

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:03 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Short, Cullen, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Assistant Administrator Burd, Deputy Clerk Madden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on December 30, 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.

### **ORDINANCES**

**LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD ORDINANCE** – The Township Committee discussed revisions suggested by the First Aid Squad. Not all of the suggestions were acceptable to the Committee. Mr. Cullen will meet with the Squad.

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### **DISCUSSION**

**TASK FORCE INDEMNIFICATION** – The Township Committee agreed to consider a resolution at the September 18, 2006 meeting urging the State to provide for the defense and indemnification of municipal police officers and police departments voluntarily serving on State and County law enforcement task forces.

**DRIVEWAY WAIVER** – The Township Committee discussed a driveway sight distance waiver request which was denied by the Advisory Driveway Ordinance Waiver Review Board. At the request of the applicant, The Committee agreed to invite the applicant and his attorney to appear at the October Work Session.

**PUBLIC INTERVIEWS** - The Township Committee discussed appropriate protocol for radio/newspaper interviews.

**2007 BUDGET PROCESS** – The Township Committee discussed the 2006 budget process and whether any modification should be made for 2007.

**COMMUNICATION GROUP** – Comm. Nedd will represent Washington Township in a new communications group that will be started within the Board of Education which will reach out to a variety of members of the community in an attempt to open up additional lines of communication outside of the regular Board Meetings.

**LOSAP SUBMISSION POLICY** – The Township Committee discussed the policy covering the submission of all LOSAP information. Comm. Cullen will make a presentation at the "Chiefs' Meeting" in October.

**ROUTE 57 EXTENSION** – The Township Committee discussed the Route 57 Extension. There is no change in the Committee's position, they are still not in favor of it.

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK** – Assistant Administrator Burd distributed draft copies of the Washington Township Employee Handbook for review by the Committee. Ms. Burd stated that Washington Township's insurance fund will allow the Township a \$10,000 deductible as opposed to a \$50,000 deductible on any employee practices liability claims if we include all of their required policies in the Township's Employee Handbook.

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**Comm. Nedd** stated that he had sat in on a School Board meeting where the NJ ASK scores were presented and they were overwhelmingly impressive. He would like representatives from the school system to come in and present an overview on those scores.

**Comm. Nedd** stated that we have received a grant for historical preservation of records. He stated that some of these records are already on the internet.

**Comm. Short** stated that we have received a Smart Growth Grant for \$10,000 to be used for Downtown Improvement.

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION #R-160-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: COMMUNITY CENTER;  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: ST. CLARE’S  
LAND ACQUISITION: LANCE  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: HEALTH BENEFITS**

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, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Walsh

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:58 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.**

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Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk