

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Cullen, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Short

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 3, 2006 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**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SALARIES AND BENEFITS 2006** - The Township Committee will discuss Township Committee salaries and benefits for the year 2006 at the February 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENT** - The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution at the February 20, 2006 Regular Meeting appointing Herbert Carlin as a regular member of the Board of Health.

**FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY - TEWKSBURY REQUEST** - The Township Committee discussed a letter the Fairmount Fire Company sent to Tewksbury Township requesting \$290,000 + in funds and equipment. Comm. Cullen has a meeting scheduled with Jesse Landon, Administrator of Tewksbury Township on February 22, 2006 to discuss Fairmount Fire Company's request.

**PASCAL PROPERTY** - The Township Committee discussed a letter from the Morris County Agriculture Development Board stating that the township's application to sell a development easement, Fairmount Land Corp. is off the Farmland Preservation list. Comm. Walsh and Administrator Gallets will meet with John Crator to come up with a plan for the property. Comm. Walsh and Mayor Tobin will appear before the Agriculture Development Board, to request that the property be kept on the Farmland Preservation list for consideration.

**ARANEO SIGHT DISTANCE** The Araneo Driveway Sight Distance Waiver request has been scheduled for the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**RECREATION CAMPS AND CLINICS** - The Township Committee discussed Attorney Jansen's letter dated January 20, 2006 with reference to the Recreation Committee camps and clinics.

**SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMIT - MORITZ & CO.** - The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution at the February 20, 2006 Regular Meeting authorizing the issuance of a Soil Disturbance Permit to Moritz & Co. for the movement of soil from Block 33, Lot 3.14 to Raritan Township, Hunterdon County.

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

**FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY - TRAINING** - Dave Siedel, Assistant Chief, requested that the Township Committee reimburse the Fairmount Fire Company for the charges to train volunteers in CPR that were denied payment in 2005. The Township Committee agreed to reimburse the Fairmount Fire Company \$855.00 for CPR training fees paid to Jacqueline S. Leach.

**SCHEDULE GRIEVANCE HEARING** - Mayor Tobin instructed Administrator Gallets to advertise the grievance hearing for the March 15, 2006 Work Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m., with an alternate date of March 20, 2006, Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. to hear a grievance from Sgt. Almer.

**LIQUOR LICENSE TIMELINE** - The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution authorizing the issuance of a new plenary retail consumption license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to the highest qualified bidder at the February 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**JOINT COMMUNICATIONS/ DISPATCHING AGREEMENTS** - Administrator Gallets advised the Township Committee that she has received the contract from Mr. Jansen's office for Joint Communication/Dispatching Agreement with Chester Township, Chester Borough and Mendham Township. Administrator Gallets advised the Township Committee that Washington Township is seeking a 3 year agreement that would provide a more equitable share of the labor costs only. Mayor Tobin instructed Administrator Gallets to prepare a cover letter, which he will hand deliver to the Mayor of Chester Township, Chester Borough and Mendham Township, along with the contracts, with a copy to the Business Administrator, inviting them to a meeting on March 2, 2006 between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department training room to discuss the contracts.

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

**Dave Sidel - Assistant Chief Fairmount Fire Company - 30 Old Farmers Road** Mr. Sidel advised the Township Committee that the Fairmount Fire Company have almost finished preparing the specs for the 2007 tanker replacement, which will be sent to Mr. Jansen for his review.

**Mayor Tobin** - Advised Mr. Sidel that the Township Committee has not completed the Capital Budget at this time. Mayor Tobin suggested that Mr. Sidel hold onto the specs until the budget discussions are completed.

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

**SENIOR ADVISORY SURVEY** - The Township Committee agreed to have the Senior Citizens Activities included in the Municipal Directory Newsletter.

**LIBRARY WELL PROBLEMS** - The Township Committee discussed a letter received from the Library Board of Trustees with reference to experiencing sediment after the Road Department replaced the well pump at the Library. Administrator Galletts suggested that we have our Plumbing Inspector, Steve Cianci, inspect the well and make a list of recommendations that the Library Board can do to correct the problem.

**SOIL DISTURBANCE WAIVER REQUEST** - Mayor Tobin advised the Township Committee that Mr. Jansen is waiting for additional information.

**SENATE BILL 319 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 1030** - The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution at the February 20, 2006 Regular Meeting opposing Senate Bill 319 and Assembly Bill 1030, which would amend the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act to prohibit the unilateral changing of the terms and conditions of employment by the public employer.

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

**RESOLUTION #R-32-06**                    **EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES IN PROTECTING PUBLIC**  
**SAFETY; POLICE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**  
**LAND ACQUISITION; BOYLE PROPERTY**  
**ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE; LIQUOR LICENSE**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Nedd, Cullen, Walsh, Mayor Tobin                    **ABSTENTIONS:** None                    **ABSENT:** Comm. Short  
**NAYS:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.**

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**Diane S. Galletts, Clerk**