

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd, Assistant Administrator Coppola, Deputy Clerk DiGregorio,

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 9, 2012 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 stated that the Green Festival this past Saturday was very successful. He thanked those involved in making the event happen

A meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2012 in Chester Borough for the Mayors of the five municipalities to discuss school reorganization issues. A survey/study will be discussed.

Mayor Short would like to put together an Ad hoc Committee at the next meeting to prepare for the celebration of the 275th Anniversary of the Township next year. Anyone interested will be welcome, as the Township is looking to host events on a monthly basis.

The Rock Road Bus Maintenance Facility agreement has been finalized and the Township will be going out to bid shortly.

Mayor Short met with JCP&L recently to discuss ongoing improvements intended to avoid power outages. Tree cutting has been completed for now but will continue in the future. The Tewksbury substation will be coming online this fall. A farmer's coalition has filed a lawsuit, which should not affect improvements. Also, Nextel and Reverse 911 will transmit any outages to the municipality as soon as known. The Township and JCP&L will meet on a quarterly basis, if not more often.

Comm. Tobin stated that he would like to see the Mayor's Update posted on the Township website.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION - **Scout Kevin Salamon** presented a project to install fencing in Palmer Park around a proposed community garden. No funding has been appropriated by the Committee, however, Scout Salamon is pursuing outside sources to raise money. The Township Committee approved this ambitious project and looks forward to its completion.

Diane Munson asked if the Community Garden was formally approved by the Township. The Recreation Committee has proposed to construct a community garden in Palmer Park with the help of volunteers and outside funding. There is a great deal of interest in this project. No review is required by the Planning Board, however, an endorsement from the Committee would aid in the request for funding from various sources. The Township Committee approved the idea, with the understanding that water requirements must be addressed.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

DISCUSSION

IT PERSONNEL - **Bob Kelly** stated that he will take his three personal days, but will be available if the Township needs him, and will vacate his position on Friday, July 20, 2012. The Committee thanked him for his dedication and service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that, for reasons of economy, Mr. Kelly's IT position be eliminated as of July 21, 2012. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-13-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL SITE PLAN APPLICATION FEES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES– 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 CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL SITE PLAN APPLICATION FEES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES 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. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

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 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING FINAL SITE PLAN APPLICATION FEES FOR AGRICULTURAL USES 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. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-14-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON – 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 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON 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. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-100-12 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG EAST MILL ROAD IN LONG VALLEY

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. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

***RAFFLE APPLICATION**

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish

50/50

September 23, 2012

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order. That the foregoing raffle application be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

That the foregoing request be approved.

***AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

That the Washington Township Community Events Organization be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss to raise funds for the Kevin M. Walsh Fireworks Festival. The coin toss will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. 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 Community Events Organization to hold the Township harmless from any claim arising out of this event.

That the foregoing request be approved.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Community Events Organization for a Fireworks Festival to be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 (rain date August 26, 2012) between the hours of 4 :00 p.m. and 10 :30 p.m. at 53 West Mill Road. The festival will have children's' bounce houses, fireworks and musical entertainment. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing application be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, Construction Official and Fire Prevention Official.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LAND TRUST**

An application has been received from Washington Township Land Trust for a Beer/Wine Food Tasting event to be held on September 22, 2012 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 P.M. to be held at the Schooley's Mountain Lodge, 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 PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – WASHINGTON TOWNHSIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

An application has been received from Washington Township Fire Department for a special permit for a social affair to be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 (rain date Sunday, August 26, 2012) between the hours of 3:30 PM and 10:30 P.M. to be held at 99 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.

***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

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.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

A thank you letter to Mayor Short for participating in the West Morris Regional High School District’s first Teacher for a Day at West Morris Central High School.

An introductory letter from Gene Feyl, Executive Director and Margaret Nordstrom, Deputy Executive Director of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.

The West Morris Regional High School District Board of Education, Board President, Cristen Forrester resigned as President. James Johnston was elected as the new President and Jacqueline Schram as Vice President.

DISCUSSION

SOLAR PANELS – The Board of Education is seeking to install solar panels at the Middle School to take advantage of utility savings. A land swap with Washington Township of land adjacent to the school would provide a suitable location for the installation of such panels. As there would be a savings to the residents to Washington Township, the Committee considered the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #R-101-12 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten that the foregoing resolution be adopted. It was noted that the agreement will allow the Board to conduct soil borings and survey work to determine whether the Township land is really suitable. If it is, Planning Board review will probably be required. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Joe Keyes, 216 Beacon Hill Road, inquired about the power output of solar panels. **Mayor Short** stated that Liz George, School Business Administrator, has more information regarding output and that the a Board of Education meeting will be held on July 30, 2012 to discuss the land swap. Mr. Keyes was advised that he can contact the BOE for more particular energy information.

BOE – A meeting of all five municipalities will be held this Thursday at Mendham Borough Hall. Mendham Township has decided not to fund the study. The Township Committee is in favor of having the study completed. The final decision on how to proceed will be decided by the voters, and they need good information.

IT OUTSOURCING AGREEMENT – **Comm. Tobin** stated that conservatively the Township should be able to achieve a \$300,000 plus savings over the next five years. Califon is concerned about the level of service that will be maintained with the elimination of Bob Kelly’s position. **Mayor Short** thanked Comm. Tobin for his research over

the past years with regard to shared IT services. Assistant Administrator Coppola and Administrator Burd will take over as contacts going forward.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE – On the 1st Thursday of August, 2012 a representative of the Secretary of Agriculture will be at the Green Market.

MONTHLY CHIEFS MEETING – **Comm. Tobin** stated his concern with the County's position that it is not willing to program the new radios for mutual aid fire companies if these companies are outside of Morris County. With respect to the Fire Department, a study of unknown conclusion was purportedly done about 10 years ago. An effort will be made to obtain it and provide it to the Committee to see if that information could be useful now.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk