

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 10, 2013 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 advised that he met with JCP&L a few times in the last month, and he also testified in front of the BPU about power outages caused by Super storm Sandy. Mayor Short noted that both entities are cooperative and receptive to feedback.

Several budget meetings are scheduled in the next several weeks. Mayor Short invited all residents to come and share their thoughts.

On January 31, 2013, Mayor Short will be attending a mayors meeting in Chester Boro to discuss shared services and OEM topics. Mayors meetings are scheduled to take place every other month going forward.

The Township Committee will be working with the MUA, DEP, EPA K-8 BOE to get generator power at Old Farmers Road School. Old Farmers is being considered as a shelter location for future emergencies.

In 2012 only one building permit and 11 CO's were issued. No new ratables are coming through. The Township is 93% residential and this impacts our budgets.

A Flu Clinic is scheduled for January 26 at the Municipal Building.

PROCLAMATION Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring February 2013 as Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month.

FOOD PANTRY PRESENTATION. Rabbi Moshe Rudin, discussed the Chanukah Torch Run fundraiser which benefited the Long Valley Food Pantry. He thanked the residents of Washington Township and the business community for their generosity.

LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD PRESENTATION. Bill Kanen, Chief of Long Valley First Aid Squad, and Leanne Ajbuszyc, President of the Long Valley First Aid Squad expressed concerns about the County Communication System. The County Dispatch appears to be following procedures 50% of the time: pagers are not being activated, all the parties necessary for a call are not being reached, and incorrect information is being passed to responders. LVFAS has raised these issues with County Dispatch. Comm. Kennedy will reach out to the County Dispatch to set up a meeting to discuss issues with representatives from Police, Fire, First Aid, and IT. Comm. Tobin will also attend.

PUBLIC PORTION.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Dorothy Walter, Black River Road, spoke about a tree that fell near her home onto wires that were sparking and smoking. She called the power company and called 911. It took them 8 minutes to answer the phone. No police or fire personnel responded. The power company showed up 3 hours later. She is concerned about the communication problems. Mayor Short requested a date and time of the incident so that he could follow up with the County.

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

RO-01-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY NAMING A CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY FOR A MILITARY HERO AND RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF OTHER PRIVATE STREETS/ROADWAYS FOR MILITARY HEROS – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 NAMING A CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY FOR A MILITARY HERO AND RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF OTHER PRIVATE STREETS/ROADWAYS FOR MILITARY HEROS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy 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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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 NAMING A CERTAIN STREET/ROADWAY FOR A MILITARY HERO AND RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF OTHER PRIVATE STREETS/ROADWAYS FOR MILITARY HEROS be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on February 18, 2013 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy 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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-17-13 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE THIRD RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES TO AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-18-13 AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – SOCCER CAMPS – US SOCCER ACADEMY

RESOLUTION #R-19-13 AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CAMP – COMPLETE PLAYER CAMP

RESOLUTION #R-20-13 AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – MULTI SPORT CAMPS – US SPORTS INSTITUTE

RESOLUTION #R-21-13 AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS – US SPORTS INSTITUTE

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy that resolutions #R-18-13 through #R-21-13 be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-22-13 REFUND 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 TAX PAYMENTS

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-23-13 REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDER

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-24-13 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-25-13 AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE THIRD RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

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

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation be accepted:

Vera F. Read – Part time Violations Clerk, effective January 2, 2013

Motion to accept the resignation was made by Comm.Roehrich, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten. Motion was unanimously carried on a voice vote.

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

PTA Long Valley Middle School	Fifty-Fifty	March 13, 2013
Knights of Columbus	Merchandise Raffle	March 17, 2013
PTA Old Farmers Road School	Draw Raffle	May 17, 2013
PTA Old Farmers Road School	Tricky Tray	May 17, 2013

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

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – ST. LUKE’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

An application has been received from St. Luke’s Catholic Church for a Fund Raiser to benefit the Special Needs Ministry to be held on February 16, 2013 between the hours of 6:30 PM and 9:30 P.M. to be held at the St. Luke’s Church Multi Purpose Room, 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.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An Application has been received for membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Cliff Waller.

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

***APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY**

An Application has been received for junior membership in the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company from Stephen Gast.

That the foregoing application for junior membership be approved and be forwarded to Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

An Application has been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Samantha Glaubman.

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

***APPROVE MINUTES**

December 12, 2012 Work Session
December 17, 2012 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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSION

Set Budget Meeting Dates. Meetings will be held at the Senior Center, at 6:30 PM on:

- Tuesday, January 29 to discuss the Police Budget
- Wednesday, February 20 to discuss the Fire and First Aid Budgets
- Tuesday, February 26 to discuss the DPW Budget

Property Tax Reward Program – IOM 29-12. Marlboro Township developed this program to encourage residents to shop locally. Local businesses provide a credit which is applied to the purchaser's local property tax bill. **Mayor Short** asked that the Economic Sustainability Committee look into the program.

Volunteer Applications – IOM 29-12. **Comm. Roehrich** and **Comm. LiaBraaten** will meet with interested board and committee candidates before the Township Committee meeting on February 13.

Volunteer Fair. **Mayor Short** would like to coordinate a volunteer fair, and invite organizations such as the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, and other interested groups to sit at a table and talk to residents about volunteer opportunities. **Mayor Short** will work with **Andrew Coppola** to set a date in March or April.

Safety Zone Ordinance – Mayor Short advised that this topic will be discussed in Executive Session.

Alarms. There were 282 alarm calls in 2012, many were false alarms, yet only 1 summons was issued. **Chief Bailey** will be looking into tracking the calls and analyzing whether more summonses should be issued.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Tom McBride, Melissa Trail will be coordinating the Memorial Day celebration with the Recreation Department, on behalf of the Veterans Association.

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:47 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-26-13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE – Safety Zone Ordinance

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Kennedy all in favor:

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.