

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Vice Mayor Roehrich

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Short

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. Vice Mayor Roehrich provided an update.

The County Engineer's office did a site visit last week at the Columbia Trail crosswalk on West Mill Road. The County removed some vegetation and will contact adjacent property owners about vegetation removal on their properties. They will have an answer on a speed slowing mechanism, such as a sign with blinking lights, by the end of the week.

New warning signs were installed by the County last week on Schooley's Mountain Road where several accidents have occurred. The County is looking to do an overlay of high friction material (not the red material tested a few years back) or micro-surfacing by the end of November. If it cannot be done by then they will mill that section.

Schooley's Mountain Road line painting will be redone when the overlay or milling is done. The County will send someone to look at Bartley Road where the lines have been coming off.

There will be a meeting of First Responders, Health Officials and OEM on Wednesday to determine what equipment needs to be acquired to deal with the Ebola situation. Currently a police officer is in training at Hackettstown Hospital.

There are two new drop-off locations in the Township. The DPW has installed an eyeglass and hearing aid drop-off for the Lions Club at the Municipal Building. Also, the Police Department obtained DEA approval and has installed a drop-off for prescription drugs and other medications at Police Headquarters.

On Nov. 8 at the Long Valley First Aid Squad Building on East Mill Road there will be an adult health screening.

The COAH Council met and failed to adopt the proposed third round of affordable housing regulations. It is unclear what the ramifications of this inability to adopt regulations will be, so we will have to just wait and see what happens.

Committeeman Tobin provided an update on 2014 paper shredding events. This year, over 20,000 pounds of paper were shredded at two events. The summer event was overwhelming; the truck was filled to capacity. This month's went more smoothly. There was no wait longer than two minutes. That event was limited to township residents - ID was required to get stickers - because the event had become so popular.

PROCLAMATION. Vice Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION. Vice Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation declaring October as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION. Vice Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation declaring October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

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

Laura Knipmeyer, 422 West Mill Road, informed the Committee that she and her husband met with **Administrator Coppola** and **Zoning Official Margolese** to discuss the slow Township response to their concerns about a resident clear cutting a nearby ridgeline lot. **The Knipmeyer's** can see the area behind their property where approximately 2 acres of trees were cut down. **The Knipmeyer's** notified the Township but the issue was not addressed for 12 days. Their meeting with **Administrator Coppola** and **Zoning Official Margolese** was productive and most of their questions were answered. The Township Committee agreed to continue to educate the public about the Ridgeline and Conservation Easement Ordinances.

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

RO-15-14 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF BLOCK 27, LOT 17 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF BLOCK 27, LOT 17 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, 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
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

Washington Township

NOTICE OF #RO-15-14

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 15, 2014, 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 20, 2014 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

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

DATED: September 15, 2014

RO-15-14

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF BLOCK 27, LOT 17 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington is the owner of certain lands within the Township of Washington known as Block 27, Lot 17, located at 6 Fairview Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society has requested that the Township enter into a lease with the Historical Society, and

WHEREAS, said parcel shall be used only for Historical Society purposes and if the lands so leased shall cease to be used for such purposes the lease shall be terminated; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15.g authorizes a lease for a public purpose on land not needed for municipal purposes by a municipality to any duly incorporated historical society for civic or historic programs or activities for a term not to exceed 50 years plus a 25 year renewal term; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Washington does hereby determine that the land in question is not needed for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed upon the terms of a Lease for a duration of twenty (20) years for nominal consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 the Mayor and the Township Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary to lease Block 27, Lot 17 to the Washington Township Historical Society for nominal consideration for a term of twenty (20) years with the right to renew the Lease for an additional twenty (20) year term pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15.g. for civic or historic programs and activities, including the maintenance of a museum, which activities benefit the population of the Township of Washington as well as the County of Morris and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2. If the lands authorized herein to be leased shall cease to be used for civic and historic programs and activities, the lease shall terminate without any entry or re-entry thereon on behalf of the municipality.

SECTION 3. The Township Administrator is hereby designated as the officer or employee of the Township authorized to enforce the terms and conditions of the Lease.

SECTION 4. The Historical Society shall be required, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c), to annually submit a report to the Township Committee, setting out the use to which the leased premises was put during the previous year, the activities of the lessee undertaken in furtherance of the activities of the Historical Society in preserving the history of the Township of Washington, the approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose, and an affirmation of the continued tax-exempt status of the nonprofit corporation pursuant to both State and Federal law.

SECTION 5. A copy of the Lease is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk of the Township of Washington, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township at a meeting held on October 20, 2014.

Dated: Nina DiGregorio, Clerk

P.F. \$ 83.13

09/25/11

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 Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin , 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
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-16-14 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 – 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 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 read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, 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
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

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

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NOTICE OF #RO-16-14

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 15, 2014, 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 20, 2014 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

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

DATED: September 15, 2014

RO-16-14

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 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. Chapter 46, Animals, Article I, Dog Licensing, § 46-2, Licensing Provisions, Paragraph E., Fees, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"E. Fees. The person applying for a license shall pay a fee of \$16 for each unneutered dog and \$13 for each neutered dog. There shall be a late charge of \$4 per month for any part of a month for any application made after January 31st. The same fee shall be charged for the annual renewal of each license."

SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Animals, Article I, Cats, § 46-18, Licensing requirements, Paragraph G, License fee schedule, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"G. License fee schedule. The annual fee for a license shall be \$16 for each unneutered cat and \$13 for each neutered cat. Persons who fail to obtain a license as required within the time period specified in this subsection will be subject to a delinquent fee of \$4 per month or for any part of a month. Proof of rabies inoculation showing that the inoculation will not expire prior to November 1st of the current licensing year, as well as proof of neutering, must be presented when applying for a license."

SECTION 3. All ordinances of the Township of Washington, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2015 and upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

By: Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

P.F. \$ 60.69

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Kenneth W. Short, Mayor
09/25/14

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 Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, 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
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation be accepted:

Patricia MacCallum – General Part time Help, effective November 3, 2014

Motion to accept the resignation was made by Comm. Tobin , seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION #R-142-14 REFUND 2012, 2013 AND 2014 TAX PAYMENTS

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-143-14 RESOLUTION DECLARING WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP A STIGMA FREE TOWN

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-144-14 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY, SECTION 2

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-145-14 AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND – TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION CORP., OLD FARMERS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-146-14 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EAST MILL ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS:None

RESOLUTION #R-147-14 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NAUGHRIGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS:None

RESOLUTION #R-148-14 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR NEW JERSEY BODY ARMOR GRANT

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin , 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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-151-14 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT

Motion was made by Comm. Babb , 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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-152-14 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER SERVICES

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin , 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 Roehrlich
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mayor Short

ABSTENTIONS: None

***RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)**

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

Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council	50/50	December 6, 2014
Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council	Draw Raffle	December 6, 2014
Friendship Center	50/50	December 6, 2014
Friendship Center	Tricky Tray	December 6, 2014

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.

***AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LONG VALLEY COUNCIL**

An application has been received from the Knights of Columbus for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 11:00 P.M. to be held at the all purpose room at St. Luke’s Church, 265 West Mill 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.

***AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT – ST. LUKE’S CHURCH**

An application has been received from St. Luke’s Church for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2015 (rain date February 21, 2015) between the hours of 6:30 PM and 9:30 P.M. to be held at the all purpose room at St. Luke’s Church, 265 West Mill 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.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Work Session September 10, 2014
Regular Meeting September 15, 2014

*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 Building Official,
Washington Township Municipal Court, Washington Township Police Department,
Washington Township Tax Collector, Washington Township Zoning Official

Vice 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 Comm. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Babb on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin(*), Vice Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None(*)

(*) Comm. Tobin Abstained from voting on the Social Affairs Permit for St. Luke's Church

DISCUSSION

Best Practices Checklist. The topic was discussed. The Committee agreed that required instructional courses for elected officials would be addressed in an annual Reorganization Meeting Resolution.

New Ebola CDC Guidelines for Emergency Responders. The Committee agreed to authorize up to \$2,000 to be charged against Committee Projects for the purchase of protective equipment for First Responders.

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

Mr. Tyler Oborn, 33 West Mill Road, expressed his frustration at garbage being picked up at the Long Valley Middle School prior to 6:00 AM and the unwelcome noise.

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

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk