

The Regular 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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 9, 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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE MICHAEL BAILEY IS SWORN IN BY CLERK GALLETS

GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION –Doreen Foreman, Troop Leader of Troop #831, presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for a Girl Scout Gold Award project her troop is undertaking.

Comm. Cullen recused himself from the discussion concerning the Township of Washington School District's Annual Budget.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. James Harmon, Chairman - Finance and Facilities, Washington Township Board of Education, presented budget goals for this year. He stated the administration has been charged with building an austere budget. Their overall per pupil spending is among the lowest in the county and the state. He stated the Board also made a commitment several years ago to maintain and invest in our facility in terms of capital projects. This year they have allocated roughly \$319,000 for enhancing the schools. Mr. Harmon stated that the general fund budget is up 2.9% this year or a little bit over \$1 million, offset by decreases in special revenue which was down \$300,000 - this is money from the Federal Government and other sources - and debt service which was also down \$600,000. The overall district budget for next year is a little over \$39 million, which is approximately \$200,000 over the current year. In terms of property taxes, the increase is \$1.68 per \$100 of assessed value. Mr. Harmon noted that they have not yet received their state aid numbers.

RO-03-06 – 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” – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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 \$10,000 FROM THE “OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND” be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

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 \$10,000 FROM THE “OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND” be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-60-06 - AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A RIDER TO THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT – BLACK OAK GOLF CLUB, LLC

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – OLD FARMERS ROAD SCHOOL PTA, INC.**

An application has been received from the Old Farmers Road School PTA, Inc. for a School Fair to be held on May 5, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Old Farmers Road School, 51 Old Farmers Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County, Inc.	Fifty-Fifty	04/22/2006
The Garden Club of Long Valley	Tricky Tray	04/23/2006
The Garden Club of Long Valley	Draw Raffle	05/13/2006

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION PORCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**

An application has been received from the Northern New Jersey Region Porche Club of America for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on November 5, 2006 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge at Schooley's Mountain, Camp Washington Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the applicant for submission to Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Educational Foundation for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on April 30, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Caruso's Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar, 1 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the applicant for submission to Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

December 19, 2005 Regular Meeting
January 7, 2006 Reorganization Meeting
January 12, 2006 Special Meeting
January 16, 2006 Regular Meeting

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Tax Collector

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen on the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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DISCUSSION

FIRE TRUCK SPECIFICATIONS - Comm. Short recommended that the Committee hire an outside consulting firm to review the fire truck specifications to see if there is anything extra on the truck that is not needed. Mayor Tobin directed Clerk Gallets to provide the Committee with further information regarding the consulting firm's credentials at the March 23, 2006 budget meeting, at which time a decision will be made regarding whether to hire them.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

- ◆Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan review letter from Director Joseph P. Dunn representing the Morris County Soil Conservation District, requesting that a revised application be submitted for the Cucinella School.
- ◆Letter from Mr. James A. Harding, Manager of the NJDOT Bureau of Local Aid District 1, stating fiscal year 2006 Municipal Aid Program funding in the sum of \$150,000 has been awarded to Washington Township for improvements to Flocktown Road.
- ◆Letter from Administrator Dorothy P. Guzzo of the Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office, stating the Miller-Rinehart Farmstead, 72 Hacklebarney Road, was entered onto the New Jersey Register of Historic Places on November 18, 2005.
- ◆Letter from MUA Executive Director Thomas F. Horn, with a public notice stating that the NJDEP has approved a Capacity Assurance Program prepared for the Schooley's Mountain Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has reached or exceeded 80 percent of the permitted capacity to handle present and future sewage needs.
- ◆Letter to Municipal Attorney John P. Jansen, Esquire from Brian W. Mason, Esquire of Nuzzi & Mason, LLC, representing the Chester Borough Council, requesting information related to dispatching services.
- ◆Preliminary Equalization Table for the County of Morris for the Year 2006.
- ◆Final Equalization Table for the County of Morris for the Year 2006.

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Mr. John Notte – President West Morris Regional High School District stated Mendham High School has a resource officer during the school year which they share with the Mendham Police Department. He stated it works out very well, and they would like to have a shared service situation between West Morris High School and the Washington Township Police Department as well. The officer would be used during health classes for information on drugs, during drivers education classes, and to direct traffic before/after school. The officer would be a presence in the building and would build a relationship with the students – not as a threat, but as somebody they can talk to.

Mayor Tobin requested the Committee receive the request in writing, at which time a meeting with the Chief of Police would be arranged.

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-58-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE: GRIEVANCE HEARING;
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: JOINT COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:11p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk