

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:32 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 comments or questions, **Mayor Short** closed the meeting to the public.

DISCUSSIONS

Schooley's Mountain Road Safety Report: **Mayor Short** reported that he Administrator **Coppola**, **Lt. Compton** and **DPW Superintendent Frech** met with County officials regarding the draft Schooley's Mountain Road Safety Report. The Committee will discuss the report at the June 16, 2014 regular meeting and submit comments to the County so the final report can be prepared.

Mayor Short also reported that the County has added another road improvement project to its schedule this summer. West Mill Road from the middle of town to Beacon Hill will be paved. The Route 46 Bridge replacement will commence August 16. The estimated road closure is nine days.

Hunting Licenses: **Administrator Coppola** reported that he received a request that both parcels be made available for both bow and shotgun hunting. Currently the Spring Lane parcel is bow and shotgun; while the Reservoir Road parcel is bow only. After discussion the Committee decided to limit the hunting activity as it did last year.

Direct Deposit. PL 2013 c. 28 gives municipalities the option to mandate direct deposit after July 1, 2014. A majority of Washington Township employees have enrolled in direct deposit. **CFO Lifer** stated that the municipality could save approximately \$1,300 in payroll expenses if everyone participated in direct deposit. **Administrator Coppola** suggested volunteer participation with the incentive to the employees that any saving will be directed toward a Holiday Party for DPW, Police and Administration. The Committee concurred.

Naught Road. **Administrator Coppola** informed the Committee that the \$20,000 savings from the lower than expected bid would provide for an additional 350 feet of new pavement. Both **DPW Superintendent Frech** and **Town Engineer Hall** concur this location is the best use of the available funds. The Committee agreed and a change order resolution will be voted upon at the June 16, 2014 meeting.

Police Hire: **Chief Bailey** requested that a resolution appointing a new patrolman be considered at the regular meeting so that we can reserve a spot at the Police Academy. The appointment will be contingent upon satisfactory completion of all required tests. The Committee agreed to consider the resolution at the June 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Chief Bailey reported that the written Sergeant's test will be held August 18. .

Generator Grant. **Committeeman LiaBraaten** inquired of the status of the grant application for generators at the Municipal Building and Senior Center. **Administrator Coppola** responded that he has been informed the grant will be awarded, but has not yet received official notification.

East Valley Brook Discretionary Aid. **Mayor Short** reported that the Township has applied for a \$200,000 State Aid Grant for this roadway improvement.

Liquor License Bid. **Township Clerk DiGregorio** reported that no bid was received for the license.

Polling Locations. **Mayor Short** stated that he and **Township Clerk DiGregorio** will meet with **John Sette** from the Morris County Board of Elections to discuss a possible change in polling location for Flocktown School.

Senate Bill 240: **Attorney Jansen** reported that his office will provide a copy of this proposed legislation which would permit the development of commercial corridors within the Highland Region.

RESOLUTION #R-94 -14

EXECUTIVE SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

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, Short
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:24 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk