

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:34 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 4, 2005 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**

**PROCLAMATION – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** – Mayor Short proclaimed April, 2005 to be *Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Washington* and urged all employees and residents to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs in order to become better educated on the subject of autism.

**RO-15-05 – 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 – 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 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**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 87, FIRE PREVENTION, 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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-16-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE XXVI, ADVISORY RECREATION COMMITTEE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 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 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE XXVI, ADVISORY RECREATION COMMITTEE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**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 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE XXVI, ADVISORY RECREATION COMMITTEE, 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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-17-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF VARIOUS ORDINANCES – 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 TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF VARIOUS ORDINANCES 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, Kaiser, Walsh, 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 TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF VARIOUS ORDINANCES 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 May 16, 2005 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. 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, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-18-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, SECTION 217-59.4 ENTITLED CLUSTER AND LOT AVERAGING SUBDIVISIONS – 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, SECTION 217-59.4 ENTITLED CLUSTER AND LOT AVERAGING SUBDIVISIONS 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, Kaiser, Walsh, 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 217, ZONING, SECTION 217-59.4 ENTITLED CLUSTER AND LOT AVERAGING SUBDIVISIONS 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 May 16, 2005 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. 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, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-19-05 – BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,875,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,785,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,875,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,785,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY 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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,875,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,785,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY be adopted upon first reading.





**\*RESOLUTION #R-80-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – WILLIAM M. MASCHARKA**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-81-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – WILLIAM P. BECK, JR.**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-82-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – MARGARET C. HUMCKE**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-83-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – CHESTER HOMES, INC.**

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**\*APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL PTA, INC.**

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An application has been received from the Old Farmers Road School PTA, Inc. for a School Fair to be held on May 6, 2005 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Old Farmers Road School, 51 Old Farmers Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

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

**\*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

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Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Flocktown Kossmann PTA	Fifty-Fifty	06/02/2005
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Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	08/06/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/03/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/04/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/10/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/11/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/17/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/18/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/24/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	09/25/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/01/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/02/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/08/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/09/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/15/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/16/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/22/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/23/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/29/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	10/30/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	11/05/2005
Long Valley Raiders Football Association Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	11/06/2005

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**

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That the following minutes be approved and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

- September 20, 2004 Regular Meeting
- January 1, 2005 Reorganization Meeting

**\*PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

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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**

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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

All items preceded by an (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen on the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

- ❖ Letter from Archie Reid, Esquire, stating The T.M. Group, Inc. withdraws their application for a soil disturbance permit for Block 42, Lots 12.03 – 12.13 located in Washington Township.
- ❖ Letter from Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce, thanking the Township Committee for passing a resolution expressing support for the enactment of property tax reform.
- ❖ Letter from NJDEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell, stating that Washington Township's 2005 Clean Community's entitlement is \$18,937.32.
- ❖ Letter from Morris County Administrator John Bonanni, stating that the Washington Township Municipal Alliance will receive \$2,500,00 in supplemental funding for the year 2005.
- ❖ Allocation of Equalized Valuation listing 2005 – 2006 Municipal Percentage Shares for the West Morris Regional School District Tax Levies.

**DISCUSSION**

**MISSION RIDGE** – The Township Committee discussed the installation of a sign at the Mission Ridge development. They will refer the matter to the Historic Preservation Commission for their recommendation.

**Comm. Kaiser recused herself from the discussion concerning the Community Center.**

**FEE WAIVER – MIDDLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER** – The Township Committee discussed the request of Mr. Paul Krylowski to have the building permit fee waived for the restoration of the Middle Valley Community Center since they are a non-profit entity. The Township Committee stated that they are not authorized to waive the fee unless an Ordinance so provides. The Township has no such Ordinance.

**Comm. Kaiser returned to the meeting.**

**PALMER PARK DRAINAGE** - The Township Committee discussed a letter received from the Environmental Commission concerning drainage at Palmer Park.

**Comm. Kaiser recused herself from the discussion concerning the Highlands Legislation.**

**HIGHLANDS LEGISLATION** – Howard D. Popper, Esq. expressed concerns about the deleterious effects of the Highlands Legislation and informed the Township Committee that Warren County's Counsel is preparing a joint suit with Hunterdon County to challenge the Highlands Statute as fundamentally flawed and unfair. Mr. Popper suggested that the Township Committee investigate and consider either joining that litigation or filing suit on their own behalf to enjoin further lost revenue and income by the Township of Washington and its residents.

**Comm. Kaiser returned to the meeting.**

**HIGH RIDGE TOWER GROUNDING** – The Township Committee discussed the \$16,000 cost for grounding the High Ridge water tower. The Township Committee requested more estimates be obtained.

**SOCCER REGISTRATION BANNER** – The Township Committee discussed a request by the Long Valley Soccer Association to hang a banner in the center of town.

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen to disapprove the request of the Long Valley Soccer Association to hang a banner in the center of town. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Ms. Cynthia Theringer, Secretary, Long Valley Baseball Club**, requested that the Township Committee reconsider their decision to charge field usage fees for summer camp.

The Township Committee referred Ms. Theringer to the Recreation Committee for their recommendation.

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

**The Township Committee advised that they were going into executive session but would be coming out of Executive Session to consider introduction of the 2005 Municipal Budget.**

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION #R-84-05 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: SALARY AND WAGES**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION #R-68-05 - INTRODUCE 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION #R-85-05 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: COMMUNITY CENTER; LAND SALE  
LAND ACQUISITION: NEWBOLD PROPERTY**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.**

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Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk