

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:33 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 7:36 PM

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MAYORS UPDATE

The Newburg Road Bridge will be closed periodically over the next couple of weeks. Alternate routes are encouraged.

The bridge crossing the Musconetcong River on Route 46 will be closed for one week for repairs.

The Veterans Day celebrations over the past week were well attended.

Hanukkah begins on November 28th. A menorah will be lit at Andrea's Restaurant at 6:00 PM on November 27th.

The Christmas Tree lighting will be held on December 1 at the Zion Lutheran Church.

PROCLAMATION - **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.** Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring November Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

PRESENTATION – **Kings Highway Rezoning/Redevelopment Request.**

Mayor Short has done business in the past with the attorney representing the Kings Highway Investment Co., LLC. **Comm. Roehrich** lives near the site. Both have recused themselves from these discussions. **Comm. Tobin** assumed the Chair. **Comm. Tobin** wanted it noted for the record that Mayor Short and **Comm. Roehrich** stepped down on advice of the Township Attorney.

Attorney Michael Selvaggi represents the Kings Highway Investment Col, LLC (hereinafter 'Kings Highway LLC'). US Optonix was a tenant on the property. Kings Highway LLC has been trying to find a new tenant. Kings Highway LLC would like to know if the Township Committee would support the redevelopment of the site for non-industrial uses.

Township Planner David Banisch gave an overview and history of the property. He discussed rezoning and redevelopment options for the property.

Peter Newtown is a real estate appraiser and advisor hired by the property owners. He put together a report to look at scenarios for the property and summarized his findings for the Township Committee. He looked at continued industrial uses, new industrial uses, a townhouse complex, and a rental apartment complex. Based on his research the owner is interested in pursuing a rental apartment complex. 208 units have been proposed. There will be a COAH component. Concerns were expressed by the Committee regarding traffic, density, and the impact on the area.

Comm. Tobin stated that this would be discussed further at the Work Session on December 11.

PUBLIC PORTION

Comm. Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Dave Clark, 1 Kings Highway, is concerned about the traffic and the number of school children entering into the school system that will be generated by this project. He would like the township to explore other uses for the site.

Lindsey Mason, 164 Kings Highway, who also works for WRNJ, noted that the traffic study was done between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM, and she feels the busiest time is from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and thinks the study should be done at the busiest time.

Patrice Schaffer, 182 Kings Highway, owns property adjacent to the Kings Highway LLC property. She is concerned about traffic and safety with the increased volume of cars that would be on the roads with a new apartment complex.

There being no further comments or questions, Comm. Tobin closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Short and **Comm. Roehrich** resumed their positions at the dais.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public on other issues. **There being no questions or comments, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.**

RO-19-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS – 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 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

That the following resignation be accepted:

Linda Guldner – Member, Recreation Committee, effective October 28, 2013.

Motion to accept the resignation, was made by **Comm. Tobin**, seconded by **Comm. LiaBraaten**. 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-145-13 GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT EXTENSION JANUARY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2014

Motion was made by **Comm. Tobin**, 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-146-13 AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY

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-147-13 REFUND 2012 AND 2013 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-148-13 REFUND TO TAX LIEN HOLDER

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-149-13 AUTHORIZE REFUNDS TO THE HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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-150-13 AUTHORIZE REFUNDS TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Motion was made by **Comm. LiaBraaten**, 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-151-13 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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-152-13 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERIOR OFFICER’S ASSOCIATION

Motion was made by **Comm. Roehrich**, 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-153-13 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES WITH INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

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-154-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT WITH COOPER CHEMICAL IN CONNECTION WITH LITIGATION KNOWN AS TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON v. COOPER CHEMICAL COMPANY SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, MORRIS COUNTY, CHANCERY DIVISION BEARING DOCKET NO. C-104-13

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

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR – ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

An application has been received from St. Luke Catholic Church for a Social Affair to be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 (snow date February 22, 2014) between the hours of 6:30 PM and 9:30 P.M. to be held at St. Luke's Multi Purpose Room, 265 West Mill 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 MEMBERSHIP – NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

An Application has been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association from Ryan Welch.

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

***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. Tobin abstained from voting on the Special Permit for Social Affair application submitted by St. Luke Roman Catholic Church.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Email correspondence on the subject of RFPs for Regional Schools.

Letter from the State of New Jersey with reference to the ineligibility of the proposed generator project for Long Valley Fire Company.

DISCUSSIONS

Reorganization Meeting. The Committee set the Reorganization Meeting for 10:00 AM, January 4, 2014.

Regional School District. **Mayor Short** would like to take a look at the Regional School District information related to the current Mendham/Chester RFP. The Committee agreed to request that information from Mendham and Chester. If the request is denied or ignored they will submit an OPRA request for the information.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk