

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

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

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 8, 2015 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 Roehrich opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Roehrich closed the meeting to the public.

**PRESENTATION – Our House NJ – Diane Driscoll,** Director of Housing Development, and **Michele DelCorsano,** Chief Operating Officer, presented information about Our Home, Inc. The group’s mission is to provide programs and services to help individuals with developmental disabilities achieve a high quality of life. This program can help with community COAH obligations. Our House would like to explore an opportunity for a future home in Washington Township. The Township Committee thanked the presenters for their time, and noted that the Township currently has group homes in various neighborhoods and welcomed the opportunity to work with them.

**PRESENTATION – WTMUA – Chairman Walt Cullen & Executive Director Mike Pucilowski** discussed the Schooley’s Mountain wastewater treatment permit, infiltration/inflow monitoring, the sewer repair and replacement program, the status of well # 3 status, the High Ridge standpipe, the installation of the Parker Road project, the sale of the Cliffside Park Water System, and a revised schedule for hydrant flushing. This annual presentation satisfies Municipal Best Practices criteria.

**RESOLUTION #R-86-15 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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Motion was made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. Murello that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE OFFICER**

Francis Giaquinto, III was sworn in as a Washington Township Police Officer by Municipal Clerk DiGregorio.

**DISCUSSION**

**Soil Disturbance Waiver Request.** Matthew Johnston, owner of Block 39, Lot 11 presented to the Township Committee his request for a waiver. Township Engineer Leon Hall suggested the need for a waiver for this farm related disturbance. After some discussion, the Township Committee determined they would proceed with a Resolution granting the waiver at the June 15, 2015 regular Township Committee Meeting.

**Hunting Bids:** After the Township Committee reviewed Ms Lyons memorandum dated June 9, they agreed to proceed with the minimum bid amounts referenced in the memo. Bids will be advertised next month.

**Police Chief.** Township Administrator Coppola announced that Police Chief Bailey will retire effective August 1. Pursuant to Ordinance 27-15 at least 60 days prior to the date of the oral question and answer examination / personal interview Chief, a Notice shall be posted. If posted tomorrow the interview could be scheduled for mid-August. Chief Bailey suggested that the three candidates for the Chief position could put in writing their agreement to waive the 60 day notice requirement. The Township Committee agreed to post the notice.

**Police Department Staffing.** As of this evening there are 29 members of the Washington Township Police Department. Three members are lieutenants; Chief Baily suggested that the department continue to have three after his retirement. The Township Committee will look at a financial analysis and continue this discussion in the future.

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

**RESOLUTION #R-87-15 Executive Session – A matter falling within the Attorney Client privilege / Anticipated Litigation: Affordable Housing Land Acquisition: Block 20, Lot 52 & Block 18, Lot 10.01**

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**NAYS:** None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:49P.M, with no intention to reconvene in Open Session.*

Motion to adjourn was made by Comm. LiaBraaten, seconded by Comm. Babb and so carried.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:05P.M.*