

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

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

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

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** informed the Committee that he attended the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon last week, where 50 Senior Citizens enjoyed Irish food and music. He thanked the employees and volunteers who made the event possible.

The 2016 Municipal Budget will be introduced tonight. A public hearing on the budget will be held on April 18 after which it can be adopted. The budget increase is 1.66% and the tax rate increase is 1.64% due to an increase in added assessments and a decrease in tax appeals. The average township home will see a \$30 increase. For the third year in a row Washington Township has the lowest taxes in Morris County.

Mayor Roehrich made a statement regarding the proposed police pistol range. Tonight's agenda includes a discussion proposing the formation of an Ad Hoc Police Range Committee.

PRESENTATION – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT APPLICATION

Historical Committee Members **Eileen Stokes** and **Mary Ann Kordys** requested that the Committee endorse a grant application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust for new windows. A municipal endorsement is needed at this time and no out of pocket funds are anticipated for 2016.

Motion was made by **Vice Mayor Short**, seconded by **Comm. Murello** to endorse the Historical Society's grant application. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

William Leavens, 359 W. Mill Rd, expressed public safety concerns regarding W. Mill Rd. He presented a letter signed by 40 residents requesting a lower speed limit. **Mayor Roehrich** stated that this has been addressed with the County in the past and he will take it up with the County again.

Dr Daphnie Soares, 380 West Mill Rd., also expressed concerns with speeding and recent accidents on W. Mill Rd.

Angel Garcia, 7 Markham Drive, questioned the criteria for the assessment of the need for road improvements. He would like the Township to look at West Springtown Road. The mayor advised that **DPW Superintendent Scott Frech** would follow up with **Mr. Garcia**.

Mike Mixon, 5 Stone Hill Court, asked for clarification on the proposed County Open Space meeting. **Mayor Roehrich** said there will be further discussion about the police range later this evening, but the meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 26th. This may change if an Ad Hoc Committee is created.

Michael Marino, 24 Setting Sun Drive, stated that communication has been lacking regarding the proposed police range.

Michael Flammer, 9 Shadow Hill Way, stated that other large municipalities do not have their own police ranges, and he does not believe it is necessary in Washington Township. He expressed his concerns regarding environmental impacts and the noise that would impact special needs children and pets.

Radhika Kommineni, 2 Stone Hill Ct., does not support the police range. She urged the Township Committee to consider pets and children in making their decision.

Kris Tornabene, 6 Setting Sun Drive, has been a school psychologist for 24 years, The range and its proximity to homes and the school will have a negative impact on special needs children and senior citizens.

Steve Maciejewski, 10 Shadow Hill Way, expressed disappointment in the way information has been distributed and asked what criteria the police used. **Mayor Roehrich** stated that there will be improved communication and suggested that **Mr. Maciejewski** contact **Chief Almer** to discuss the location selection criteria.

Jospeh Palermo, 17 Setting Sun Drive, opposes the police range and would like to know the specific reason for the range. Is it cost, scheduling, or some other factor?

Chief Almer provided a brief overview of the proposed range and location selection. **Chief Almer** stated that the proposed police range would be used exclusively by the Washington Township Police Department. The proposed range will increase the quality and efficiency of the training that the officers receive.

Michael O'Leary, 3 Northridge Ct., questioned Chief Almer regarding the type of rifle training being proposed. Mr. O'Leary is concerned that an officer could trip while firing an AR15 and it could travel up to two miles in an unintended direction.

Julia Murray, 7 Reservoir Rd., noted that residents are stake holders in his matter and everyone needs to work together.

Joe Kaplan, 52 Reservoir Rd., is concerned about the proposed police range, and would like to find a way to have a well-trained police force without a police range in our town.

Unidentified residents began loudly voicing their opposition from the audience.

Ashish Parikh, 19 North Ridge Ct., asked for details on what is required for officers to 'qualify' and how many days would be involved. Chief Almer provided an overview of the police officer qualification process. Chief Almer stated that he proposed that the range be used 6-8 days each year.

Rich Read, 23 Shadow Hill Way, believes the proposed range is a mistake and is concerned about the possibility of ricochets and proximity to Route 46.

Chris Laucella, 15 Setting Sun Dr., believes that specialty training will be costly.

Sue Caracciolo, 25 Setting Sun Dr., does not support the proposed police range.

Steve Macrejewski, 10 Shadow Hill Way, suggested active shooter training in schools without live ammunition. Chief Almer stated that such raining has been and will continue to be provided.

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

DISCUSSION - Creation of an Ad Hoc Police Range Advisory Committee

Mayor Roehrich suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee, advisory in nature be formed consisting of 5-7 residents from various sections of the Township. Attorney Jansen suggested that Police, the Township Planner, the Township Engineer, and a representative from the Township Committee be included on the committee as advisory members, not voting members. It was agreed to send a letter to the County to withdraw the diversion request at this time.

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

Michael Mixon, 5 Stone Hill Court, thanked the Committee for proposing the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Mixon wanted to confirm the Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be public and advisory only. Mayor Roehrich confirmed his understanding.

Geoff Cook, 25 North Ridge Court, suggested that the words 'gun range' not be in the title of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Renato, Derech, 16 Shadow Hill Way, questioned how to be considered for membership on the Ad Hoc Committee

In was agreed that Citizen Volunteer Applications will be received until April 20. These forms are available on the Municipal Web Site. After April 20, interviews will be scheduled and appointments will be made at the May meeting.

Resident at 7 Shadow Hill Way (name was not recorded) asked that Ad Hoc Committee have access to professionals who can help guide the evaluation, and indicated that the residents may even be willing to pay for professionals.

Susan Caracciolo, 25 Setting Sun Drive, requested a copy of the letter to the County Open Space Committee withdrawing the diversion request.

Michael Mixon, 5 Stone Hill Court, asked for confirmation that the Ad Hoc Committee meetings will be open to the public. Mayor Roehrich stated that they will be open to the public.

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

There was a brief recess beginning at 9:23 PM

The Committee Meeting resumed at 9:27 PM.

RO-04-16 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: Comm. LiaBraaten

ABSENT: None

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.*

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. Muello** that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RO-05-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 192, TOWING, WITH REGARD TO OPERATORS, CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS AND MISCELLANEOUS REFERENCES – 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 192, TOWING, WITH REGARD TO OPERATORS, CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS AND MISCELLANEOUS REFERENCES** 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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None ABSENT: None 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.*

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-06-16 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$168,000 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND AND \$42,000 FROM THE “RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE” OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT – 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 ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$168,000 FROM A GRANT FROM THE MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND AND \$42,000 FROM THE “RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE” OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT** 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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

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

Kenneth Zarouni, 16 Candour Ct, asked how much property taxes the town would lose by acquiring this parcel. **Mayor Roehrich** stated the majority of the taxes would not be lost because the existing structure and the parcel it is on is not being acquired.

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

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. Babb that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RO-07-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 148, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – 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 148, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

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

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

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 – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee and that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full or by summary in the Official Newspaper according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on April 18, 2016 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.

Attorney Jansen noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement was filed and received in Trenton.

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich**
NAYS: **None** ABSENT: **None** ABSTENTIONS: **None**

RESOLUTION #R-49-16 INTRODUCE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

It was noted that the public hearing on the budget would be held on April 18, 2016.

*RESOLUTION #R-50-16	AWARD CONTRACT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – WEST MORRIS CENTRAL BASEBALL CAMP
*RESOLUTION #R-51-16	APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
*RESOLUTION #R-52-16	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS
*RESOLUTION #R-53-16	OUTSIDE TAX LIEN REDEMPTION REFUNDS
*RESOLUTION #R-54-16	REFUND 2016 TAX PAYMENT
*RESOLUTION #R-55-16	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH BOND AND REVIEW FEE ESCROW FOR BLACK OAK GOLF CLUB
*RESOLUTION #R-56-16	A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A LIMOUSINE OWNER'S LICENSE FOR RIVERIA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, ROHAN D'SOUZA, OWNER
*RESOLUTION #R-57-16	AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2016
*RESOLUTION #R-58-16	AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY
*RESOLUTION #R-59-16	AWARD BID – EAST MILL ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
*RESOLUTION #R-60-16	AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD TO PROVIDE FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
*RESOLUTION #R-61-16	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERIOR OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION
*RESOLUTION #R-62-16	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 301
*RESOLUTION #R-63-16	AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)
*RESOLUTION #R-64-16	SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2016
*RESOLUTION #R-65-16	SALARIES – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES BELONGING TO INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469
*RESOLUTION #R-66-16	AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER WITH LULO ELECTRIC, LLC – MUNICIPAL BUILDING EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM
*RESOLUTION #R-67-16	TRANSFER OF FUNDS
*RESOLUTION #R-68-16	AUTHORIZE THE FOURTH ADDENDUM DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT - - ENCLAVE AT LONG VALLEY, LLC

***APPROVE MINUTES**

November 9, 2015	Special Meeting	February 9, 2016	Special Meeting
December 16, 2015	Work Session	February 10, 2016	Regular Meeting
December 21, 2015	Regular Meeting	February 16, 2016	Special Meeting
January 2, 2016	Reorganization Meeting	February 18, 2016	Special Meeting
January 13, 2016	Work Session		
January 18, 2016	Regular Meeting		

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – LONG VALLEY COLUMBIETTES**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Columbiettes for a Junk in the Truck Flea Market to be held on June 4, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at St. Mark the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 59 Spring Lane, 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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – PTA OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL**

An application has been received from the PTA Old Farmers Road School for a School Fair to be held on May 20, 2016 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM at Old Farmers Road School, 51 Old Farmers 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.

***AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT – ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**

An application has been received from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for St. Mark's Church to hold a Social Affair on Friday, April 22, 2016 between the hours of 6:30 PM and 10:30 P.M. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 59 Spring Lane, 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.

***AUTHORIZE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Long Valley Fire Company to hold a Social Affair on Saturday, April 16, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 12:00 A.M. at Long Valley Fire House, 5 Fairview Avenue, 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:

- Aiden Carrara, Cadet Member
- Dominik Sakowski, Probationary Member

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

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An Application has been received for membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from the following:

- Adam Markiewicz

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to Fairmount 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:

- 2016 January Board of Health
- 2016 February Board of Health
- 2016 January Tax
- 2016 February Tax
- 2016 February Police
- 2016 February Tax Vehicle (A1)
- 2016 February Building Vehicle (BD1, BD2, BD3)
- 2016 February Building
- 2016 February Court

***TAX APPEALS**

That the filing of tax appeals for 2016 for the following block and lots be authorized: Block 38 Lots 3.09, 3.10, 3.11 & 3.12

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 **Comm. LiaBraaten** seconded by **Vice Mayor Short** on the following roll call vote:

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

(*) Comm. Murello abstained from voting on the October 14, 2015 Closed Session Minutes that are part of #R-51-16.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

The application submitted for the Drakestown & South Branch Preserve Connection project from the State of New Jersey, Recreational Trails Program has not been selected for funding.

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

Attorney Jansen stated that the Committee intends to come out of Executive Session to act on Resolution #R-70-16 and discuss other matters in open session.

RESOLUTION #R-69-16 - EXECUTIVE SESSION: LITIGATION – Declaratory Judgment Action/
 Affordable Housing Update

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:38 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:44 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-70-16 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF 2016 HOUSING
ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR REVIEW BY THE NEW
JERSEY SUPERIOR COURT

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, Murello, Vice Mayor Short, Mayor Roehrich
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

DISCUSSION

NJ Wine Growers Festival. Mayor Roehrich reported that the NJ Wine Growers have submitted a request to the Morris County Park Commission to host another Wine Tasting Event in Schooley's Mountain Park. Chief Almer suggested that the County Park Police solicit assistance from the Township Police Department. Last year there was very little communication with the County, which resulted in many traffic and parking problems. Chief Almer suggested parking shuttles and reconfigured parking to make the event safer.

Vice Mayor Short reported that Lt. Symanski extended an invitation to the Committee to attend the April 5 firearm qualifications at Black River at 11 AM. This will give the Committee some insight into the qualification process.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 P.M.

*Denotes Consent Agenda

Nina DiGregorio, Municipal Clerk