

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of Washington was called to order by Administrator Gallets at 9:12 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen, Walsh, Nedd

OTHERS PRESENT: Comm. Elect Tobin, Comm. Elect Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Asst. 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 13, 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

INVOCATION

In the absence of Father Michael Drury, the Washington Township Fire Department Chaplin, Mayor Walsh offered an invocation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SWORN IN BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Administrator Gallets administered the oath of office to Tracy Tobin and Kenneth W. Short.

TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2007

Comm. Tobin nominated Comm. Walsh to serve as Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2007. The motion was seconded by Comm. Short. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW MAYOR TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR FOR 2007

Comm. Short nominated Comm. Tobin to serve as Vice Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2007. The motion was seconded by Comm. Cullen. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS

Administrator Gallets administered oaths of office for the year 2007 to Washington Township Fire Department First Deputy Chief Kurt Wanner, officers of the Fairmount Fire Company, Long Valley Fire Company, Schooley's Mountain Fire Protection Association, and the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE - 2007

Mayor Walsh stated he is touched and honored to take office. He thanked the Committee and the voters of Washington Township. Mayor Walsh is emerging from a difficult year, both personally and professionally. He has gathered strength from these hardships which will help him to meet the future challenges with spirit, energy and resolve. He will lead with this resolve to embrace our Republican values in a fair and equitable manner, stressing

conservatism and fiscal responsibility. We are coming off of a continued year of improvement under Superintendent Scott Frech and the Department of Public Works, managing our 44.4 square miles in a manner second to none. Our Police Department has undergone several changes, including the retirement of the former Chief of Police Ted Ehrenburg, but under the current leadership of Chief Michael Bailey, excellence continues. Washington Township's Recreation Leader, Eleanora Murfitt, is doing a great job with our youth and seniors. Mayor Walsh made special mention of the employees of Washington Township, the silent engine behind a well-oiled machine. He also thanked the Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad who serve us in the spirit of health and wellness.

Mayor Walsh conveyed that we will see a new future in the next twelve months. In this future, we will embrace, as a Committee and Township, change that includes: a new look at fiscal responsibility; the development of an economic committee, a development committee in conjunction with downtown revitalization and the Long Valley Village Association; a line item for budget and our budget for audits, for Fire, First Aid and failed school budgets; and continued pressure on the State and Highlands Council for approval of a golf course that we should be teeing off on this spring. Mayor Walsh also stated that we will look at progressing our Community Center and the cleanup and revenue associated with the Cooper Chemical Plant that continues to be an eyesore and a tax collection nightmare.

Mayor Walsh stated that the challenges in 2007 are great, but the Committee and personnel serving Washington Township are greater. He hoped that everyone would leave that room knowing that if we all step up, even one notch, we make a difference that can forever change the way of life in Washington Township. He asked that everyone walk with him in facing the challenges before us, and becoming part of the solution in a Township whose role and historic roots are the envy of this great state.

Mayor Walsh introduced and acknowledged Assemblyman Guy Gregg, Assemblywoman Allison McHose, Morris County Freeholder Director Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder Jack Schrier, Freeholder and Denville Mayor Gene Feyl, Freeholder and Wharton Mayor Bill Chegwiddden, Mount Arlington Mayor Art Ondish, Morris County Parks Leader Russ Felter, and John Hennessy.

Mayor Walsh suspended the meeting to allow for a refreshment break.

INVOCATION

Father Michael Drury, the Washington Township Fire Department Chaplin, offered an invocation.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Alan Thompson – Chairman, Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, effective January 31, 2007

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Short that the foregoing resignation be accepted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION #R-01-07 - DESIGNATION OF THE OBSERVER TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 2007

Comm. Cullen stated he is not happy with the coverage *The Observer Tribune* has been giving Washington Township. He suggested that *The Daily Record* be investigated as a possible replacement. Attorney Jansen commented that he needs to check on whether there is a legal requirement that *The Observer Tribune* be the official paper for Township announcements.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be tabled to the January 10, 2007 Work Session. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION #R-02-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – JANSEN & DE BONA, LLC

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

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

***RESOLUTION #R-03-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – AUDITING SERVICES – NISIVOCCIA & COMPANY, LLP**

***RESOLUTION #R-04-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – ANDERSON & DENZLER ASSOCIATES**

***RESOLUTION #R-05-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-06-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES - BOLLINGER, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-07-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – PERSONNEL RELATIONS COUNSEL – SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC**

***RESOLUTION #R-08-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – DORSEY & SEMRAU**

***RESOLUTION #R-09-07 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-10-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES – NORTON CONSERVATION COMPANY, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-11-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONSULTING SERVICES – DENNIS BERTLAND ASSOCIATES**

***RESOLUTION #R-12-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – APPRAISAL SYSTEMS, INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-13-07 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING SERVICES – ASSOCIATED CONSULTANTS**

***RESOLUTION #R-14-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – APPRAISAL CONSULTANTS CORP.**

***RESOLUTION #R-15-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – FARMLAND INSPECTIONS AND REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES – DICKINSON & MC CORMICK, INC.**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS:

None

ABSENT:

None

RESOLUTION #R-16-07 - NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AS PER CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF NEW JERSEY

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-17-07 - TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-18-07 - APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP POSITIONS – 2007

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-19-07 - APPOINTMENTS - MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE FOR 2007

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-21-07 - APPOINTMENTS - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – 2007

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-22-07 - DATE AND DAYS FOR REGULAR AND WORK MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 2007

Comm. Tobin requested that the Regular and Work Meetings of the Township Committee for 2007 commence at 7:30 p.m. rather than at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-23-07 – SALARIES – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 469 AND THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOREMAN’S ASSOCIATION

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

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

**RESOLUTION #R-24-07 - DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS –
2007**

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

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

RESOLUTION #R-25-07 - RATE OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES - 2007

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Council on Affordable Housing Executive Director Lucy Voorhoeve, with COAH Compliance Report recommending approval of Washington Township’s petition for third round substantive certification on January 10, 2007.

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

DISCUSSION

THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL

Mayor Walsh asked if the Committee was ready for a discussion regarding the Highlands Council. Comm. Short stated they were not in a such a position as they are waiting for the Highlands Council to set a date for a Highlands presentation. Mayor Walsh confirmed the involvement of the Planning Board, the Health Department and the Environmental Commission. Comm. Short stated that the date of the presentation will be provided at the Thursday Budget Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #R-20-07 - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, VARIOUS BOARD/
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk