The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Roehrich

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

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

ABSENT: Comm. Murello

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Record and 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.

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

<u>Daryl Goodrich</u>, 4 Portsmouth Ct., asked for the status of road repair funding and efforts to find less expensive repair options. <u>Mayor Roehrich</u> stated that the matter will be addressed in budget discussions.

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

DISCUSSIONS

at 7:31 PM.

<u>Farmland Preservation</u> – The Committee reviewed the list of properties on the farmland preservation list prepared by the Morris County Agricultural Development Board.

<u>Late Night Half Day</u> – The Committee agreed to end half days at 1:00, instead of 1:30, and eliminate the late night dinner break. With this change, employees will be working the same number of hours as they have in the past.

<u>Animal Licensing Fees</u> - The Committee reviewed animal licensing fees, and agreed to establish a set fine and thus avoid the necessity of court appearances. <u>Administrator Coppola</u> will develop a plan for license and late fee reductions.

<u>Propane Car Storage</u> – Mount Olive requested a letter of support regarding the propane car storage issue. The letter will urge the Morris County Freeholders to change the lease before they renew it with M&E or their successor. The Committee agreed to join in the letter.

<u>East Mill Road Sidewalks Change Order</u> – The Committee discussed authorizing a change order to approve the revised retaining wall design. There will be no increase in cost associated with this change order.

RESOLUTION #R-164-16

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH JAK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION d/b/a/ DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EAST MILL ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

ABSTENTIONS: None

Motion was made by <u>Vice Mayor Short</u>, seconded by <u>Comm. LiaBraaten</u> 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

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND UPDATES

<u>Vice Mayor Short</u> requested an update on the Ad Hoc Police Range Committee meetings. <u>Administrator Coppola</u> stated that the Ad Hoc Committee would like to tour the Picatinny Arsenal Range, and <u>Administrator Coppola</u> is helping to make those arrangements. The approved minutes for the Ad Hoc Police Range Committee are available on line.

<u>Vice Mayor Short</u> stated that several police officers installed the fencing on E. Springtown Rd., but two returns still need to be purchased and installed. <u>Vice Mayor Short</u> asked for an additional \$300 for the officers to complete the project.

Motion was made by <u>Vice Mayor Short</u>, seconded by <u>Comm. LiaBraaten</u> to authorize \$300 from the Committee Projects budget line to cover the cost of materials to complete the returns. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

<u>Vice Mayor Short</u> informed the Committee that he attended a ceremony with members of the Police Department to recognize officers with military service. Two members of the Washington Township Police Department were acknowledged.

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Mayor Roehrich stated that an officer's wife has requested that a thin blue line be painted between the double yellow lines on a road in town. The Committee discussed painting the line on East Springtown Road. Administrator Coppola will discuss cost and timing issues with the DPW and report back at Monday's Regular Meeting.

Administrator Coppola informed the Committee that a resident on Newburgh Rd. complained about driveway apron damage resulting from the County's Newburgh Rd. Bridge project. There has also been sign graffiti on County roads, crosswalks have gone unpainted, and road signs are missing. The County stated that the Township is responsible for that maintenance. Mayor Roehrich stated that the Township needs to clarify who is responsible for what maintenance items.. The Committee agreed to have the DPW take a look at the driveway apron to see if the Township can easily make the repairs. The DPW has already cleaned up the graffiti on the signs located on the County roads.

Administrator Coppola notified the Committee that advertising for police testing normally occurs in the fall. The Committee agreed to move ahead with advertising for testing. The test will be conducted at the beginning of 2017.

Mayor Roehrich stated that the Committee does not plan to take any action after the Committee comes out of **Executive Session.**

RESOLUTION #R-165-16 – EXECUTIVE SESSION: **Contract Negotiations:** Califon -Field Grooming

Mt. Olive-Animal Control

Independence Twp-Fire Prevention

Mansfield -Fire Prevention Mansfield -Tax and Finance

Dispatching Services- County of Morris

Fairmount Fire Co.- Fire Services

to Tewksbury

Mount Olive-Use of Bucket Truck

ABSTENTIONS: None

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**

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:11 P.M.

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:21P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by <u>Vice Mayor Short</u>, seconded by <u>Comm. Babb</u>. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.