

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:32 P.M.

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

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

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 welcomed Jason, a student at Centenary College who will be working in the municipal offices for two weeks as part of a requirement for graduation in his major.

Mayor Short announced that on February 23, 2012, 7:00 P.M. at West Morris High School (Mendham), a meeting will take place to discuss a possible change in the funding formula for Washington Township, the Mendhams, and the Chesters and related issues.

Mayor Short noted that the budget meeting originally scheduled for February 21, 2012 has been moved to February 27, 2012 so that we will have State Aid numbers before further budget discussions are held.

Mayor Short stated that a shared services meeting was held on February 16, 2012 with the Board of Education to discuss the construction of a bus facility on Rock Road. The Township would initially fund its construction and would be reimbursed by the K-8 School District. This project is moving forward.

Mayor Short stated that residents with individual wells should register with JCP&L so that in the event of a power outage, JCP&L will know to give those residents priority in the restoration of power. Links to register are on the Township website, the Observer Tribune website, Long Valley Patch website and JCP&L will send a notice with their March invoices. These registration forms will also be available in the Municipal building. Mayor Short further stated that Washington Township is working with JCP&L to get the entire Township under one area code so that we can be more easily identified as a community when outages occur.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION - – **Scout Spencer Hanus, Troup 158** was recognized by the Township Committee for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Scout Hanus was commended for his efforts.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring Wednesday, March 2, 2012 as “**Read Across America**” day.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Orian W. Lake, 458 West Mill Road, asked about an amendment of escrow fees for site plan review of agricultural buildings in the Township which he had brought before the Committee in December 2011 and in January 2012. **Attorney Jansen** explained that there is no change in the status at this time as he is still waiting on the recommendation of the Planner on how to modify the language of the ordinance to redefine what constitutes an agricultural use. Riding rinks are not currently considered agricultural uses. Mr. Lake provided his contact information for when there is a change and offered to provide information directly to the Planner. Administrator Burd will follow up with the Planner and advise the Committee and Mr. Lake.

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

RO-01-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROHIBIT A LEFT TURN – 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 PROHIBIT A LEFT TURN be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin

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 PROHIBIT A LEFT TURN be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin

ABSENT: None

RO-02-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM PART B- VARIANCE CHECKLIST – 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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM PART B- VARIANCE CHECKLIST be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that the foregoing resolution 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

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 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM PART B- VARIANCE CHECKLIST 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 March 19, 2012 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. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that the foregoing resolution 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

Comm. LiaBraaten inquired about whether a checklist is in place, and is being amended or one is being established for the first time. Attorney Jansen explained that it is a simple amendment of an existing checklist.

RESOLUTION #R-22- 12 APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT – Boards & Committees

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-23-12 APPOINTMENTS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL - 2012

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-24-12 AUTHORIZE FILING OF 2011 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-25-12 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PARTICIPATION IN COUNTYWIDE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP) AND CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT (COG) PLANNING MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING TO THE COUNTY

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-26-12 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR FIRST RESPONDER IDENTIFICATION CARD

Comm. Tobin inquired how the cards will be kept up to date and how are the cards being funded. Mayor Short explained that the County has received Homeland Security funding and will pick up all costs. The card will be a secure, easy to read identification card and will display the Township's emergency services symbol.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-27-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF A BOOSTER PUMP STATION IN THE UNIMPROVED SECTION OF GROVE STREET

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-28-12 REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDERS

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

RESOLUTION #R-29-12 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing resolution 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

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

PTA Flocktown Kossmann	50/50 and Tricky Tray	March 23, 2012
Knights of Columbus	Draw Raffle	March 25, 2012
Community Events Organization	50/50 and Tricky Tray	April 27, 2012
Raritan Headwaters Association	50/50	May 12, 2012
Orthodox Christians of Holy Trinity	Tricky Tray	June 4, 2012

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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – RARITAN HEADWATERS ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received from the Raritan Headwaters Association for a Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 :30 P.M. at 91 East Springtown Road. 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.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP - NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

An Application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association from Richard E. Ornelas.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

December 14, 2011 Work Session
December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting
January 7, 2012 Reorganization Meeting
January 16, 2012 Regular Meeting
January 25, 2012 Special 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 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. Tobin 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

(+) Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the January 25, 2012 meeting minutes.

(#) Comm. Tobin abstained from voting on the December 14 and 19, 2011 meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

A letter from Assemblyman Anthony Bucco congratulating Mayor Short on being selected to serve as Mayor for 2012.

A letter from the DEP granting approval of the transfer of responsibility of our WMP to the Township.

Preliminary Equalization Table for the County of Morris for the Year 2012.

DISCUSSION

HUNTERDON COUNTY MUTUAL AID – **Chief Bailey** provided the Committee with a document which details the terms of the Hunterdon County Municipal Law Enforcement and Emergency Shared Services Mutual Aid Agreement. **Attorney Jansen** explained that an ordinance would be needed to authorize participation in the agreement.

RO-03-12 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HUNTERDON COUNTY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SHARED SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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SPORTS GROUPS – TROPHY CASE – **Comm. Kennedy** is obtaining information on the size of the display case needed at the Public Library. **Mayor Short** inquired about an artifact display case in addition to a trophy case for the Library.

APPLICANT TO INTERVIEW – **Administrator Burd** stated that there is one more applicant to interview. Comm. Roehrich and Comm. Tobin will conduct the interview at 6:45 P.M. before the next budget meeting on February 27, 2012.

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 that the meeting be adjourned. 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 8:23 P.M.

Deborah Burd, Acting Township Clerk