

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich at 7:30 PM.

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

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

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.

MAYOR’S UPDATE. Mayor Roehrich thanked the Shade Tree Committee and volunteers for helping with the annual shade tree planting event that took place on April 16 on North Bridge Drive. The Mayor announced that the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 28 at Noon, and extended an invitation to all residents. He discussed the May 12 tabletop discussion with Township Departments, OEM, and Police to talk about emergency planning and scenarios. Recycling hours at the Recycling Center will change effective June 1. The budget will be introduced at tonight’s meeting.

PROCLAMATION – National Autism Awareness Month. Mayor Roehrich, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a Proclamation declaring April National Autism Awareness Month.

PRESENTATION – Eagle Scout Project. Scout Kurt Solsky discussed his Eagle Scout Project. He will work on a trail around Koehler’s Pond off of Rock Road. The Committee approved the project and wished Kurt luck.

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

RO-08-16 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$849,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$849,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by **Vice Mayor Short**, seconded by **Comm. Babb** 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

PUBLIC PORTION. 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
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY
RO-08-16

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, on April 18, 2016 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk’s office in the Municipal Building at 43 Schooley’s Mountain Road in said Township for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond ordinance appropriating \$849,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$800,000 bonds or notes of the Township, for various improvements or purposes authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Washington, in the County of Morris, New Jersey
Purpose(s): Acquisition by purchase and installation, as necessary, of new and additional vehicular equipment, including one (1) front end loader for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township. Improvement of various streets and locations in and by the Township by the construction or reconstruction therein, including without limitation, Naughtright Road from Flocktown Road to Fawnridge Drive and from Janet Drive to Flocktown Road, West Valley Brook Road between Samantha Lane and Turtleback Road, Black River Road for approximately 1,400 feet, Turtleback Road for approximately 525 feet from Beacon Hill Road, Apgar Road from Green Hills Road to Old Farmers Road, and Beacon Hill Road for approximately 1,100 feet from Route 513. Improvement of municipally-owned buildings and locations in and by the Township, including the Police Department building by the acquisition and installation of a new digital message board.
Appropriation: \$849,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$800,000
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$0
Section 20 Costs: \$85,000
Useful Life: 9.12 years

/s/ Nina DiGregorio
Township Clerk

(\$39.60)

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

RESOLUTION #R-73-16 RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. Administrator Coppola presented highlights from the 2016 Municipal Budget. Vice Mayor Short stated that the average homeowner would see an increase of approximately \$30 for the municipal portion of the budget. Comm. LiaBraaten reminded residents that there were approximately 6 public budget meetings earlier in the year to discuss the details of the budget.

PUBLIC PORTION. Mayor Roehrich opened the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget to the public. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Roehrich closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION #R-74-16 ADOPT 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

- *RESOLUTION #R-75-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE®

- *RESOLUTION #R-76-16 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FARMALL 105U TRACTOR 4WD w/FACTORY CAB AND ALAMO MACHETE 2 FLAIL MOWER

- *RESOLUTION #R-77-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE PILOT PROGRAM

- *RESOLUTION #R-78-16 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR NOTICES OF TAX SALE

- *RESOLUTION #R-79-16 OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUND

- *RESOLUTION #R-80-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH ESCROWS FOR ENCLAVE AT LONG VALLEY 1, LLC

- *RESOLUTION #R-81-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH ESCROW FOR ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY

- *RESOLUTION #R-82-16 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

- *RESOLUTION #R-83-16 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM REQUIRED BY P.L. 1981 CHAPTER 278 AMENDED BY P.L. 1987 CHAPTER 102

- *RESOLUTION #R-84-16 AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

- *RESOLUTION #R-85-16 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM

***APPROVE MINUTES**

March 16, 2016 Work Session (Absent from the meeting: Comm. Murello, Vice Mayor Short)
March 21, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

***APPROVED RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

RA-01-16 (1/19/16)	Long Valley Cheerleading	RA-09-16 (5/22/16)	LV Girls Softball
RA-02-16 (3/11/16)	Cucinella School	RA-10-16 (4/29/16)	PTA Old Farmers
RA-03-16 (3/11/16)	Cucinella School	RA-11-16 (3/18/16)	Zion Lutheran Church
RA-04-16 (2/26/16)	PTTO West Morris Central	RA-12-16 (3/18/16)	Zion Lutheran Church
RA-05-16 (3/11/16)	PTO West Morris Central	RA-13-16 (5/13/16)	LV Fire Ladies Auxiliary
RA-06-16 (4/15/16)	Flocktown Kossman PTA	RA-14-16 (5/7/16)	Garden Club of LV
RA-07-16 (4/15/16)	Flocktown Kossman PTA	RA-15-16 (5/16/16)	North Jersey Avalanche
RA-08-16 (4/15/16)	Flocktown Kossman PTA	RA-16-16 (5/19/16)	11 th Hour Rescue

That the foregoing approved raffle applications be acknowledged.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – PTA FLOCKTOWN KOSSMAN SCHOOL**

An application has been received from the PTA Flocktown Kossman School for a Spring Carnival on June 3, 2016 between the hours of 5:30 PM and 8:30 PM at Flocktown-Kossman School, 90 Flocktown Road, Long Valley. 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 – 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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| Stephanie Smith – Probationary Member | Morgan Shade – Cadet Member |
| Susan Wilkinson – Probationary Member | Daniel Paine – Cadet Member |
| Adam Markiewicz – Probationary Member | |
| Anne Napoliello – Probationary Member | |
| Bianca Villanueva - Probationary Member | |

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

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIRE COMPANY**

Applications have been received for membership in the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company from the following:

- Jessica Anne Roman
- Kathleen M. Roman

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to Schooley’s Mountain Fire Company.

***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:

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| 2016 March Building | 2016 March Tax |
| 2016 March Vehicle | 2016 March Court |
| 2016 March Zoning | 2016 March Police |

Mayor Roehrich asked if anyone on the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and read separately. There was no response.

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

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

(#) Vice Mayor Short abstained from voting on the approval of March 16, 2016 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Washington Township has been awarded \$245,000 in NJDOT Local Aid for Improvements to Naughtright Road.

Washington Township has not been selected to receive a 2016 Sustainable Jersey \$10,000 Small Grant funded by PSEG.

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

DISCUSSIONS

DPW – Promotion. The Committee decided to defer consideration of a promotion until the summer after a retirement is expected to be announced.

Animal Census. Approximately 25% of the census needs to be completed. **Administrator Coppola** suggested completing the census then conducting a periodic review to make sure residents continue to license their animals. The census would be funded by the Animal Trust, overseen by a Municipal Employee and the census takers would be temporary part time workers. If approved, the project would begin in June. The Committee directed **Administrator Coppola** to proceed with the census.

Trails. **Mayor Roehrich** and **Vice Mayor Short** met with the Chairman of the Open Space Committee and learned that funds will be available to assist towns in building trails to access open space. The Open Space Committee suggested a list of projects be developed. The use of an Ad Hoc Committee is being considered. Comm. LiaBraaten suggested that Scouts be represented on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Roehrich suggested that the Recreation, Environmental, and Open Space Committees also be represented on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Attorney Jansen stated that the Committee does not intend to come out of Executive Session and take any action.

RESOLUTION #R-85-16 – EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: – SHARED SERVICE:
WMRHS – Special Resource Officer

Motion was made by **Vice Mayor Short**, seconded by **Comm. Babb** 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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:02P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:12P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk