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The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short

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

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

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

ABSENT: None

(#) Comm. Roehrich arrived at 7:39 P.M.

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.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MAYORS UPDATE.

Parade and fireworks celebrating the 275th Anniversary of Long Valley will take place this coming weekend.

The free shredding event will take place this Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the DPW.

2,500 residents lost power this week. <u>Mayor Short</u> was in communication with JCP&L during the outage. Mayor Short also requested that the utility research how to prevent similar outages from happening in the future.

The Long Valley Food Pantry is running extremely low on school age lunch supplies. <u>Mayor Short</u> encouraged everyone to make donations.

Measuring strips were installed at the bottom of Schooley's Mountain Road by the State Police. The strips will measure the volume of traffic and the weight of vehicles. This information will be used to determine if weight restrictions can be imposed on Schooley's Mountain Road.

<u>PROCLAMATION – Hunger Awareness Month.</u> Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring September Hunger Awareness Month.

<u>PROCLAMATION – Domestic Violence Awareness Month.</u> Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

<u>PUBLIC PORTION.</u> <u>Mayor Short</u> opened the meeting to the public.

<u>Richard Ippoliti</u>, Winchester Drive, expressed his displeasure with JCP&L power failures and the fact that his street is always among the last to be restored.

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

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 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD – 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 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by **Comm. Tobin**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten** 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

<u>PUBLIC PORTION</u>. Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments <u>Mayor Short</u> closed the meeting to the public.

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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 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF MINIMUM FRONT YARD be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten 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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6, BY THE RO-17-13 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 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten 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

<u>PUBLIC PORTION</u>. Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 27, LOT 6, BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. LiaBraaten 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**

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN RO-18-13 CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich seconded by Comm. Tobin 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** 8600 8600

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR SEWER FORCE MAIN CONNECTION TO SEWER SYSTEM 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 October 21, 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 or by summary in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** 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

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

That the following resignations be accepted:

Susan Gilligan – Washington Township Patrol Officer, effective November 1, 2013 Patricia McCarty – Regular Member, Library Board of Trustees, effective September 4, 2013

Motion to accept the resignations was made by **Comm. Tobin,** seconded by **Comm. Roehrich.** 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-121-13 APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** 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-122-13 APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy, LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short for the meetings at which they were present.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-123-13 REFUND 2011 AND 2012 TAX PAYMENTS

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. Tobin** 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-124-13 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDERS

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich,** seconded by **Comm. Tobin** 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-125-13 REFUND TO HOMEOWNERS – DISABLED VETERAN ROBERT TURNBULL

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich,** seconded by **Comm. Tobin** 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-126-13 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE RENEWAL – MOUNTAIN VIEW BAR AND GRILL, INC.

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION #R-127-13 AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF DEED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED ON CHANCELLOR WAY

Motion was made by Comm. Roehrich, seconded by Comm. Tobin 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-128-13 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A ROADSIDE DIGITAL SIGNBOARD

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Roehrich 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-129-13 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST VALLEY

BROOK ROAD PROJECT

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

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-130-13 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUSCONETCONG RIVER

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Motion was made by Comm. LiaBraaten, 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-131-13 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROADWAYS FOR THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY **PARADE**

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-132-13 AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (ROID) GRANT APPLICATION

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

*RAFFLE APPLICATION

An Application has been received for the following raffle:

Deer Path Montessori School 50/50 November 2, 2013

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

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*APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP - LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Robert Hanington and Gilcemeine Ochs. That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Long Valley First Aid Squad.

*AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT - THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC, d/b/a LONG VALLEY PUB

An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc., d/b/a Long Valley Pub & Brewery for permission to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on October 6, 2013 (Rain date October 13, 2013) between the hours of noon and 8:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 Fairmount Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

That the foregoing special permit for a public event be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

*AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR - DEER PATH MONTESSORI SCHOOL

An application has been received from Deer Path Montessori School for a Wine Tasting event to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 P.M. to be held at The Lodge at Schooley's Mountain Park, 54 Camp Washington 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 PUBLIC EVENT - CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

An application has been received from Calvary Assembly of God for a Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from noon to 5:00 pm at 450 Schooley's Mountain Road, Hackettstown, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, the Construction Official, and the Fire Prevention Official.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health, the Zoning Officer, the Construction Official, and the Fire Prevention Official.

*APPROVE MINUTES

July 24, 2013 Special Meeting August 19, 2013 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, Washington Township Code Enforcement, Washington Township Zoning Official

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

AYES: Comm. Kennedy (#), LiaBraaten, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

(#) Comm. Kennedy abstained from approval of the July 24, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes.

DISCUSSION

<u>POLICE QUALIFICATIONS/PROMOTIONS ORDINANCES.</u> Chief Bailey requested that amendments be considered to increase the number of candidates by changing degree requirements and extending the list from one year to two years.

<u>DEISEL GENERATOR.</u> The Committee would like to have more diesel proposals.

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

Mr. Antonucci stated the MUA charges are very high compared to other towns, and asked what the Township Committee could do to address the issue. **Mr. Antonucci** was advised that the MUA is an autonomous authority, although the Committee does appoint its members.

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

<u>TRAFFIC COUNT</u>. Comm. Tobin would like to get a traffic count on Bartley Road to support the request for repaving by the County.

Motion to adjourn was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten**. Motion was carried by the following role call vote:

AYS: None	ABSENT: None	ABSTENTIONS: None
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leeting was adjourned at 9	2:30 PM.	
		Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Cleri