

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Short, Cullen, Nedd, Walsh, Mayor Tobin, CFO Lifer,  
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on December 29, 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 Senior Citizen Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. The location was changed from the Senior Center which had no hot water. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The following operating expense budgets were presented by their Department Heads:

Shade Tree	Tax Collector
Environmental	Tax Assessor
Health	Planning Board
Court	Fire Safety
Public Defender	

All O/E budgets were tentatively approved with the exception of the Health Department which was reduced by \$5,250 and the Court which was reduced by \$1,000. A four wheel drive vehicle was discussed for the Health Department, and a language line was discussed for the Court. There will be further discussion on these items and all other Form IV submissions after the Township Committee has reviewed all operating expense budgets.

In addition, the Construction Official gave an overview of his Department's revenues and expenditures as it related to the State Uniform Trust.

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

**Mr. Geoff Price, Planning Board member, 82 Zellars Road** – spoke briefly on the Highlands Act and its impact on the Planning Board Budget.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.**