

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:05 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**OTHERS PRESENT:** CFO Lifer, Administrator/Acting Clerk Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record on February 14, 2012 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.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Mayor Short stated that the Committee would now go into Executive Session to discuss various personnel issues, but would come back out of Executive Session and resume the Open Session, and possibly take action.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:15 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-30-12 EXECUTIVE SESSION –PERSONNEL: Administration, Tax Department, Building Department**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 7:35 P.M.

**FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The operating expense budget was reduced by \$112,000, bringing the tax rate increase to 1.39%. The Capital Budget came in at \$783,400, which includes a new ambulance for the First Aid Squad and a new fire truck for the Long Valley Fire Department. Prior funds will be used for road repairs to include Wehrli Road and Upper Fairview Avenue.

**Comm. Kennedy** raised the subject of reducing the fees associated with our current Alarm Ordinance. This will be discussed in more detail at the March 14, 2012 Work Session.

Police, Fire and First Aid portable and mobile radio maintenance was discussed. It was decided to create a special line item for maintenance for these radios.

**Mayor Short** stated that the 2012 budget would be ready for introduction at the March 14, 2012 Work Session.

Susan Coscia's appointment as an Alternate Member of the Recreation Committee was discussed.

**RESOLUTION #R-31-12 APPOINTMENT**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Kennedy, Roehrich, Tobin, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. LiaBraaten

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

**David Johnson, 119 West Springtown Road**, stated that First Aid and Fire Departments should consider applying some of their fundraising monies toward the purchase of new equipment.

Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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Deborah A. Burd, Acting Clerk