

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, \*Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

\*Comm. Krickus arrived at 7:55 P.M.

Adequate notices of this meeting were sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and January 30, 2004 and were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same dates. This meeting is being held at the temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATION – LONG VALLEY WOMAN’S CLUB** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read aloud a proclamation honoring the Long Valley Woman’s Club for their service to the community and proclaimed the week of June 6 – 12, 2004 as “Long Valley Woman’s Club Week” in Washington Township.

**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented a plaque to Scout Michael Robert Pawlo in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS** – Ms. Eileen Stokes, Chairwoman of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission, presented the 2004 Historic Preservation Awards honoring residents for work performed to maintain and preserve historic structures in the Washington Township Community.

**GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDS** – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scouts Christina Germinario, Cristen Borman, Meghan Culik, Stephanie Garland, Jordan Chamberlin, Ashley Delehunt, Sarah Zinckgraf, Catherine Kastnign, Morgan Korbel, Laura Knauer, Candace Cunha, Kaileigh Ogden, Katerina Sagal, and Jessica Wizorek.

**RO-12-04 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**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 be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Krickus

**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 FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be adopted upon final reading and that said Ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Krickus

**RO-13-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING DRIVEWAYS - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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**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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING DRIVEWAYS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Krickus

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

**\*Comm. Krickus arrived at this point.**

**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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING DRIVEWAYS be adopted upon final reading and that said Ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-14-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, AND CHAPTER 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

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**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 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, 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. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 111, LAND USE PROCEDURES, 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 June 21, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, 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. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**\*ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS**

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Matthew J. Krok – Part-time Communications Officer, Police Department – effective May 7, 2004  
Amy Monahan – Tax Collector Clerk, Tax Department – effective May 12, 2004

**\*RESOLUTION #R-101-04 - REDUCTION OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING - RICHARD AGNOLET**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-103-04 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING - WALLACE KUNKEL**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-104-04 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES - ELITE HOMES**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-105-04 - EXECUTE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY - OFP, LLC**

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**\* AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC.**

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An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc. for a petition to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on June 27, 2004 from Noon to 5:00 P.M. on their premises at #1 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

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

**\*APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENTS – RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRIES, INC.**

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An application has been received from the River of Life Ministries, Inc. for public events to be held on June 21, 2004, June 22, 2004, June 23, 2004, June 24, 2004 and June 25, 2004 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on the open field located next to Union Cemetery on East Avenue, Hackettstown, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

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

**\*APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL FAIR – FLOCKTOWN-KOSSMANN PTA**

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An application has been received from the Flocktown-Kossmann PTA for a School Fair to be held on June 4, 2004 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Flocktown-Kossmann School, 90 Flocktown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey.



**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-87-04 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-88-04 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES -  
DICKINSON & McCORMICK, INC.**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-89-04 - TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS - 2004**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-90-04 - AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMIT - LANDMARK  
ENTERPRISES, INC.**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-91-04 - AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT  
CHECKS**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-92-04 - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF COAH ANNUAL REPORT FORM**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-93-04 - AWARD BIDS - CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-94-04 - AWARD BID - PLEASANT GROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CONTRACT #2004.03**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-95-04 - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER - ASCEND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** Cullen

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-96-04 - AWARD BID - RECORDING, HEARING IMPAIRED, AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** Cullen

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-97-04 - AWARD BIDS - 2004 - 2005 MATERIALS AND SERVICES**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-98-04 - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND ST LUKE'S CHURCH**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** Comm. Tobin, Kaiser

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-99-04 - ACCEPT 2004 TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-100-04 - REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDERS**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-102-04 – REDUCE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES – ST. LUKE’S PARISH**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** Comm. Tobin, Kaiser

**ABSENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

Letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen, explaining the potential realignment of military bases and providing a brochure explaining the part that the Picatinny Arsenal has played in the Iraq and Afghanistan war efforts.

Letter from Department of Community Affairs Assistant Commissioner Kim Ricketts, stating that Washington Township will not receive Livable Communities Local Library Aid program funding in 2004.

Resolution adopted by the Washington Township Board of Education, petitioning the New Jersey Legislature to accept the amendment to Section 29 of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act that would permit the construction of a capital project approved by referendum prior to January 1, 2005.

Letter from Chairman Jerry Suk of the Morris County Agriculture Development Board, noting that Block 28, Lot 17.03 (11.717 acres) located on East Mill Road has been permanently preserved through the Retention and Development Program.

Letter from the Washington Township Educational Foundation, thanking the Township Committee for the timely approval of the alcohol permit given in support of the foundation’s fundraising event.

Letter from Department of Public Works Secretary Pauline Copeland, thanking employees for their kindness related to the loss of her mother.

Letter from Fred and Diane Gobel, gratefully acknowledging employees’ expressions of sympathy for their loss.

Letters concerning the development of the Falcon Field property from the following residents:

- Stephen and Cheryl Floroff, 9 Briarwood Road (dated March 10, 2004)
- Gunter and Suzanne Evdokimoff, 77 Rock Road (dated March 12, 2004)
- David and Virginia Chanda, 4 Thornapple Court (dated March 15, 2004)
- Cher and Michael Goodwin, 22 Blackberry Place (dated March 15, 2004)
- Daniel and Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated March 22, 2004)
- Peter T. Iannuzzo, Jr., 17 Partridge Lane (dated March 23, 2004)
- Carol Feula, 4 Winay Terrace (dated March 26, 2004)
- Daniel and Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated March 29, 2004)
- Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane (dated March 29, 2004)
- Thomas Richar, 7 Partridge Lane (dated March 30, 2004)
- Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane (dated April 1, 2004)
- John Olcese, 78 West Springtown Road (dated April 1, 2004)
- Dr. Douglas Bush, Chester Woods Professional Park, Chester, NJ (dated April 5, 2004)
- Diane and John Reeves, 21 Partridge Lane (dated April 5, 2004)
- Maryanne Fegan, 151 Flocktown Road (dated April 6, 2004)
- Dorianne A. Jerman, 5 Partridge Lane (dated April 8, 2004)
- Anthony M. Roy, 1703 Scarlett Drive, Hackettstown, NJ (dated April 12, 2004)
- Mary Jo and Lex Crane, 19 Falcon Lane (dated April 14, 2004)
- Daniel and Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 21, 2004)
- Lina and Anthony Cresci, 5 Basswood Court (dated April 21, 2004)
- Peter T. Iannuzzo, Jr., 17 Partridge Lane (dated April 22, 2004)
- Kevin and Dina Carmelengo, 6 Briarwood Road (dated April 22, 2004)
- Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 22, 2004)
- Mary Jo Crane, 19 Falcon Lane (dated April 23, 2004)
- Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 26, 2004)
- Thomas Richar, 7 Partridge Lane (dated April 27, 2004)
- Mary Jo Crane, 19 Falcon Lane (dated April 27, 2004)
- Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 27, 2004)
- Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (to the Editor of the Observer Tribune dated May 6, 2004)
- Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane (dated May 7, 2004)

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** – Scout Chris Draghi requested the Committee’s approval on a proposed Eagle Scout project in which he would build interior signs for Palmer Park. The Committee approved the project.

**Comm. Cullen recused himself from the discussion concerning Camp Fees for County Parks.**

**CAMP FEES FOR COUNTY PARKS** – The Committee decided that the camp fees will remain as is for the current year. Comm. Krickus will present an updated camp fee proposal in August after meeting with representatives of the Musconetcong Valley Camp Association and the Morris County Park Commission to discuss

how they adopted the current fee schedule, who would be impacted by the fees, and whether there are other groups that should be charged to cushion the impact on any one group.

**Comm. Cullen returned to the meeting.**

**WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN** – The Township Committee granted requests by Mr. Harvey Ort, Jr. and Sam and Laura Akins to have property included in the Wastewater Management Plan. Administrator Gallets will contact the Long Valley Presbyterian Church to inquire if they would like to be included in the plan. She will also forward the Committee's recommendation for properties to be included in the plan to the Municipal Utilities Authority.

**Mayor Short recused himself from the discussion concerning the Mission Road Gate.**

**MISSION ROAD GATE** – The Township Committee will consider a resident's request to remove the gate blocking Mission Road at the June 16, 2004 Work Session.

**Mayor Short returned to the meeting.**

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT POSITION** – The Township Committee will discuss the DPW Superintendent Position at the June 16, 2004 Work Session.

**NEW STORMWATER REGULATIONS RECOMMENDATION** – The Township Committee discussed purchasing a GPS system for \$7500 and contracting with Ferriero Engineering to train Township employees to operate the equipment in order to meet NJDEP stormwater regulations requiring the Township to map and inventory its stormwater system. Ferriero Engineering would also maintain the database for the Township. The Committee agreed to obtain two more bids before moving forward.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING** – The Township Committee committed to hiring one replacement police officer in January, 2005 to prepare for an upcoming retirement.

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.**

**Mr. Evan Showell, 12 N. Maple Avenue** stated that there is an unfenced swimming pool at 32 Schooley's Mountain Road which is breeding mosquitoes. He also stated that the property is unoccupied and has unregistered vehicles abandoned on it.

**Mr. Tim Daly, 40 Schooley's Mountain Road** stated that he lives adjacent to 32 Schooley's Mountain Road and he is concerned since he has small children and the fence is down around the pool.

**Comm. Tobin** stated that he will speak with the Health Department regarding the matter and will be back in touch with Mr. Showell.

**Ms. Dorothy Walter, 157 Black River Road** commended the Township Committee on their stance regarding the Highlands proposal.

**Mr. Sam DeBiasse, 96 Rock Road** inquired on the state of the cleanup at Kohler Pond.

**Comm. Krickus** stated that he had spoken with Department of Public Works Superintendent Ralph DeFranzo and they are looking for other locations to which they could move the material.

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

**Mayor Short suspended the meeting to allow for a break at 9:10 p.m.**

**Mayor Short resumed the meeting at 9:13 p.m.**

**FALCON FIELDS** - Andrew S. Holt from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., updated the Committee on Falcon Fields. Mr. Holt stated that at the recent Township Planning Board Meeting he had presented the Phase I plan for their courtesy review.

**Mayor Short** addressed the following points regarding Falcon Fields which were presented in a letter dated May 12, 2004 to the Township Committee from Mrs. Virginia Chanda.

- *What is the timeline for the field development process? When will the Committee review and approve the final plan? When will ground-breaking begin?*

**Comm. Krickus** stated that the proposed timeline is to get the process started because the autumn season is the ideal time to get the grass growing. By going out to bid in May and awarding bids in June, the Committee hopes to have construction started in the summer and to have the grass growing this autumn.

- *What does bond R-49-04 cover? What will the final cost of the project be?*

**Comm. Krickus** stated that R-49-04 is a \$1.7 million bond. \$200,000 is for various field improvements around town. \$1.5 million is for Falcon Fields which includes getting the initial 7 fields constructed and the infrastructure – drainage, irrigation, engineering, etc., in place.

- *When Phase IA and IB are put together, there are no concessions to or changes from the original plan we saw. Please indicate what changes have been made. What is the actual distance between Field 1 to the Crane home? Field 7 and the Cresci/Sullivan homes.*

**Comm. Krickus** stated that 12 changes have been made since the process started, including what was just heard.

**Mayor Short** stated that it was 100' to the Crane property line and 80' to the Cresci/Sullivan property lines.

- *If Phase IB gets the approval from DEP, will Fields 4, 5, and 6 still go in, and will there be a road in a circle through the fields next to the Thornapple Court homes?*

**Mayor Short** stated that there is no intention to construct any access to Briarwood or Thornapple. He stated that as far as Fields 4, 5 & 6, it is going to depend on the wetlands.

- *Where else in town are fields being considered? The Recreation Department was told to maximize the fields in this tract of land. When asked about placing fields elsewhere in town, they told us that they were not asked to consider other locations. Mayor Short has said that fields should be placed all over the town, and that new developments are supposed to designate land for recreation purposes. Are any fields designated for the Fairmount section of town, for example, where many new homes are being built?*

**Mayor Short** stated that this is what the town has been doing. He stated that 18 years ago the only fields available in the Township were the school fields and Falcon Fields – there was no Cobblestone, Palmer, Califon or Southeastern. Over the last fifteen years we have dispersed these fields throughout the Township. Mayor Short stated that the location of Falcon Fields is very close to the demographic and geographic center of the Township. He stated that there are no fields designated for the Fairmount section of town at this point.

- *What is the ultimate purpose of having all these fields? Is it for the children and adults of Washington Township? What is the Council's vision for soccer tournaments? What is your vision for adult leagues from out of town who would pay to use these fields?*

**Comm. Krickus** stated that we haven't had tournaments up to now because we haven't had the facilities. He stated that if there were a tournament in town it would be dispersed since you can't hold a tournament just in one location. Comm. Krickus stated that right now the fields are totally used by our residents. The only out-of-towners using them are playing our teams. We don't rent them to out-of-town adult teams.

- *If it is not the town's intention to have lights on the fields, will you pass an ordinance prohibiting them? Ms. Murfitt-Hermann said that "at the most" Field 2 would have lights. Before this, she told us Fields 1 and 2 would be lit. Other town officials have confirmed that the fields will have lights. In light of these conflicting accounts, please indicate what the exact plans for lights will be.*

**Mayor Short** stated that the Committee has no intentions of lighting these fields other than safety parking area lights.

- *The Master Plan calls for diversified recreational opportunities in town. Please provide information concerning the total recreation needs of the town, not just team sports activities. In addition, we would like to see exactly how many children, by age grouping, play soccer and lacrosse. We have received numbers for total involvement (adults and children) in both sports (and including rugby and cricket) but would like to know the demographics for the separate age groups in each sport.*

**Mayor Short** stated that the Township has total numbers for different sports but does not have them broken down by age.

**Mayor Short** stated that there are still three unknowns as far as Falcon Fields are concerned. First - how the bids are going to come back. We don't know the exact costs. Second - we don't know how the Highlands Bill is going to affect these fields. Third - the wetlands, which we should be finding out about in the next month or two.

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.**

**Ms. Suzanne O'Neill, 16 Blackberry Place** stated she was present with a couple dozen of her neighbors and one of the purposes of their presence was to provide the Committee with a copy of the their petition, which expresses the same concerns that they have been providing for the last few months.

**Mr. David Kavanaugh**, 19 Wellington Drive stated that the petition presented by Ms. O'Neill is not a community-wide consensus, it is a neighborhood consensus. He stated that he feels there is a broad base of support in this community for this park and there is a quality of life issue for everybody. These people will experience a little bit of a negative impact, but think of the impact on the people who live around the other facilities that are being overused. He stated that on a typical Saturday, if you try to drive your car into Rock Spring Park, it is pure mayhem. There are cars parked everywhere. There are families parking in the parking lot next to the bar across the street and charging across Rt. 24 with their kids, trying to make it in time for a game. At Cobblestone field on a typical weekend there are cars parked everywhere along the road. Glen Ridge Road has become a major thruway during sports times. By properly developing Falcon Fields you will be able to alleviate the flow of traffic and the overuse on the other facilities in this township, giving a break to the people who live around the other complexes. He stated that at the community level this will enable the Township to start to proactively schedule things so there can be a steady flow of traffic. The Township will be able to rest fields and take care of the needs of everybody in the community. He stated at the big-picture level, the Committee is doing a really good thing developing seven fields.

**Mayor Short** inquired if there was any intent on the part of the soccer organization to have tournaments or to light these fields.

**Mr. Kavanaugh** stated that the soccer organization does not have any plans to light Falcon Fields. He doesn't know about ten years down the road. The lighting is expensive - it is in excess of \$60,000 a field. That is not easy to come up with, and it is not on the agenda. He stated that as far as tournaments go - someday we would like to have tournaments but at present, there are no firm plans to have any. It is an elaborate production. Done properly it is a good thing for the town. It is a good thing from a fund-raising viewpoint for the Recreation Committee because you get money out of tournaments that could be used towards further development the facilities. Mr. Kavanaugh encouraged the Committee not to skip on the lighting. He stated it is unsafe since the fields have pitch dark parking lots. He stated that the parking lots have to be made safe for the kids.

**Mr. Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane** stated that a proper traffic study is needed. He stated that he thinks it is important to wait until the DEP reports back before we do any development. Mr. Malone presented a photograph showing how close 86 feet from a field to a property line of a home on Thornapple is. He stated that there should be an ordinance to memorialize that there is no intention of lighting the fields.

**Mr. David Chanda, 4 Thornapple Court** thanked the Committee members who had taken time to walk the fields with them and see the area. Mr. Chanda stated that fields 6 and 7 are 86' from his house and, while he likes hearing the laughter from the fields, he doesn't want to hear conversations from the fields all day long. He stated he is outside most of the day and shouldn't be subject to that.

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

**Comm. Tobin** stated that he has been a member of the Committee for 22 years and that it is very rare that a project comes before the committee that doesn't cause controversy. He stated that if there was a way to build this park without affecting anyone, we would. He stated that the toughest part is to try to strike a balance and change things that can be reasonably changed.

**Comm. Cullen** stated he feels it is a mistake cutting back on the parking spots because that is not going to increase the use of the facility. There will be fewer cars parking on the streets. He stated he thinks it will be regretted down the road. Comm. Cullen stated that the Committee had cut the parking area lights from 18 to 12, and he would like to see the number put back to 18. He stated that he thinks they should be put on timers that are set to go off at 9:00 p.m. at this time of the year when the sun sets at 8:00 p.m. In July, they can go off at 9:30 p.m., and then knocked down a minute a day after that. He stated he doesn't believe the parking lights are a quality-of-life issue. Comm. Cullen stated that the Committee took input and tried to work this out. He stated he doesn't think the number of parking spots or lights should be an issue, and would like to see the changes put back in.

**Comm. Kaiser** stated that she is for putting fields there but she is concerned about the order in which it is done. She stated she is concerned about drainage and stormwater. She stated she is afraid of putting good money after bad in terms of engineering if things come in dramatically different. Comm. Kaiser stated that she would like to see a master plan for Falcon Fields after receiving the LOI so that she knows what she is dealing with.

**Comm. Krickus** stated he is for going out to bid for the 3 fields and with an option for field 7. He stated he is open and hopes the fields can be moved out further. He stated his one regret he has with Palmer is the amount of time it took to get it done. He doesn't think anybody has an objection to the first phase. He stated he is fine going with it as it is just to get the project rolling. Comm. Krickus stated that he agrees with Comm. Cullen about the lighting but would rather see the project launched and the lighting added later. He stated it could be added in as an option on the bid.

**Mayor Short** stated that if we were going out to bid on fields 1,2,3 and 7 it would be binding for us to accept it, then he would not vote for this. He stated he feels that field 7 is too close to the property lines. He stated that he has a strong suspicion that when the LOI comes back, we will be able to slide field 7 to the left. Mayor Short stated that he does want to go out to bid on 1,2,3 with an option for 7. He stated that when the LOI comes back, he would like to see field 7 slid closer to the wetlands as much as possible.

Motion was made by Comm. Krickus, seconded by Comm. Cullen to go out to bid on fields 1,2,and 3 with an option for 7. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** Kaiser

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**Comm. Krickus** stated the Board of Education is going to need to move a lot of stuff out of Flocktown Kossmann school next year, and the Township Committee should survey Township Department Heads and see if for a week next August they would be able to make personnel available such as computer technicians, DPW employees and police to help them in their move if they need it. He stated that the Committee should explore that idea with the Department Heads and offer it to the Board of Education to see if it helps out their plans.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION R-106-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –**  
**ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: POLICE REIMBURSEMENT;**  
**LAND ACQUISITION/PURCHASE**  
**PERSONNEL: DPW GRIEVANCE**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:09 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.**

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**Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk**