

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, Attorney DeBona, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio, Office Manager Lyons

ABSENT: NONE

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.

RESOLUTION #R-125-15 APPOINTMENT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE

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
ABSTENTIONS: None

HONORABLE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE JAMES M. DEMARZO SWEARS IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE JEFFREY ALMER. Chief Almer said a few words thanking the Committee, past Chiefs, Judge DeMarzo, Retired Township police officers, Father Ray, his family, and the Washington Township Police force.

MAYOR'S UPDATE.

The Rock Spring Basketball Courts will be paved by the end of September. This project is being done in conjunction with the Long Valley Basketball Club.

The Township Committee will introduce an ordinance next month to reduce animal licensing fees. The decrease in fees is due to increased number of residents licensing their animals.

The bridge on Old Turnpike Road is closed and is expected to reopen in December.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring September to be National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring September to be Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION. Eagle Scout Michael Cuccaro presented details of his completed project to the Township Committee. Scout Cuccaro erected AED machines in three township parks.

PROCLAMATION. Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation praising the work and contributions of **Township Tax Assessor Donna Re.**

PROCLAMATION. Vice Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation praising **Cpl. Griffin, PO Barnes, PO Olah,** and **PO Parrish** for their response to an unconscious resident found on the Columbia Trail.

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

RECESS

Mayor Roehrich recessed the meeting at 7:50 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM.

DISCUSSION

Schooley's Mountain Fire Truck Refurbishment. Administrator Coppola outlined options for obtaining a fire truck, and discussed the process.

RO-09-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND REVIEW FEE DEPOSITS FOR VARIANCES – 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 REVIEW FEE DEPOSITS FOR VARIANCES** 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, Murrello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
#RO-09-15
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee held on August 17, 2015 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on September 21, 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
Nina DiGregorio,
Township Clerk
DATED: August 17, 2015

RO-09-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND REVIEW FEE DEPOSITS FOR VARIANCES

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 217, Zoning, Article XI, Zoning Board of Adjustment, §217-116, Fees for appeal or application; cost of taking testimony, Paragraph A, subparagraph (2), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(2) Review deposits covering the cost of engineering, legal, professional planning and other expert review and documentation and disbursements:

| Type of Application | Fee |
|---|------------------|
| Appeals (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70a) | \$ 1000 per lot |
| Interpretations (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70b) | \$ 1000 per lot |
| Bulk Variances (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70c) | \$ 2000 per lot |
| Residential Nonresidential | \$ 3000 per lot |
| Use Variances (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70d) | \$ 2000 per lot |
| Residential Nonresidential | \$10,000 per lot |
| Permit (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-34 and 40:55D-35) | \$ 1500 per lot* |
| Extension of time for variance | 100 per lot* |

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
By: Kenneth W. Roehrich, Mayor
Attest:
Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

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

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

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 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN 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 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 19, 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, Murrello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None
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 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A NON-CONFORMING PORTION OF BLOCK 20.10, LOT 49.02 TO A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER** 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 19, 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. Lia Braaten that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, Lia Braaten, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*RESOLUTION #R-126-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

*RESOLUTION #R-127-15 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA#97.039) FEMA-DR-4086-NJ-0399-F-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GENERATOR PROJECT

*RESOLUTION #R-128-15 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (CFDA#97.039) FEMA-DR-4086-NJ-392-MUNICIPAL BUILDING GENERATOR PROJECT

*RESOLUTION #R-129-15 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO MONITOR AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX LAW REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE TOWNSHIP

*RESOLUTION #R-130-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PETER AND CINDY RUGGIERO FOR THE SALE OF A 40,001 SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF BLOCK 20.10, LOT 49.02

*RESOLUTION #R-131-15 OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND

*RESOLUTION #R-132-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE PILOT PROGRAM

*RESOLUTION #R-133-15 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR NOTICES OF TAX SALE

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC) COOPERATIVE

*RESOLUTION #R-135-15 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY

*RESOLUTION #R-136-15 RELEASE OF VARIOUS LOT BONDS – ENCLAVE AT LONG VALLEY

*RESOLUTION #R-137-15 APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

*RESOLUTION #R-138-15 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – MOUNTAIN VIEW BAR AND GRILL, INC.

*RESOLUTION #R-139-15 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A WAIVER FOR A SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMIT – BLOCK 50.02, LOT 22 - 117 CALIFON ROAD

*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 5, 2015 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 – HEATH VILLAGE

An application has been received from Heath Village for a Social Affair to be held on Friday, September 25, 2015 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:30 P.M. to be held at the Heath House/Concourse (Dining Rooms/Great Room/Patio), 430 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Hackensettown, 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 COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES

That the Long Valley Fire Company and the Long Valley First Aid Squad be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss to raise funds for the needed equipment for each organization. The coin toss will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the intersection of Schooley’s Mountain Road (Route 24) and East and West Mill Road (Route 24 and 513), 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 the Washington Township Emergency Services Departments to hold the Township harmless from any claim arising out of this event.

*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 August Court
- 2015 August Building
- 2015 August Zoning
- 2015 August Police
- 2015 May Tax
- 2015 June Tax
- 2015 July Tax
- 2015 June Health
- 2015 July Health
- 2015 August Health

Mayor Roehrich asked if anyone on the Township Committee or from 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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

The sale of \$1,275,000 Bond Anticipation Notes was awarded to PNC Bank with a net interest cost of .77%.

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

RESOLUTION #R-140-15 - EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION – Declaratory Judgment Action/
Affordable Housing Update

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

Mayor Roehrich noted that action and further discussion would take place after the Executive Session.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:26 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:36 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-141-15 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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

DISCUSSION

Administrator Coppola provided an update for the Meadows Development in Mansfield. Building will begin shortly and 30-40 homes will be completed by the first quarter of 2016. The entire project will be 244 homes.

Administrator Coppola updated the Committee on the previously discussed open space property.

Administrator Coppola informed the Township Committee that they were invited to the First Aid Squad Building, by Chief Almer, to celebrate his promotion this evening.

Administrator Coppola also informed the Township Committee that a recreation trip had been cancelled.

Vice Mayor Short requested an update on a Building Department employee in Chester. Administrator Coppola stated that the employee would like to work in only one location.

Comm. LiaBraaten requested an update about the Union meeting. Administrator Coppola indicated it could take place on the 7th or 8th of October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk

