

The Regular Meeting of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:33 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen,
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Senior Deputy Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 6, 2010 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.

CONSIDER NOMINATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO FILL THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VACANCY

1. **Jim LiaBraaten**
2. **Bill Leavens**
3. **Charlie Disalvo**

Consideration of the nominations of the Washington Township Republican Committee that was originally on the agenda for this evening will be held off to Tuesday, January 26, 2010 out of respect for past Committeeman/Vice Mayor Kevin Walsh and his family. Mr. Walsh recently passed away.

Mayor Short remembered Kevin Walsh and commended his years of devotion and commitment to Washington Township. He asked for a moment of silence in his honor and then conveyed the details of Kevin Walsh's memorial and funeral service. Mayor Short also mentioned that the Township Committee is putting together a Trust fund for his two young daughters. Details will be published in the paper.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring Friday, February 5 2010 as "National Wear Red Day for Women."

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short gave an overview of the proposed Flea Market venture and then opened the meeting to the public.

Bob and Heidi Prudente, 61 Knob Hill Road, owners of Long Valley Pizza, stated that the food offered at the Flea Market would hurt their business.

Matt Kordys, 174 Fairview Ave, stated that he moved here due to the appeal of the quiet, pastoral setting of Long Valley. He does not want to see that change. As a former patron of the Chester Flea Market, he can attest to the smells, garbage, throngs of people parked all over town, incredible traffic tie-ups, and widespread dust that the Flea Market will bring. He feels that the Flea Market is a terrible idea. Fairview Avenue on school days is already used as a shortcut to avoid the traffic light and when the traffic increases, this road will not be able to accommodate the volume.

Josh Drake, 17 Fairview Ave, Washington Township Community Events Organization President, Long Valley Fire Company Captain, can vouch for the Lions Club as a first class organization. Mr. Drake does not believe the traffic will be as bad as is feared.

Charlie Van Stone, 373 West Mill Road, is concerned with the traffic the Flea Market will bring. He feels that there is a traffic problem now and it will only worsen with the venture.

Martha Puleo, 249 Fairmount Road, came to Long Valley 47 years ago because it was rural and quiet. She asked why Chester no longer wanted the Flea Market. **Mayor Short** stated that he did not know why, just that the application was withdrawn from Chester by the Lions Club. Ms. Puleo asked who would be responsible for the clean-up from the Flea Market. Mayor Short responded that it would be the Lions Club.

Philip Berg, 10 Waldon Road, is a 15 year resident. He feels that there are both benefits and substantial negative effects associated with the Flea Market. He hopes that the decision made regarding this undertaking will be made in a slow, balanced fashion. Mr. Berg feels that the limited feeder roads to the Flea Market at the current proposed location would be overwhelmed. He also stated that property values would be adversely affected as Flea Markets operated in the State of New Jersey are known to be "garbage pails." Mr. Berg would like to see a feasibility study to ascertain if a higher end farmers/flea market is sustainable. Traffic volume would increase 5 to 6 fold, including motorcycles. He finished by saying that if the Flea Market did not work for Chester, why should we believe it will work for us.

Bob Almquist, 89 Old Farmers Road, stated that he appreciates the problem of the deficit, however, he feels that 10 new residences would cover the \$60,000 number expected to be received by the Township from the Flea Market. He applauds the Lions Club; however, he cannot believe that real benefits will be realized from a Flea Market. He does not want to give up the quality of life we currently enjoy, for which we pay high taxes. He would like to see a full impact statement before this venture is undertaken.

John Doherty, 18 East Maple Ave, is a 37 year resident who stated that stabbings and shootings occurred at the Chester Flea Market. He stated that it was in the Observer Tribune that Chester did not want the Flea Market because the residents opposed it. Mr. Doherty opposes the idea.

Lisa Woodring, 6 Sun Valley Way, stated she is a 16 year resident who does not feel that her home and family would be seriously impacted by the venture, however, when it was in operation, she avoided the Chester Flea Market. Ms. Woodring feels that such an undertaking should promise a serious financial benefit before it is considered. She also suggested a 1 or 2 year pilot period, not a 10 year lease, if approved. Ms. Woodring believes that the land should be used for the Community Center.

Tim Daly, 40 Schooley's Mountain Road, is a 45 year resident. He stated that on Sundays, due to church traffic, it takes him 20 minutes to get from his home to the Long Valley Middle School. Mr. Daly believes that the Flea Market is a ludicrous idea in terms of the volume of traffic.

Burt Horner, 27 Schooley's Mountain Road, stated that he accepts that decisions have to be made in everyone's best interests. School events and churches already seriously affect traffic. He opined that if the decision is to go forward with the Flea Market, limitations should be set.

Mike Pescatori, 11 Douglas Drive, stated that he is surprised that the Committee would even consider taking a chance with our lovely community by having this Flea Market come to town. Mr. Pescatori does not believe \$60,000 is enough money to create a second class town. He asked that the Committee consider the greater good.

Nills Bryant, 16 Ascot Drive, stated that he grew up in Chester and is aware that Chester residents were not in favor of the Flea Market. He opined that Chester became a classier town when they got rid of the Flea Market. Mr. Bryant worked at the Flea Market as a kid and feels that it will be degrading to Long Valley. The Flea Market would make traffic horrendous and it would lower our town standards.

Hagan Sniffen, Long Valley First Aid Squad Chief, stated that the First Aid Squad looks to the Flea Market as a way to redevelop the funding that the squad has lost throughout the years. He feels that additional funds collected by the town will trickle down to the First Aid Squad as well.

Paul Litwiller, 47 Nestling Wood Drive, stated that he speaks in opposition to the Flea Market. He finds it incomprehensible that the same factors that Chester used to vote the Flea Market down would be considered beneficial to Long Valley. He stated that it was written that there was a negative impact on traffic with no likely spin off of business.

Ellie Sterling, 9 Sierra Drive, stated that she has lived here since 1974 and believes that the Flea Market is a good idea and will work. She feels that we should look at change positively.

Cindy Boerner, 6 Squire Hill Road, stated that since 9 businesses have closed this past year, a trend which does not appear to be improving, the Flea Market is a positive venture for Long Valley, where attention is sorely needed.

Jeff Emery, 277 West Valley Brook Road, stated that he has never seen so many meeting attendees and that the Committee should ask for a show of hands to take note of public sentiment. **Mayor Short** stated that those attending this meeting may not be a fair representation of the sentiment toward the Flea Market.

Kevin Nedd, 65 Kim Lane, suggested a non-binding referendum be taken at the polls in November.

Ellen Mazzei, 41 Fairmount Road, stated that the Flea Market will be in her backyard. She is concerned about garbage, fights, shootings, and noise that will disturb the quality of life in town. She feels that the Flea Market is a bad idea and will be destructive to our roads and property. **Nicole Mazzei** (daughter) stated that she plays sports and is aware that the fields are already in bad shape. She opined that people parking in those fields will only make them worse, but the cost to repair them would surpass the income received.

Tammy O'Hara, Cycle Craft, 8 West Mill Road, stated that she would like to speak for the small business in Long Valley. The store moved from Chester and business has dropped off 70%. She understands the town's concerns but would love to see the small businesses succeed.

Mayor Short took Mr. Emery's suggestion that a consensus be taken of those in attendance. He asked for those who support the possibility of the Flea Market to raise their hands, and then those who were not in favor. The count was 64 opposed to 32 in favor, a 2:1 ratio. He mentioned the January 26, 2010 budget meeting and asked people to attend and present ideas.

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

Mayor Short suggested a short recess at 8:55 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 P.M.

Mayor Short recused himself from R0-01-10 as he is an owner of a split zoned property (residential and commercial) in the area in question and voting would constitute a conflict of interest. He left the dais and took a seat in the audience. Vice-Mayor Popper assumed the chair.

RO-01-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: None

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 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AND TO ADD A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE OR ZONE 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 February 15, 2010 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 in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short returned to the dais.

RO-02-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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 February 15, 2010 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 in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-03-10 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” 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 February 15, 2010 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 in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-04-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon first reading.

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-30-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-31-10 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-32-10 – SALARIES – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-33-10 – SALARIES – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOREMAN’S ASSOCIATION

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-34-10 – SALARIES – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1032

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION- PROSECUTOR JAMES DEMARZO – Governor Corzine appointed James DeMarzo as a Superior Court Judge in Morristown, therefore he has stepped down from his current position as prosecutor. Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing resignation be accepted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP - NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

Applications have been received for membership in the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association from Christopher P. Gartelmann and Daniel K. Rasmussen.

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Flocktown Kossmann PTA	Fifty-Fifty	04/09/2010
Flocktown Kossmann PTA	Draw Raffle	04/09/2010
Flocktown Kossmann PTA	Tricky Tray	04/09/2010

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY SERVICES FOUNDATION**

An application has been received from the Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a social affair to be held on May 1, 2010 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at 392 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

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

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from John F. Greco, Edward Larre and Mike Scherr.

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

***APPROVE MINUTES**

November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting
December 16, 2009 Work Session
December 21, 2009 Regular Meeting
January 5, 2010 Reorganization 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,
Bureau of Fire Prevention Annual Report

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

All items preceded by a (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short(+)

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: see below

ABSENT: None

+ **Mayor Short abstained from voting on the November 16, 2009 minutes.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

2009 Washington Township Construction Report prepared by Township Engineer Leon C. Hall, P.E. of Anderson & Denzler Associates, Inc.

Comm. Popper read into the record an e-mail from Long Valley coaches, wherein Brian and Sarah Borderomo offered bus services for Kevin Walsh's funeral service, and offered to donate a bus in the name of Kevin Walsh to facilitate a fund raiser for his children.

DISCUSSION

LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW – "PAY TO PLAY" REFORM – Harlin Parker requested that this subject be discussed at the February Work Session. The Committee agreed.

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR – **Mayor Short** stated that the Township will advertise to fill the vacant position left by James DeMarzo, Esq. and has already received many applicants. An interviewing process will take place which will include Police Chief Bailey. **Mayor Short** would also like recommendations from the previous prosecutor and the Judge.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Tracy Tobin, 4 Mountain View Ave, asked whether Califon was notified of the prosecutor's resignation and suggested that they be represented during the interview process. **Mayor Short** responded that they have already been notified.

Phillip Guidone Esq., counsel to the Chester Lions Club and 25 year member, stated that one third of their members are Long Valley residents. Mr. Guidone also stated that it is not accurate that Chester Borough voted down the Flea Market; the Lions Club withdrew their application. Mr. Guidone further stated that the projected fees are a small part of the Lions Club contributions to the community; hundreds of thousands of dollars have been given to Washington Township. Fees paid to the Township by the vendors could be increased over time. He suggested that the time period for operation could be discussed. Mr. Guidone wanted to make clear that sanitation, police officers, operation and more will be fully funded by the Lions Club. The traffic study that has been requested will be taken back to the Board and may be funded. Mr. Guidone hoped that Washington Township would consider that the Lions Club is committed to providing funds to the community.

Mayor Short recommended a courtesy review of the proposed Flea Market by the Planning Board. He feels that a traffic study is imperative and requested that the cost be investigated and the information be passed along to the Chester Lions Club.

Dominic Puleo, 249 Fairmount Road, asked what donations does the Lions Club make. **Mr. Guidone** responded to Mr. Puleo's question. Mr. Puleo is adamantly against the Flea Market.

Mike Russo, Lions Club President, stated that he is in favor of the Flea Market. He suggested considering a phase in of vendors since so many anticipated problems are volume based.

Tracy Tobin, asked if the town will have a traffic officer at the intersection. **Mayor Short** responded yes and that three officers would be paid for directly by the Lions Club.

Martha Puleo asked if there is another location being considered for the Flea Market. **Mayor Short** answered that a few other locations are being considered.

Ellie Sterling asked if it could be considered to cap tax bills for seniors. **Administrator Gallets** stated that capped taxes are in effect for seniors but eligibility for this program is income based, per state regulations.

Laura Akin, 98 East Mill Road, stated that a nonbinding referendum is useless.

Dominic Puleo made a point about the increase in taxes when families with children move in.

Ellie Sterling stated that the contractors should take responsibility for how the infrastructure changes when they build houses and invite families with children. **Mayor Short** explained that the Township cannot legally impose impact fees.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, stated that the Chester Lions Club's withdrawal of their Flea Market application from Chester Borough connotes they wanted to apply instead in Long Valley, as if it were a much better location. Mr. Parker stated that it is not the case, that Chester was their first choice. He further stated that the Lions Club does wonderful things, but that is not the question.

Another Long Valley Resident stated that he is concerned about the financial impact on the community. He would not want an organization to have discretion on how the profits are distributed from such a venture.

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

