

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Coppola, Attorney Jansen, Municipal Clerk DiGregorio

ABSENT: Comm. Murello

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune 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.

PROCLAMATION – Breast Cancer Awareness Month . Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

PRESENTATION – Sarah Guida – Gold Award Project. Scout Guida will bring the national program Wreaths Across America to Washington Township. She will be hosting a Memorial Service on December 17, 2016 at the Senior Center followed by the laying of 230 wreaths in 5 cemeteries on graves of veterans.

MAYOR'S UPDATE. The Washington Township Environmental Commission is asking for volunteers to join its invasive plant task force. The task force will help restore Washington Township's natural environment by identifying and removing the non-native invasive plants that are taking over our land. Interested residents can sign up for the task force on the Township website and educate themselves on this growing problem threatening the quality of our environment and the quality of life for both humans and wildlife.

The Township Committee will host a special meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m., half an hour earlier than our regular meetings, so everyone can get home for the debate. This will be the second special meeting to discuss the Regional Board of Education Funding question on the November ballot. School board members will be present but will not be making a presentation.

Information on the referendum is available on the school board's website. This information can also be found on the Township website along with the board's presentation.

Trick or Treating in Washington Township will occur between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on October 31, 2016. The prohibition on overnight parking will begin on Nov. 1. Per ordinance, no person shall park a vehicle on any street or road in the Township between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., from November 1 through April 15. This shall include all roadways.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Roehrich opened the meeting to the public.

Bill Leavens and **CJ Sinko** from the Washington Township Environmental Commission discussed invasive plant species public education and eradication efforts within conservation easements. The Township will deal with invasive species within conservation easements on a case by case basis, as homeowners come forward about removing them from conservation easements on their property. **CJ Sinko** shared information he received from Warren County Soil Conservation about solid waste management relative to animal waste on farms. **Mr. Sinko** would like to invite Warren County Soil Conservation to make a presentation to the Committee and invite local farmers. The Committee agreed to have the group come to a Work Session meeting, possibly in November.

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

DISCUSSION

Best Practices Checklist - The Committee reviewed the best practices checklist.

Line Painting- Administrator Coppola reported that a 5 gallon can of paint would cost approximately \$55, and that the County Engineer is approving blue line painting on County roads, if the Township is interested in that option. **Chief Almer** would like to see the blue line on Schooley's Mountain Road as well as E. Springtown Road. **Administrator Coppola** will follow up with **DPW Superintendent Frech** on how much paint would be needed.

Motion to approve the painting of a thin blue line on East Springtown and Schooley's Mountain Road in support of the Washington Township Police Department was made by **Vice Mayor Short**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten**. Action is contingent upon County approval of painting the line on Schooley's Mountain Road. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Murello

ABSTENTIONS: None

Administrator Coppola spoke with the County Engineer and they will be sending him a copy of their policy on what they will and will not maintain on county roads.

RO-11-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 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 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
#RO-11-16
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was passed on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, Morris County, New Jersey held on September 19, 2016 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee at the Municipal Offices located at 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey on October 17, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at which time and place all persons who may be interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

RO-11-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 137, PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 137, Parks and Recreation Areas, Section 137-1, Prohibited acts, is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of paragraph V to read as follows:

"V. Be present in a park after dusk or before dawn, either on foot or by vehicle, unless in connection with an event authorized or sponsored by the Township."

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of Washington, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST: Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk (\$51.92)	TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF MORRIS STATE OF NEW JERSEY Kenneth W. Roehrich, Mayor
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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that said Ordinance be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Official Newspaper according to law.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee and a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member or a member of the public requests an item be removed from the Consent Agenda.

*RESOLUTION #R-166-16	APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS
*RESOLUTION #R-167-16	AUTHORIZE RETURN OF SOIL EROSION BOND – RIN ROBYN POOLS – BLOCK 2, LOT 5, 21 U.S. ROUTE 46
*RESOLUTION #R-168-16	RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR A NEW JERSEY BODY ARMOR GRANT
*RESOLUTION #R-169-16	RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 FOR A FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT
*RESOLUTION #R-170-16	RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE 2016-2018 ACTIVE TOWING ROSTER
*RESOLUTION #R-171-16	CANCEL 2016 TAXES

***AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LONG VALLEY COUNCIL #10419**

An application has been received from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Knights of Columbus, Long Valley Council to hold a Social Affair on Saturday, December 3, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 11:00 P.M. at Saint Luke’s Parish, 265 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. The application has been endorsed by the Chief of Police.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved.

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

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from the following:

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| Julia Pierson, Cadet Member | Steven Guiliana – Probationary Member |
| Maryanne Lipman, Probationary Member | Evelyn Cruz – Probationary Member |
| Artiana Hodzic – Probationary Member | David Weinert – Probationary Member |
| Julia Radossich – Probationary Member | |

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

***APPROVE MINUTES**

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| September 13, 2016 | Special Meeting |
| September 14, 2016 | Work Session |
| September 19, 2016 | Regular Meeting |

Minutes are available to the public after approval by the Governing Body.

***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 REPORT**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk’s office:

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| 2016 September Court | 2016 September Building |
| 2016 August Tax | 2016 September Tax |
| 2016 September Police | 2016 September Budget |

All items proceeded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Vice Mayor Short, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten on the following roll call vote:

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| AYES: Comm. Babb, LiaBraaten (#), Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrlich | ABSTENTIONS: None |
| NAYS: None | ABSENT: Comm. Murello |

(#) *Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the September 13, 2016 Minutes.*

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Vice Mayor Short reported that the State recently passed legislation which raises the tax on gas and will increase the amount of funds available for road repairs in New Jersey. **Vice Mayor Short** suggested that the Committee be

proactive in maintaining a list of road projects so that Washington Township is prepared to request additional funds when they become available. Eligibility criteria may be more liberal.

Mayor Roehrich announced that JCP&L will be holding a career fair on Thursday if any Committee member is interested. He also requested that the Committee spread the word about the Special Meeting on October 19 to discuss the regional school board funding ballot question.

Administrator Coppola reported that Konkus Construction, who was awarded the Naughtright Road repaving bid, requested that as soon as Executive Order 210 is lifted the Township issue a notice to proceed. The Committee agreed that the Township Engineer can issue the notice.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk