

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:31 PM.

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

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

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.** The October 14 Flu Clinic was attended by more than 100 people. The next Health Clinic will be held on October 23 and it will be a free Oral Health Screening held here at the Municipal Building between 1:30 and 3:30 pm. Residents can enroll with the Health Department.

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

**JCP&L Update.** Stan Prater from JCP&L acknowledged that last week's storm was uneventful, so for "preparedness purposes" it was treated as a drill. Members of the Township Committee expressed pleasure with the frequency of the email updates. Mr. Prater reported that in 2016 the Newburgh Sub-station will be included in the tree trimming plans. If there are any requests for spot trimming, the Township should let him know. There are employment opportunities for JCP&L linepersons and training will take place next month at Raritan Community College. A brochure was provided for additional information.

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

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**RO-10-15 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SERVE AND MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER FACILITIES FOR CLIFFSIDE PARK – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SERVE AND MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER FACILITIES FOR CLIFFSIDE PARK** 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 Ordinance 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, Mayor Roehrich closed the meeting to the public.*

MORRIS COUNTY  
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey held on September 21, 2015 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on October 19, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WASHINGTON

RO-10-15

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC. GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SERVE AND MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER FACILITIES FOR CLIFFSIDE PARK**

WHEREAS, Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua") is in the business of providing water service as a public utility pursuant to and in accordance with Title 48 of the statutes of the State of New Jersey, N.J.S.A. §§ 48:1-1, et seq.;

WHEREAS, Cliffside Park Associates, Inc., the owner of the water system servicing the residents of Cliffside Park, desires to transfer ownership of its water utility to Aqua; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Utilities requires that the franchise for the operation of the water system be approved by an agreement between the municipality and Aqua; and

WHEREAS, Aqua and the Township desire to delineate the applicable service area to be served by Aqua and to provide both the municipal consent for both the franchise and the installation of the water system in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee deems it in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the Township and its residents to establish and grant the requested franchise and the Right-of-Way Consent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement between the Township of Washington and Aqua New Jersey, Inc. Granting the Franchise to Serve and Municipal Consent and Permission to Construct, Operate and Maintain Water Facilities in the Township Right-of-Way.

2. A copy of the Agreement is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for inspection by the public.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST: TOWNSHIP CLERK OF MORRIS STATE OF NEW JERSEY

By: Nina DiGregorio,  
Township Clerk  
Kenneth W. Roehrich, Mayor  
(\$49.28)

**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 Ordinance be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**RO-11-15 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A NON-CONFORMING PORTION OF BLOCK 20.10, LOT 49.02 TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A NON-CONFORMING PORTION OF BLOCK 20.10, LOT 49.02 TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER** 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 Ordinance be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

MORRIS COUNTY  
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey, held on September 21, 2015 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on October 19, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

RO-11-15

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A NON-CONFORMING PORTION OF BLOCK 20.10, LOT 49.02 TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington is the owner of certain lands within the Township of Washington known as Block 20.10, Lot 49.02 consisting of approximately 1.491 acres; and  
WHEREAS, Peter and Cindy Ruggiero, 15 Spring Lane, own property contiguous to Block 20.10, Lot 49.02; and  
WHEREAS, the well serving the Ruggiero property is located on the Township owned lot; and  
WHEREAS, the Ruggiero's have requested that the Township convey a 40,001 square foot portion of the subject lot to them, which portion is non-conforming as to size; and  
WHEREAS, the Ruggiero's have further agreed to obtain a subdivision of the subject lot at their sole cost and expense; and

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Assessor has determined that the fair market value of the 40,001 square foot portion of the subject lot is \$12,356.67; and  
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) provides for the conveyance of land or interests in land which is non-conforming as to size and is not needed for municipal purposes by a municipal-ty to a contiguous property owner by private sale; and  
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington does hereby determine that the said portion of the subject property is not needed for municipal purposes; **BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:  
**SECTION 1.** The Township Committee hereby authorizes and directs the Township Attorney to prepare and the Mayor and the Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to convey a portion of Block 20.10, Lot 49.02, consisting of approximately 40,001 square feet, to Peter and Cindy Ruggiero pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) in consideration of the payment of \$12,356.91, upon subdivision approval for the lot.  
**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication in accordance with law.  
ATTEST: TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
By: Nina DiGregorio,  
Township Clerk  
Kenneth W. Roehrich, Mayor  
(\$50.16)

**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  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RO-12-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO LICENSE FEES – 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 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO LICENSE FEES** 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 November 16, 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 Ordinance 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-13-15 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 November 16, 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 Ordinance 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-14-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE MUSCONETCONG AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE- INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Attorney Jansen reported that he has been contacted by both **Planning Board Attorney Buzak** and **Township Planner Banish** regarding the introduction of this ordinance. **Attorney Jansen** recommended that the Ordinance be removed from the agenda until such time as density and set-aside issues can be discussed. Counsel for Heath Village was advised that this recommendation would be made.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the foregoing Ordinance be removed from the agenda. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: **None**

**\*RESOLUTION #R-143-15 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT**

**\*RESOLUTION #R-144-15 OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND**

**\*RESOLUTION #R-145-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS - PEACHTREE VILLAGE, INC.**

**\*RESOLUTION #R-146-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRASER PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 18, LOT 10.01**

**\*AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT - FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

An application has been received from the Fairmount Fire Company for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 11:00 P.M. to be held at the Fairmount Firehouse, 12 Parker Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

\*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 Michael Carberry. That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from the following:

- Ryan Gruby, Cadet Member
- Matusz Plaza, Probationary Member
- Paul A. Peters, Student Member

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad.

\*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 September Court    | • 2015 September Police        |
| • 2015 September Building | • 2015 September Revenue       |
| • 2015 August Tax         | • 2015 September Budget        |
|                           | • 2015 September Vehicle Usage |

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 proceeded by an (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Vice Mayor 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

DISCUSSIONS

Fire Truck Refurbishment. Fire Chief Kurt Wanner and Administrator Coppola reported that the refurbishment of the Schooley’s Mtn. Fire Co. ladder truck would best be accomplished via the Houston Galveston Cooperative, which is a National Cooperative. The cost will be \$247,000 which includes co-op fees. This route saves time and money for the Township. The budget for this truck is \$275,000. If the Township went to bid, soft costs would be included in the bid. The estimated savings is 41% and the lifespan for a refurb is 10 plus years. It was agreed that at next meeting a resolution to proceed will be adopted and between now and then the required legal procedure will be implemented.

Police Promotions. Chief Almer was present to address his request for additional police promotions. As previously discussed he advocated the return to 3 Lieutenants and the promotion of one Corporal to Sgt and one Officer to Corporal. The cost for these promotions would be \$7,000. The savings in overtime will cover this cost. The third Lt. will be the Administrative Officer for the Accreditation Process. Chief Almer suggested that a second Corporal be promoted so this officer can focus on traffic bureau matters and cover shift shortages. This will cost \$2,400 and again the cost will be recovered via a reduction in overtime.

The Promotion List is still active and the Chart of Organization permits those promotions, therefore a resolution can be considered at next month’s meeting.

Proposed Police Pistol Range. Vice Mayor Short questioned Chief Almer regarding the consideration of a pistol range on a municipal parcel off Reservoir Road. Chief Almer stated that handgun qualifications are twice per year and rifle qualifications are four times per year. It has been difficult to secure qualifying time at offsite facilities. Having a municipal range would eliminate this difficulty and afford an opportunity for shared services. A presentation next month will further address this subject. Chief Almer was pleased to report that most range site work and construction materials will be donated. One open concern that remains is with the NJDEP due to proximity to the water. Comm. LiaBraaten questioned liability. Office Manager Lyons answered that premiums are based on road miles and the municipal budget, so any increase in premium should be minimal. Comm. Murello questioned if this will be addressed by the Planning Board. That is to be determined, but capital project review was recommended. In addition, Comm. Murello raised concerns regarding noise. Chief Almer stated that he and other members of his department will meet with local neighbors and also letters will be mailed to inform local residents about the Range.

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

10-19-15  
8788

October 19, 2015

8788

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor. Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten all in favor:

*The meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.*

\*Denotes Consent Agenda

---

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk

