the administration of Hepatitis B inoculations to our emergency personnel.

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-165-14 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Contract Negotiations:**
- Califon Field Grooming
 - Califon Animal Control
 - Independence Twp Fire Prevention
 - CFO and Tax Collector - Califon
 - Mansfield IT Services
 - Mansfield Construction Code
 - Mansfield Fire Prevention

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:57P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:18P.M.

The draft of the Fire Command Vehicle Policy was accepted by the Committee and will be forwarded to the Fire Chiefs for comment. Anticipated adoption is at the December meeting.

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk