

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, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen,
Assistant Administrator Burd, 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

**RO-38-05 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS TO
AMEND CHAPTER 164, SOIL REMOVAL**

Note: The Public Hearing on this ordinance was held on September 19, 2005.

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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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 164, SOIL REMOVAL be adopted 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-39-05 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OWNED BY 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 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OWNED BY 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 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OWNED BY 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-40-05 - BOND ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS (BORGENICHT PROPERTY) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS (BORGENICHT PROPERTY) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Attorney Jansen noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

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 MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS (BORGENICHT PROPERTY) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$133,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 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 November 21, 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 by summary 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-41-05 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE "OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND" INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE "OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND" 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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE "OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND" 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 November 21, 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-42-05 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT 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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE "RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE" OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT 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 November 21, 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

**RESOLUTION #R-194-05 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES
NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letters from Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen and Ms. Kate Anson, Special Assistant of Giuliani Partners, stating that due to a prior commitment, Mayor Giuliani will be unable to attend the Washington Township Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on May 29, 2006.

Letter from Acting Governor Richard J. Codey, acknowledging receipt of our resolution supporting a one-year fuel cost cap exception for municipalities due to unanticipated costs resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

Letter from DOT Commissioner Jack Lettiere stating that Washington Township will receive 2006 Municipal Aid Program funding in the sum of \$150,000 for improvements to Flocktown Road.

Letter from DEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell stating Washington Township will receive \$12,233.05 as its 2006 in-lieu-of tax payment for state and nonprofit owned open space within our community.

Letter from Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner Charles A. Richman stating Washington Township will receive a grant of \$7,010 from the Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Program.

Letter from Messrs. Edward A. Merton and Marc E. Merton of the Edward Merton Paving & Excavating Company with a donation in the sum of \$2,245.00 to cover the cost of a sign to be erected at Harrington Park honoring Mr. Bill Harrington.

Card stating the family of Jack Borgenicht appreciates and acknowledges the Township Committee's kind expressions of sympathy.

Letter from Vice President Thomas G. Dallessio of the Regional Plan Association, acknowledging the efforts of Technical Specialist Bob Kelly and our administrative staff, who set up the Raritan Highlands Compact presentation held at the municipal building on September 22, 2005.

Letter from Mr. Joe Logan, Chairman of the Senior Citizens Advisory Council, praising Recreation and Senior Citizen Department employees who organized and hosted the October 5, 2005 Seashore Excursion.

Letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection from Municipal Utilities Authority Executive Director Thomas Horn, submitting a Highlands Applicability Determination application for approval of the construction of approximately 3500 feet of sanitary sewer along Fawnridge Drive.

Letter from Michael Kovacs, Vice President of Ecol Sciences, Inc., stating that Ecol Sciences is seeking a Highlands Applicability Determination on behalf of Washington Township for proposed drainage improvements along Flocktown Road.

ADOPTION OF NEW GREEN ACRES RULES - Comm. Tobin stated that the League of Municipalities is opposed to the new Green Acres rules. Mayor Short stated that the Township Committee is also opposed to the new Green Acres rules. Mayor Short stated that the Township Committee received a resolution, which was adopted by the Township of Randolph, which addressed their concerns with the new Green Acres rules. Mayor Short stated that it is the consensus of the Township Committee to adopt a similar resolution at the November 21, 2005 Work Session Meeting.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY - Assistant Administrator Burd will provide a draft copy of the new Tuition Reimbursement Policy for 2006 to Technical Specialist Raymond Kenny.

Motion was made by Comm. Cullen to approve Technical Specialist Raymond Kenny's request to be covered by the Washington Township Tuition Reimbursement Policy dated December 1, 1994 for courses in Management of Technology that he is taking at DeSales University, with the understanding that if there is an interruption in continuous enrollment of more than one year, he will be required to come back to the Township Committee for another approval.

Motion seconded by Comm. Tobin. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

POLICE RETIREMENTS - Chief Ehrenburg supplied the Township Committee with a spread sheet, indicating which Police officers are eligible for retirement. He will make recommendations on appointments at the November 16, 2005 Work Session Meeting.

Mayor Short stated that college degree requirements for new police officers hired will be discussed at the November 16, 2005 Work Session Meeting.

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

Kevin Nedd, 65 Kim Lane - suggested that military service also be considered when hiring new police officers.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Diane S. Gallets, Clerk