

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Administrator Coppola, Attorney Jansen

**ABSENT:** Municipal Clerk DiGregorio

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune on January 7, 2016 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 mayor reported that over 4,400 people attended the Fireworks & Green Festival on September 10. The event was a success and he expressed hope this tradition continues. He advised that a survey can be found on the Washington Township website ([www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org)), and residents are encouraged to share their feedback using the on line survey. Also on the website, residents can add their names to the Township Non-Solicitation list and view the presentation on the West Morris Regional High School District funding formula change that was given at the Special Township Committee meeting on September 13. Residents are encouraged to learn about the regional high school funding referendum question that will be on the November ballot. The website also contains hurricane preparedness information. The upcoming Paper Shred event will take place at the DPW on October 8.

**PRESENTATION - Gold Award Project.** Girl Scout Megan Meyler will be documenting the history of the Township’s barns and outbuildings through photos and gathering as much information as possible. Miss Meyler will be working with the Historic Preservation Commission on this project.

**PRESENTATION – Police Awards.** Chief Almer presented awards to the following Washington Township Police Officers for outstanding work and accomplishments on the job: Officer Daniel Parrish, Officer Michael Thompson, Officers Kevin Barnes, Officer Cory Lee, Officer Derek Heymer, Detective John Wurtemberg, Officer Frank Giaquinto, Sgt. James Burns, Sgt. Brian Bigham, Cpl. Dave Marut, Cpl. Roger Garrison, Officer Scott Myers, Officer Ryan Olah, Cpl. Kirk Griffin, and Sgt. Michael Hade,

Mayor Roehrlich thanked the entire Washington Township Police Department for the work that they do and expressed appreciation to Chief Almer for publicly recognizing the department’s hard work.

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

Daryl Goodrich, 4 Portsmouth Ct., asked that roads be made a top priority for the Township, and stated the Township may be liable for injuries caused by dangerous road conditions. Mr. Goodrich provided a list of conditions he identified as dangerous on Yorkshire Dr. and a copy of the NJ Statutes regarding Claims against Public Entities.

Michael Cirello, 22 Douglas Dr., asked how road repairs are prioritized. Mayor Roehrlich provided an explanation of the process.

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

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**RO-11-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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**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 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** 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 October 17, 2016 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. Murello, seconded by Vice Mayor Short 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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee and a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member or a member of the public requests an item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

*RESOLUTION #R-152-16	APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS
*RESOLUTION #R-153-16	OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND
*RESOLUTION #R-154-16	REFUND 2014 AND 2015 TAX PAYMENTS
*RESOLUTION #R-155-16	RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MORRIS COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
*RESOLUTION #R-156-16	RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE USE OF MUNICIPAL SEALS
*RESOLUTION #R-157-16	REJECT BID - STRETCHER
*RESOLUTION #R-158-16	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
*RESOLUTION #R-159-16	A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES DATED 2016
*RESOLUTION #R-160-16	A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS
*RESOLUTION #R-161-16	RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE HOME AT 257 MISSION ROAD FROM MONARCH ASSOCIATES TO THE SPECIAL HOMES OF NEW JERSEY

**\*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

An Application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association from David J. Cooke.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

**\*AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES**

That the Long Valley First Aid Squad, Long Valley Fire Company, Fairmount Fire Company, and Schooley's Mountain Fire Company be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss to raise funds for needed equipment for each organization. The coin toss will be held Saturday, October 1, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the intersection of Schooley's Mountain Road and East and West Mill Road, subject to the approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the conditions imposed by the Washington Township Police Department. The Township assumes no responsibility or liability for the safe operation of the event and will expect Washington Township Emergency Services to hold the Township harmless from any claim arising out of this event.

**\*AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT –HEATH VILLAGE**

An application has been received from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Heath Village to hold a Social Affair on Saturday, October 8, 2016 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 4:30 P.M. at Heath Village – Heath House/Concourse Dining Room, 430 Schooley's Mountain Road, Hackettstown, NJ. The application has been endorsed by the Chief of Police.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved.

**\*APPROVE MINUTES**

August 10, 2016	Work Session
August 15, 2016	Regular Meeting

Minutes are available to the public after approval by the Governing Body.

**\*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:

2016 August Building	2016 August Finance
2016 August Court	2016 August Police

Mayor Roehrich asked if anyone on the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and read separately. There was no response.

All items preceded by an (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Murello, seconded by Vice Mayor Short on the following roll call vote:

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

(\*) Mayor Roehrich abstained from voting on the approval of the August 15, 2016 meeting minutes.

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

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

**Vice Mayor Short** commented that a large number of trucks utilize Naughtright Road. There is currently no weight restriction on Naughtright. The Police Dept. is aware of resident complaints. The Township Committee may want to consider establishing a weight limit.

**Administrator Coppola** stated that the Committee had previously discussed road repairs to North Bridge Drive and West Springtown Rd. Additional roads that could be looked at are Dogwood, Douglas, and Spruce. The Committee felt that Spruce should be given a priority.

**Mayor Roehrich** asked the Committee if they would like to have another meeting on the regional school referendum ballot question. The Committee responded affirmatively. October 18 and 19 were suggested. The Committee will decide a date and advertise it to the public as soon as possible.

***Attorney Jansen** stated that the Committee intends to come out of Executive Session and take further action.*

**RESOLUTION #R-162-16** – EXECUTIVE SESSION:     **PERSONNEL** – Zoning Officer  
**CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** - Zoning Officer  
(Independent Contract Services)

Motion was made by **Vice Mayor Short**, seconded by **Comm. Murello** 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

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:02 P.M.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:14 P.M.*

**RESOLUTION #R-163-16**     **APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Vice Mayor Short** that resolution R-163-16 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

Motion to adjourn was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Murello**. All were in favor.

*Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 P.M.*

\*Denotes Consent Agenda

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk**