

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

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD - Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scout Matthew Zwingle, Scout Joseph Walker Robinson and Scout David Langsett in recognition of their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS – Ms. Eileen Stokes, Chairwoman of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission, presented 2005 Historic Preservation Awards honoring residents for work completed to maintain and preserve historic structures in the Washington Township community.

RO-20-05 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) 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 TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISION OF VARIOUS ORDINANCES 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-18-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, TO REPEAL SECTION 217-59.4, CLUSTER AND LOT AVERAGING SUBDIVISIONS – 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 217, ZONING, TO REPEAL SECTION 217-59.4, CLUSTER AND LOT AVERAGING SUBDIVISIONS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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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

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 – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-23-05 – 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 – 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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, 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, 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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, 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 20, 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-24-05 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

***ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

Craig Butts – Driver/Laborer, Department of Public Works, effective May 13 2005

***RESOLUTION #R-104-05 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE – PACESETTER CLINTON, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-105-05 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE – DAVID HELLWIG**

***RESOLUTION #R-106-05 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE – GALLAGHER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-107-05 - REFUND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE – LANDMARK AT LONG VALLEY, LLC**

***RESOLUTION #R-108-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – RICHARD AGNOLET**

***RESOLUTION #R-109-05 - RETURN OF CASH BOND(S) FOR STREET OPENING – TOLL BROTHERS, INC.**

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley Fire Company from Joseph Edward Longo.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and forward to the Long Valley Fire Company.

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Long Valley First Aid Squad	Tricky Tray	06/08/2005
Long Valley First Aid Squad	Draw Raffle	09/05/2005

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**

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

September 15, 2004 Work Session
January 12, 2005 Work Session

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

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**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-101-05 - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY FOR FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES

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

Comm. Cullen recused himself from the discussions concerning the Township of Washington School District and the West Morris Regional School District annual budgets.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for questions and concerns concerning the regional school budget.

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

RESOLUTION #R-102-05 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF THE WEST MORRIS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 2005/2006 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Cullen

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for questions and concerns concerning the Washington Township School District budget.

Mr. Jim Bean, 22 Middlesworth Farm Road, stated that cutting the "Facilities Manager" position is a foolish move. Somebody has to make sure that things are getting done when they are supposed to be getting done.

Ms. Kelly Werth, 17 Tall Timber Drive, stated concern that \$431,000 was cut from the K-8 budget and only \$127,000 was cut from the high school budget.

Mr. Craig Carpath, 15 Evita Terrace, stated that the lack of a "Supervisor of Instruction" position is the reason that Washington Township has fallen out of the top 10% of schools according to the State Report Card. He stated that we do have a lot of good teachers, but there are also many teachers that need to be monitored. He feels that it is hurting the students not to have a Supervisor of Instruction.

Mr. Kevin Ned, 65 Kim Lane, stated the Township could have subscription bussing instead of all students being bussed.

Ms. Michelle Skurchak, 8 Salisbury Lane, requested that the position of "Supervisor of Instruction" be reconsidered. She stated that a grant writer is very important.

Ms. Kristin Forrester, 17 Stony Brook Road, stated that cutting the "Supervisor of Instruction" position does directly affect the students. She stated that a "grant writing" position should be considered.

Mr. Richard Adalise, 49 Ascot Drive, stated that according to his calculations, the average homeowner will only save about \$36-\$40 per year. He feels that if the voters realized this, they would realize that the tax savings do not justify the cuts being made.

Ms. Mary Markowitz, Cindy Lane, stated that for a new school to open without library books is unacceptable. She does not feel that there should be any budget cuts.

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

SENIOR CENTER – OUTSIDE USAGE – The Township Committee agreed to the guidelines recommended by the Recreation Committee as to what outside organizations would have use of the Senior Center at no charge. The Committee requested that the supplies paid for by the Township not be used by these organizations and that Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann be responsible for scheduling outside usage.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER – NEXTEL – The Township Committee agreed to allow Nextel to perform a test at Peter Carroll Field to determine if the site is appropriate for a telecommunications tower.

SOIL TESTING CONSULTANT – The Township Committee agreed to amend the ordinance to establish the position of soil consultant to review all the Township's soil disturbance permits.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT - The Township Committee discussed the disposition of police cars that are no longer needed for use by the police.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #R-110A-05 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
LAND ACQUISITION: LILLIS
PERSONNEL: RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Comm. Kaiser, seconded by Comm. Tobin 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 10:44 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk