

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

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

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

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.** Mayor Short provided an update on the Bartley Road repaving. 2.4 miles of roadway will be milled and later repaved, beginning this week. The project will take seven days.

Saturday, September 12 was the Police Department 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was very well attended.

Mayor Short reminded everyone that September is National Preparedness Month. Residents were advised to check supplies so they are prepared in case of an extensive power loss. **Comm. Tobin** commented about use of chain saws and safety measures taken with respect to municipal personnel and urged that similar efforts be taken by residents.

After several years the MUA water connection on Schooley's Mountain Rd. is now complete and soon the tanker will be removed.

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation declaring September as Hunger Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation declaring September National Preparedness Month.

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation congratulating the Long Valley Woman's Club on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, offered a proclamation congratulating the Washington Township Police Department on 50 years of service.

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

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**RO-14-14 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f et. seq.- SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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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 MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-15f et. seq.** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

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

**Washington Township**

NOTICE OF #FO-14-14

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 August 18, 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 September 15, 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: August 16, 2014



RO-14-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:14-151 et. seq.

WHEREAS, P.L. 2013 c. 28, authorizes local governments to mandate direct deposit for certain governmental employees effective after July 1, 2014; and  
WHEREAS, P.L. 2013 c. 28 permits governing bodies to grant exemptions on such terms and conditions as they deem necessary.

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. All full time employees and elected public officials who receive compensation from the Township of Washington are mandated to have direct deposit of their compensation as of September 19, 2014 in accordance with Chapter 28 P.L. 2013, as codified at N.J.S.A. 52:14-151 (b).

SECTION 2. Municipal employees may, in writing directed to the Township Administrator, request an exemption from the direct deposit mandate. Such requests shall be presented to the Township Committee within 30 days. The Township Committee may grant such an exemption by resolution for good cause.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with 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 take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

P.F. S. 60 69

By Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

08/28/14

**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. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**RO-15-14 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASING OF BLOCK 27, LOT 17 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY— INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**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 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 Observer Tribune 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 20, 2014 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. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Roehrich** that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**ABSENT:** 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— INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**Administrator Coppola** stated that the Ordinance needs to be revised to reflect that it will take effect on January 1, 2015. **Attorney Jansen** made the change to Section 5.

**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 Observer Tribune 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 20, 2014 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. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation be accepted:

Andrea Reisen, Washington Township Police Matron, effective August 20, 2014.

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-135-14 TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH THE WASHINGTON

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, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-136-14 AWARD BID – 2014 TRAFFIC PAINT

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, LiaBraaten, Tobin, Roehrich, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-137-14 AWARD BID – TWO NEW/UNUSED TRUCK MOUNTED SPREADERS AND ONE NEW/UNUSED LIQUID STORAGE TANK

Prior to vote Mayor Short and Comm. Tobin explained the anticipated savings for both personnel and supplies for snow removal. This new equipment and slurry solution will enable DPW crews to spray roadways in advance of a storm during regular business hours which will keep roads clear during the first couple of inches of snow fall. This should reduce the amount of overtime paid and reduce the amount of road salt used. In addition, there is an environmental benefit.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-138-14 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDERS

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*RAFFLE APPLICATION(S)

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

Long Valley Girls Softball Assoc.	50/50	September 28, 2014
The Long Valley Columbiettes	Tricky Tray	October 18, 2014
The Long Valley Columbiettes	50/50	October 18, 2014
Long Valley Competitive Cheerleading	50/50	October 19, 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 SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – NORTHERN NEW JERSEY PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

An application has been received from the Northern New Jersey Region – Porsche Club of America for a Social Affair to be held on Sunday, October 26, 2014 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 P.M. to be held at The Lodge at



Schooley's Mountain Park, 54 Camp Washington 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 SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – HEATH VILLAGE**

An application has been received from Heath Village for a Social Affair to be held on Friday, October 3, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:30 P.M. to be held at Heath Village – Heath House, 430 Schooley's Mountain Road, Hackettstown, 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 – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Christian DiGiralomo and Megan Rouse.

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

**\*APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY**

An Application has been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company from Brian Cross.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley Fire Company.

**\*APPROVE MINUTES**

July 16, 2014	Work Session
July 21, 2014	Regular Meeting
August 18, 2014	Regular Meeting

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

**Mayor Short 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. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten** and so carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**DISCUSSIONS**

**Cliffside Park.** The August 11 correspondence from Cliffside Water Board regarding their intent to sell the water system to Aqua America was noted. It was further noted that the Washington Township MUA provided financial assistance to the Cliffside Water Park Association and the Committee wants to be certain that the WTMUA will be made whole for the costs they have expended. It was agreed that a letter will be sent acknowledging the Association's earlier correspondence and inquiring as to what assistance the Association is seeking. .

**Appointment to Economic Sustainability Committee.** Resident **Jennifer Moran**, Mountain View Avenue has submitted a citizen leadership form expressing an interest in the Economic Sustainability Committee. **Comm. LiaBraaten** and **Comm. Babb** will interview **Ms. Moran** and bring their recommendation to the Township Committee before the next meeting.

**Kings Highway.** **Mayor Short** and **Comm. Roehrich** removed themselves from the dais, due to personal conflicts with respect to the Kings Highway matter. **Comm. Tobin** will chair the remainder of the meeting.

**PUBLIC PORTION.** **Comm. Tobin** opened the meeting to the public

**Arthur Kreing,** Heath Village, requested that the Committee be mindful of the close proximity of the site to a federal waterway and questioned if the applicant and or Township might want to consider a land exchange to relocate this



project elsewhere in the municipality. The existing site could perhaps become open space for a park. **Mr. Kreing** also expressed his concerns about bridge traffic and the difficulty in accessing Route 57 due to additional traffic volume.

**Attorney Jansen** explained the proposed resolution and the statutory procedure that must be followed to determine that an area is in need of redevelopment. Also, noted was the revision to the resolution to include at this time an additional lot that could be considered for future access to the site.

**Fred McQuaid**, 185 Kings Highway, supports the redevelopment study, but would like to hear from independent experts especially regarding traffic studies. **Comm. Tobin** assured the resident that both the applicant and the Planning Board will have experts. Also, it is likely that the traffic studies will be refreshed since they are more than two years old.

**Attorney Selvaggi**, representing the Kings Highway LLC applicant, clarified that the critical threshold issue before the Planning Board will be to determine if the property meets the criteria to be deemed an area in need of redevelopment.

**Mr. Fred Smith**, 167 Kings Highway, requested clarification about the criteria for redevelopment. **Comm. Tobin** provided an explanation.

There being no further questions or comments, **Comm. Tobin** closed the meeting to the public.

**Comm. Babb** stated he has visited and walked the site six different times. He feels comfortable with his observations at the site and the proposed resolution. He is prepared to vote.

**Comm. LiaBraaten** requested clarification on the determination of whether the area is in need of redevelopment being merely the initial step. **Attorney Jansen** addressed his concerns.

**PUBLIC PORTION.** **Comm. Tobin** reopened the meeting to the public at the request of resident **Denise Newton**.

**Denise Newton**, 47 Kings Highway, requested clarification after listening to **Comm. LiaBraaten's** questions and to **Attorney Jansen's** response. She wanted to know the difference between redevelopment and rezoning. **Attorney Jansen** offered an explanation to **Ms. Newton**.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public.

**Comm. Tobin** stated that this is a complicated legal issue and that there is a lot of emotion involved. He also stated that the process was and will continue to be transparent.

Prior to the vote **Comm. Babb**, **Comm. LiaBraaten**, and **Comm. Tobin** agreed to include Lot 71.03 in the redevelopment study.

**RESOLUTION #R -139-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER BLOCK 30, LOTS 70, 70.01, 70.02 AND 71.03 IS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5**

Motion was made by **Comm. Babb**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** that the foregoing revised resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Prior to casting his vote **Comm. LiaBraaten** stated that his vote authorizes the investigation by the Planning Board, but he does not want it to be interpreted as a vote either for or against apartments at this location.

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Mayor Short      **ABSTENTIONS:** None

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

**AYES:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Tobin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Comm. Roehrich, Mayor Short      **ABSTENTIONS:** None

*The meeting adjourned at 8:50P.M.*

\*Denotes Consent Agenda