

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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.

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

**DISCUSSION**

**FLEET CARS: FIRE, FIRST AID & ADMINISTRATION.** The Committee reviewed the current fleet inventory. Comm. LiaBraaten requested that Administrator Coppola collect maintenance information about the frequency and cost of repairs. Comm. LiaBraaten and Comm. Babb will continue to work on a comprehensive policy and this information will be helpful.

Mayor Short proposed that each fire company be provided with one command vehicle. If more are needed or desired the company must reimburse the Township for insurance, fuel, repairs and radio expenses. Comm. LiaBraaten will share this proposal with the fire chiefs.

Comm. Babb will attend an upcoming First Aid Squad meeting and get more information on their use of command vehicles.

The Committee agreed that a policy statement should be prepared and shared with all volunteers outlining use of personal vehicles when travelling to a call, as well as rules and regulations for use of blue and red lights.

**LIGHTNING RODS.** The Committee discussed the issue and concluded that the frequency of homes struck by lightning does not warrant the consideration of an ordinance requiring the installation of lightning rods on new construction. In addition, no other municipality in New Jersey has such an ordinance, nor is it required by the UCC.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY LEASE.** Administrator Coppola reported that the Historical Society had some questions about the terms of the lease, specifically insurance. The questions have been answered and the lease agreement will be prepared and considered at the Regular Committee meeting on September 15.

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

**DISCUSSION.**

Comm. Tobin asked if Mayor Short would be participating in the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS. Mayor Short confirmed that he made a \$100.00 donation to ALS.

Comm. Tobin reported that his neighbors have initiated a petition to Elizabeth Town Gas for the installation of a natural gas line on Mountain View Avenue. The adjoining road, Old Farmers Road, has a natural gas line. Residents would like the Township Committee's support on this petition. Mayor Short agreed to send a letter along with the petition.

**RESOLUTION #R-134 -14 EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION – Obiedzinski v. Washington Township**

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, LiaBraten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:07 P.M.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:32 P.M.*

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

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

*The meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.*