

The Regular Meeting of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Recording Secretary DiGregorio

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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY – LIBRARY FUNDING – **Tracy Tobin, Library Board Member** requested that library funding be discussed at the June public meeting due to the number of items already on tonight's agenda. The Committee agreed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS – **Keith Hayes of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission** presented Historic Preservation Awards in recognition of historic preservation efforts by certain residents of Washington Township.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RO-09-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO VACATE A PORTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 38, LOT 3.07 – 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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO VACATE A PORTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 38, LOT 3.07 be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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PUBLIC PORTION

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

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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO VACATE A PORTION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 38, LOT 3.07 be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-10-10 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES 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, LiaBraaten, 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 FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES 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 June 21, 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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-11-10 – CALENDAR YEAR 2010 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2010 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) 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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2010 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) be adopted upon first reading.

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-92-10 – A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-93-10 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* MOBILIZATION OF MAY 24, 2010 TO JUNE 6, 2010

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-94-10 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-95-10 – AWARD BIDS – 2010 – 2011 MATERIALS AND SERVICES

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-96-10 – RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE’S REVIEW OF THE WEST MORRIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR AND CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX LEVY

Mayor Short recused himself. Comm. LiaBraaten and Comm. Roehrich provided an overview of the process.

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, LiaBraaten

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-97-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE’S REVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR AND CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX LEVY

Mayor Short provided an overview of the process.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Committee members offered their comments on the entire process and their arrival at the recommendations provided to the Board of Education.

Mayor Short declared a five minute break. The meeting resumed at 9:10 P.M.

***AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

That the Washington Township Community Events Organization be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss on Saturday, June 19, 2010 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the intersection of Schooley’s Mountain Road and East and West Mill Roads to benefit the Washington Township Fireworks Festival, subject to the approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the conditions imposed by the Washington Township Police Department.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WEST MORRIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

An application has been received from the West Morris Central High School for an overnight walk to benefit cancer research to be held on June 18, 2010 and June 19, 2010 from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. at the West Morris Central High School, 259 Bartley Road, Chester, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Freedom Horse Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	06/26/2010
Freedom Horse Inc.	Tricky Tray	06/26/2010
Long Valley Girls Softball Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	05/22/2010
Long Valley Girls Softball Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	06/06/2010

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.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

April 14, 2010 Work Session

***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

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 proceeded 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 adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten (+), Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

(+) **Comm. LiaBraaten abstained from voting on the April 14, 2010 Work Session minutes.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Thank you letter from Mark Napolitano to the Department of Public Works for the crew's immediate road repair.
Letter from Ms. Cindy Konop, President of the Long Valley Junior Women's Club, presenting an \$800.00 donation to offset the cost of luncheons and the purchase of a new Nintendo Wii for the Senior Citizens.
2010 – 2011 Municipal Percentage Shares for Regional School District Tax Levies

DISCUSSION

AD HOC FLEA MARKET COMMITTEE – The Committee discussed appointments to the Ad Hoc Flea Market Committee which is designed to provide facts for consideration, and not to make recommendations. Comm. Popper will chair this Committee.

RESOLUTION #R-98-10 – APPOINTMENTS TO AN AD HOC FLEA MARKET 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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

LONG VALLEY TOWING – There was a discussion regarding restoring Long Valley Towing to the towing list.

RESOLUTION #R-99-10 – LONG VALLEY TOWING TO BE RESOTRED TO THE ROTATING TOWING LIST EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

MUA APPOINTMENT - **Comm. Popper** suggested that Paul Peters be appointed to the MUA open seat effective immediately. Mayor Short asked for a motion to **amend Resolution #R-87-10** to appoint Paul Peters to the MUA. His term will expire in February of 2011.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

OPEN SPACE – **Mayor Short** mentioned many open parcels of land that Administration is seeking to have utilized by various sports clubs, etc. which could be a source of income to the Township.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Cheryl Graziano, 26 Quail Run, inquired whether the municipal employee concessions that were made were made by non-contractual employees. **Mayor Short** responded that these are salaried employees who are not taking a salary freeze, but offering unpaid days (furloughs). Negotiations are continuing, but most employees are being asked to contribute to their health insurance.

A **resident**, stated that she sent an e-mail this day regarding the lack of an official document or recommendations from the auditors that reviewed the K-8 budget. She mentioned Sayerville went through the same process and used the same auditor. The Sayerville Governing Body had the auditor in attendance at their meeting to respond to the public's questions. She feels that the lack of an official document is irresponsible. **Mayor Short** responded that further information should be coming mid-week. The Auditor had different duties and responsibilities here from what he had in other towns.

Rita Diaz, stated that she is very pleased that the Committee listened to the public, and for their time and due diligence.

Michael Rec, invited the Township Committee to the Board of Education meeting on the following evening to convey their recommendations. The Committee thanked him for the invitation.

Tracy Tobin, 4 Mountain View Ave, has spoken with the new Library Director about how to work with the schools to provide services. Mr. Tobin thought it might be a good idea to consider some discussion with the library given that the paradigm is changing. Mr. Tobin suggested looking at the Library website.

Mr. Tobin also inquired what our current population estimate might be. **Mayor Short** guessed approximately 19,000.

Mr. Tobin also expressed concern that road maintenance and repair not be overlooked. He suggested money be placed in reserve for these purposes.

Jersey Central Power & Light was conducting surveys that may help to rectify some problem situations. Mr. Tobin asked if anyone has been in touch with JCP&L to address some of these problem areas. Mayor Short stated that roads will always be addressed, but the concern is debt.

Mr. Tobin last inquired whether Washington Township has considered a farmers market. The Committee stated that there has been discussion on establishing one.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk