

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:33 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Mayor Roehrich

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Murello, Vice Mayor Short

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on January 7, 2016 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.

Chris Laucella, 15 Setting Sun Dr., asked if there were any developments on the proposed gun range plans. Mayor Roehrich informed the public that a diversion request will be considered by the Morris County Open Space Committee, but it will not be at the March 30 meeting. It may be a topic on the agenda of their April meeting.

Cindy Harvey Flammer, 9 Shadow Hill, asked when the public could voice their concerns. Mayor Roehrich said the Morris County Open Space meeting in April will be moved to a location that can accommodate more people and the topic will likely be on that agenda. The public is welcome to attend.

Vicky O'Leary, 3 Northridge Ct., said that the Morris County Police Academy was mentioned as a possible April meeting location. She believes the public would prefer a more neutral location. Mayor Roehrich said he will email the Open Space Committee and share that concern with them.

Joe Kaplan, 52 Reservoir Rd., asked who votes and gives final approval or denial to the proposed gun range. Mayor Roehrich stated that the final vote will be made by the five Township Committee members. Mr. Kaplan asked that factual information be provided to the public to avoid rumor and misinformation.

A resident asked why a shed had been delivered to the proposed gun range site. Chief Almer stated that a donated shed was offered and delivered to the site. If the gun range does not go through it will be moved. It was simply an easy place to store the donation.

*There being no questions or comments, Mayor Roehrich closed the meeting to the public*

**PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

**EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY ATTENDANCE.** The Committee discussed attendance at upcoming Eagle Scout and Gold Award Ceremonies.

**RECYCLING CENTER HOURS.** Roger Read discussed recycling ideas for 2016. He advised that if snow or ice is mixed in with the recycled items, the load can be rejected and the Township then has to pay to dump it. Mr. Read suggested a structure be constructed to cover the recycling container and the overall hours that the recycling center is opened reduced. The Committee agreed to reduce the recycling center hours beginning May 1 and to support the construction of a structure.

**UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT.** There are numerous underground water tanks which provide additional water supply during fires. LV Fire Chief Kevin Herbst and WT Fire Chief Kurt Wanner came to discuss the replacement of the tank on Stoney Brook Rd. which has been compromised. They also discussed additional tanks in the township that are more than 30 years old that may have deteriorated. An inventory of the tanks and their condition will be conducted. Further discussion will be held.

**POLICE PROMOTIONS.** Chief Almer discussed police staffing and promotions. The Committee agreed to address promotions in June or July.

**NAUGHRIGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.** The Township requested aid for road improvements on Naughtright Road. The Committee discussed how to proceed if the aid was received, and how to proceed if the aid is not received.

**TOLL BROTHERS REQUEST TO AMEND DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT.** The Committee, after considering Leon Hall's input, agreed to amend the developer's agreement to withhold the final three certificates of occupancy until all improvements have been completed. . The original agreement called for five CO's to be withheld. A resolution will be drafted for the upcoming regular meeting.

**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-48-16** – EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL – Office Manager, Construction Official  
LITIGATION – Tax Appeals (Block 38 Lots 3.09, 3.10, 3.11 & 3.12)  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – PBA, SOA

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

**AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Mayor Roehrich**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Comm. Murello, Vice Mayor Short**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

*The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:49 PM after announcing they would not reconvene in Open Session except to adjourn.*

*The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:20P.M.*

Motion to adjourn was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, seconded by **Comm. Babb**. All were in favor.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.*

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Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk