

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Asst. Adm. Burd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Tobin, Kaiser

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004, January 30, 2004 and March 24, 2004 and was 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.

PRESENTATION – TOWNSHIP WEBPAGE – Bob Kelly, Technical Specialist, updated the Township Committee on the progress of the official Washington Township web page.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions.

Mr. John Crimi – requested a waiver of the fee for the easement for his driveway on the Burd Farm - 6 Valley Brook Road. The Township Committee settled on a total fee of \$1,250.

Mr. Lex Crane, Falcon Lane - expressed concern on two issues regarding Falcon Fields. First, was the 10' of brush that had been cut down at the end of Falcon Lane. He stated that it was his understanding that this area was not to be disturbed. Second, Mr. Crane stated that there appeared to be an error on the plan. His deed shows the recorded easement on his lot is 15' and the drawing shows it is 30'. He would like the plan amended so that it does not become "fact" somewhere down the road.

Mr. Ralph DeFranzo - Superintendent of the Department of Public Works – stated the plan was for 100' of the existing buffer to remain at the end of Falcon Lane, and they have not gone beyond that point.

Mayor Short instructed Mr. DeFranzo to have the area at the end of Falcon Lane measured and staked to identify the 100' buffer. He also advised Mr. Crane to send a copy of his deed to Mr. DeFranzo so the 15' easement could be investigated and corrected if there is an error.

Mr. Brian Broadhead, 133 Parker Road stated a proposed utility pole for Cortland Estates is being moved to a right of way on his property. Mr. Broadhead asked that the Township consider having the pole remain where it is.

Alan Phil – Landmark Homes stated that keeping the pole where it is the best scenario.

Mayor Short instructed Administrator/Clerk Gallets to advise Leon Hall that the pole is fine where it is and does not need to be moved.

Mr. Kevin Walsh, Chairman - Open Space Committee stated that they have found a property that they would like to apply to the County Open Space Trust Fund for acquisition funding. He stated it is 93.06 acres on Califon Road, which provides great public access. Mr. Walsh stated they need a limited scope appraisal. They were hoping the Township Committee would consider passing a resolution to finance the limited scope appraisal. He stated the deadline is in two weeks.

Administrator/Clerk Gallets stated she would prepare a resolution for the limited scope appraisal and have it ready for the Committee Meeting on July 19th.

Mr. Daniel O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place inquired about the status of the LOI for Falcon Fields.

Mayor Short stated that it typically takes between 6 months and a year.

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

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS" at the July 19, 2004 meeting.

DRIVEWAY/ROAD OPENING ENGINEERING ORDINANCE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of 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 WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS" at the July 19, 2004 meeting.

R1/R2 ZONE CHANGE – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of 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 FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT at the July 29, 2004 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Short stated that the Township has received a request from Morris County to house a truck at the Schooley's Mountain Firehouse. He stated that we have the capacity at the Firehouse to store this truck. It is a flatbed truck that holds 2500' of 12" hose. Mayor Short stated it was purchased with a Homeland Security Grant that was awarded to Morris County. Similar trucks are being dispersed throughout the county.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - Mayor Short updated the Township Committee on the Wastewater Management Plan amendment that was filed with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mayor Short stated that the DEP came back and said that, before they will consider it, we have to enter into an agreement with them which would be signed by the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and the Township. Mayor Short stated that the Township would have to pass three ordinances. If we do not enter into this agreement, the DEP is not going to act on the Wastewater Management Plan request. That means that everything stops dead in its tracks until we act on it. Mayor Short stated that the MUA must develop a new Wastewater Management Plan over the next 36 months anyhow, and that would be at a cost of roughly \$100,000 to the MUA. Mayor Short stated that it has been discussed with the County as a pilot program which would allow the County to pick up some of this cost. It would be a pilot for the rest of the County. Mayor Short stated that it is a win/win opportunity for our MUA to move this project forward and enter into this agreement with the DEP.

SCHEDULE GRIEVANCE - ZUNGOLO – The Township Committee directed Administrator Galletts to schedule a grievance hearing for the August 11, 2004 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PENSION FUNDING RESOLUTION – The Township Committee agreed to adopt a resolution petitioning members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation to introduce and sponsor legislation transferring the local government employer's share of the PFRS and PERS pension retirement system costs to state government so that it is consistent with the educational pension system program.

WATER SUPPLY – 55 FAIRVIEW AVENUE – The Township Committee discussed a letter received from Parmalat indicating that the electric for the water pump will be disconnected shortly after August 4th.

WELSH FARMS SCALE – The Township Committee discussed a certified scale being offered to the Township by Welsh Farms.

NAUGHRIGHT ROAD ACQUISITION/TRAFFIC COUNT – The Township Committee discussed the traffic and accident count on Naughtright Road. The Committee agreed to begin negotiations to acquire the property needed in order to widen the road.

PRIVACY FENCE – FRYER RESIDENCE – The Township Committee agreed to install a privacy fence along the Fryer property line.

SPORTS LIGHTING BILLS – The Township Committee discussed the cost involved for cleanup of the sites where sports lights were installed.

MINE HILL – DRAKESTOWN ROAD – The Township Committee will consider splitting the cost of paving Mine Hill – Drakestown Road with Mount Olive Township.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION R-136-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES UTILIZED IN PROTECTING THE SAFETY
AND PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC: BIOTERRORISM;
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: TEWKSBURY; DISPATCHING
AGREEMENTS**

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: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin, Kaiser

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:19 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk