

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, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Assistant Administrator Burd, Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

*Comm. Krickus arrived at 8:00 PM

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

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented Scout Beth Jones with a plaque in recognition of her Gold Award achievement.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scout David Saul Zwingle, Scout Patrick Stevens McGuire and Scout Charles Bock Thompson in recognition of their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

PRESENTATION – “SIGNS” – LONG VALLEY JUNIOR WOMAN’S CLUB – Ms. Donna Farley, representing the Long Valley Junior Women’s Club, stated that they had raised funds to construct five welcome signs. Ms. Farley presented slides showing the Township Committee two different designs to chose from. Ms. Farley stated that the signs will be completed in August.

Mayor Short stated that the Department of Public Works will install the signs for them after consulting with Sergeant Trevena on their placement.

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 - 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, 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 read by titled 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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

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, 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 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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

RO-15-04 - 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. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on July 19, 2004 at 7:30 PM 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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

RO-16-04 - 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 AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY 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 AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY ZONE – 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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

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 AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY 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 July 19, 2004 at 7:30 PM 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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus, Kaiser

***ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

Bruce McLaughlin – Part-time Communications Officer, Police Department – effective June 21, 2004

***RESOLUTION #R-128-04 - EXECUTE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT ON PRELIMINARY – JADE LAND CO., LLC – WELSH FARMS ESTATES**

***RESOLUTION #R-129-04 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR CARBRO CONSTRUCTORS CORP PAID BY THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-126-04 – AWARD BID – FALCON FIELDS – PHASE IA

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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

**RESOLUTION #R-127-04 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER –
ROCHELLE CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. – FALCON FIELDS**

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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

- Letter from the Washington Township Historical Society Board of Trustees, stating that they unanimously voted against the request to move the bell from the museum premises.
- Letter from DEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell, stating that a protective covenant has been placed on parklands to insure that the lands are used for recreation and conservation purposes through the Green Acres Program.
- Letter from DEP Investigator James Montgomery, stating that the distribution system permit application, proposing alterations to the Fairview Avenue water main extension to serve Welsh Farms Estates, has been approved.
- Letter from Department of Labor Assistant Chief Richard Craig, stating that the inspection conducted on May 26, 2004 at 54 Rock Road indicated that the violations previously identified were abated.
- Letter from Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin, encouraging municipal officials to attend County informational meetings concerning the Cross Acceptance process.
- Letter from Ms. Shelley Heretyk on behalf of the Washington Township Historical Society, thanking Assistant Administrator Burd for her assistance with the museum renovations made as a result of the January fire.
- Letter to Mayor Short from Ms. Mary Darter, thanking Washington Township for hosting the Veterans celebration and acknowledging the efforts of Special Events Coordinator Gail Werner who organized the event.
- Notice that Haverfield Corporation will perform aerial inspections of overhead transmission lines in northern New Jersey for Jersey Central Power & Light from June 21, 2004 to June 25, 2004.
- Petition concerning the development of the Falcon Field property
- Letters concerning the development of the Falcon Field property from the following residents:
 - Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane (dated April 28, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 28, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 29, 2004)
 - David and Virginia Chanda, 4 Thornapple Court (dated April 29, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated April 30, 2004)
 - Joseph and Joan Zola, 18 Falcon Lane (dated May, 2004)
 - William A. Vopelius, 17 Falcon Lane (dated May 3, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated May 3, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated May 5, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated May 6, 2004)
 - Robert E. Malone, 11 Falcon Lane, enclosing his letter to the Recorder Newspapers (dated May 7, 2004)
 - Virginia Chanda, 4 Thornapple Court (dated May 12, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated May 18, 2004)
 - Tom Richar, 7 Partridge Lane (dated May 19, 2004)
 - Anthony and Lina Cresci, 4 Basswood Court (dated May 19, 2004)
 - Daniel and Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place (dated June 11, 2004)

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Mark Soga, 21 Paula Drive, stated that he had concerns over awarding the Falcon Fields contract to Rochelle Contracting Company after all the problems encountered at Palmer Park.

Ms. Suzanne O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place, inquired if there was a projected start date for breaking ground for Phase I at Falcon Fields.

Mr. Ralph DeFranzo, Department of Public Works, stated it would be some time in July, 2004.

Mr. Paul Sheldon, One Briarwood Road, inquired if there were final plans for Phase 1B at Falcon Fields.

Mayor Short stated that there have been no final plans. He stated that they are waiting for the Letter of Interpretation to be received from the Department of Environmental Protection before they go back to engineering on Phase 1B.

Mr. Tony Cresci, 4 Basswood Court, inquired about the grading on Field 7 and whether the Russian olive trees that lined his property would be taken down.

Mr. Ralph DeFranzo, Department of Public Works, stated that the grading will not be established until the Township gets the LOI.

Mayor Short stated that most of the Russian olive trees would be coming down.

Ms. DS Chinapen Barkovich, 20 Blackberry Place inquired if the soil at Falcon Fields was the same as that at Palmer Park.

Mayor Short stated that the soil at Falcon Fields was a califon soil and it carries fragipan, which is a layer of rock, about 4' below the surface. He stated that the intent is to not break the fragipan. If you do, either everything drains into it or you have an artisian well that forms. Both Palmer and Falcon soils have certain qualities that restrict drainage. Mayor Short stated that this is one of the reasons we are going with the subsurface drains. He stated that this has been looked at very carefully.

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

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE GRIEVANCE HEARING – The Township Committee scheduled the grievance hearing requested by a Department of Public Works employee for 7:30 p.m. on July 14, 2004.

MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – The Township Committee discussed a request from Morris Habitat for Humanity for the donation of two lots in Parker Acres. The Committee agreed that the property was too valuable to donate, but they would keep their eyes open for other property with less value for this purpose.

Attorney Jansen recused himself from the discussion concerning Officer Falleni

OFFICER FALLENI – STILLWATER PAYMENT – The Township Committee agreed to compensate Stillwater Township \$5,600 for the training of Patrol Officer Thomas Falleni pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-178.

Attorney Jansen returned to the meeting

DRAKESTOWN ROAD/ROUTE 46 INTERSECTION – The Township Committee discussed the most recent proposal for the re-design of the Drakestown Road and Rt. 46 intersection which was provided by the Mt. Olive Township Engineer.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC – The Township Committee approved a proposed trip to Washington DC.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMPUTER CLASSES – The Township Committee discussed offering a computer class to seniors using equipment donated by the school system. They agreed to recruit high school students and other volunteers to give the classes.

ZONING MAP REVISION – The Township Committee will discuss a zoning map revision at the July 14, 2004 work session.

Mayor Short discussed exempting preserved farmland from the 1% COAH tax on the structures built on them. Attorney Jansen will research whether it is possible to do this.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:29 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION R-135-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR

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, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Kaiser

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:39 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk