

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Deputy Clerk 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.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION – Scouts Ryan Gelsing and David Huson presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for an Eagle Scout project they are undertaking.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARKS ASSESSMENT – Parks & Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt introduced Ms. Kara Guarini who had just completed a 10 week internship pursuant to a grant received from the Langdon Palmer Memorial Internship Program. Ms. Guarini made a presentation to the Township Committee detailing how she had prepared an inventory and started a master plan of the fields and recreation sites in town.

WMRHS – SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION – Mr. Jeff Emery, Member of the West Morris High School Regional Board of Education, gave a presentation to the Township Committee on the current status of the construction project at the high school and explained the special school election question seeking authorization to spend up to \$2 million of capital reserve money, if it is needed, as a fallback position in case the bids on the construction project come in over budget.

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

ORDINANCES

WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE – The Township Committee discussed a letter received from the Washington Township Police Department requesting a change in the wording of the weight limit ordinance which would better enable them to enforce the weight limits throughout the Township.

COAH ORDINANCE - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON" at the September 19, 2005 meeting.

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE BOARD & COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS - Members of the Township Committee will interview a candidate for appointment to the Environmental Commission on September 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

OXYGEN USAGE – The Township Committee discussed a memo received from Township Administrator Dianne Gallets comparing the cost of purchasing oxygen cylinders to the cost of renting them.

PALMER PARK PARKING – The Township Committee discussed a rewritten version of the Memorandum of Agreement submitted by West Morris Central High School regarding using Palmer Park for student parking during the construction period.

CELL TOWER – WTPD – The Township Committee discussed a letter received from a Verizon Wireless consultant regarding locating a telecommunications tower at the Police Department site.

FUEL CAP RELIEF – The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution supporting a one-year cap exception for municipalities due to unanticipated costs resulting from the effects of hurricane Katrina.

TEEN CENTER FURNACE – The Township Committee discussed the \$4,624 estimate received to replace the furnace in the Teen Center. The Committee requested estimates for repair as well as additional replacement estimates.

POLLING PLACE CHANGE – The Township Committee discussed a letter received from the Morris County Board of Elections changing the polling place for Districts 4 and 5 from Old Farmers Road School to the Municipal Building.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE – The Washington Township Committee agreed with Chief Ehrenburg’s recommendation that Howard Ghetti receive a uniform allowance for his dual role of Communications Specialist/Supervisor and Animal Control Officer.

FORMAL RENAMING OF FALCON FIELDS – The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution formally changing the name of Falcon Fields to Harrington Park. They will also hold a formal unveiling ceremony of the new sign for the park on a date not yet determined.

USE OF TOWNSHIP VEHICLES – The Township Committee reviewed and updated the current policy in place to manage the use of township vehicles.

PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION – The Township Committee approved the hiring of Ms. Karin Meloro for the replacement position of Administrative Assistant for the Parks & Recreation Department.

MOTOR POOL SHOP FOREMAN POSITION – The Township Committee discussed the recommendation of Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Frech to promote Pool Crew Chief Joe Malson to the position of Motor Pool Shop Foreman and also Mr. Frech’s request to fill the position vacated by Craig Butts, who resigned in May, 2005.

CAPITAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – The Township Committee reviewed a memo received from Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Frech updating them on the status of the capital road improvements.

POLICE 9-1-1 GRANT APPLICATION – The Washington Township Committee will consider a resolution on September 19, 2005 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services to comply with Wireless Phase II requirements for plotting the location of a 9-1-1 caller and to increase the safety factor for our residents and those who travel through the ninety-four square miles covered.

CWA LOCAL 1032 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – Comm. Kaiser and Administrator/Clerk Gallets will handle negotiations between Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO, Local 1032 and the Township of Washington.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #R-164-05 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES UTILIZED IN PROTECTING THE SAFETY
AND PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC: POLICE INVESTIGATION
LAND ACQUISITION: COVALESKY

Motion was made by Comm. Kaiser, seconded by Comm. Walsh 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 9:49 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.