

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Cullen

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**

**ACCEPT NOTICE OF RETIREMENT**

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Nedd that the following notice of retirement be accepted:

**Ted Ehrenburg – Police Chief, Washington Township Police Department, effective March 15, 2006**

Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Cullen

**RESOLUTION #R-46-06 - APPOINTMENT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin.

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Cullen

Michael Bailey was sworn in by Administrator Gallets as Washington Township Chief of Police.

**Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments on any matter. There being no questions or comments Mayor Tobin closed the meeting to the public.**

**ORDINANCES**

**PATRIOT'S PATH EXTENSION** - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of 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 \$10,000 FROM THE "OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND" at the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**GROWTH SHARE ORDINANCE** - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled - "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS INCREASING THE TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH SHARE OBLIGATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING" at the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

**DISPATCHER REPLACEMENT** - The Township Committee agreed to consider a resolution entitled - "APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS" to appoint two (2) Part-Time Communication Officers at the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**MORRIS COUNTY INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM** - The Township Committee will discuss whether or not to adopt a resolution entitled - " RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR ACCESS TO THE MORRIS COUNTY INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM" at the April 12, 2006 Work Session Meeting.

**PETER CARROLL FIELD** - The Township Committee agreed to rededicate and rename the Babe Ruth Field at Rock Spring Park to Peter Carroll.

**TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** - Deputy Administrator Burd advised the Township Committee that she received a request from the Historic Preservation Committee for more space this year in the Township Directory. Deputy Administrator Burd also informed the Township Committee that it is her goal to phase out the Township Directory in the near future and post the Township Directory on the township's web site.

**Mayor Tobin** - The Township Committee agreed to instruct Deputy Administrator Burd to put a notice on the cover of the 2006 Municipal Directory that the Township Committee is going to phase the Municipal Directory out in the calendar year 2007 with the intent of going totally electronic.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ADVISORY MEMBERS** - Attorney Jansen advised the Township Committee that the Historic Preservation Commission is a creature of statute and the enabling legislation specifically provides for the number of members and the number of alternates. The statute provides that the Historic Preservation Commission shall consist of 5, 7 or 9 regular members and 2 alternate members. Attorney Jansen advised the our ordinance now provides for 7 regular members and 2 alternate members. Attorney Jansen further advised the Township Committee that they have the ability to amend the ordinance to create 2 more regular member positions. Mayor Tobin instructed Administrator Gallets to find out if we currently have 7 regular members and 2 alternate members, on the Commission and to report back to the Township Committee, prior to the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**COMMUNITY CENTER STATUS UPDATE** - Committee Short updated the Township Committee on the status of the Community Center. Comm. Short advised the Township Committee that he e-mailed Comm. Cullen a copy of the updates.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS** - The Township Committee will discuss the conservation easements at the April 12, 2006 Work Session Meeting.

**FIREWORKS** - Comm. Walsh stated that he would like to form a non-profit entity, Washington Township Community Events Organization. Comm. Walsh stated that they have 15 volunteers and the mission behind the group will be to run community events in the township that fund themselves, after receiving the initial seed money. The Education Association decided that they didn't have the resources to move on with the Fall Festival this year. Comm. Walsh stated that he is seeking \$5,000.00 as part of the budget process as a one time seed money for fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival.

**Attorney Jansen** - stated the Township Committee can put on a fireworks display. They can spend taxpayers dollars to hold a recreational activity for their citizens.

**Attorney Jansen** - advised Comm. Walsh that, in order to avoid any potential conflicts, he should not serve as a member of the Community Events Organization, but rather should act as a liaison.

The Township Committee agreed to spend \$5000.00 for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival.

**TRAIL EASEMENT - HARRINGTON PARK** - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled - "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT ACROSS CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE COUNTY OF MORRIS" at the March 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

**MOVIE NIGHT - RECREATION TRUST FUND** - The Township Committee agreed to allow the Recreation Committee to use \$2,000 for Movie Night, which will be taken out of the Recreation Trust Fund.

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

**RESOLUTION #R-47-06 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; DISPATCHING AGREEMENTS; WEST MORRIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:23 p.m.**

**The Township Committee adjourned at 10:24 p.m.**

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**Diane S. Gallets, Clerk**