

February 19, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Walsh at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen, Short, Tobin, Nedd, Mayor Walsh, Attorney Jansen, Asst. Attorney De Bona, 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 8, 2007 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

PUBLIC HEARING – COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Charles Smith, Director of Government and Community Affairs, made a presentation to the Township Committee to consider the renewal of the cable franchise with the Township for a 10 year period. This public hearing will be continued on March 13, 2007.

PROCLAMATION – READ ACROSS AMERICA - Mayor Walsh read in to the record a Proclamation stating that the citizens of Washington Township are firmly committed to promoting reading as a catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for future careers, and their ability to compete in a global environment.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD - Mayor Walsh, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented a plaque to Scout Meghan C. Sullivan in recognition of her achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

Daniel C. McGuire, Director, Headquarters Development Division, made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding affordable senior housing to be constructed and managed by Homeless Solutions, a non-profit organization serving Morris County. He discussed the funding sources for the Drakestown/Lotus Land proposed partnership for the construction of 10 rental units. Homeless Solutions is seeking the Township's consent to an assignment of the agreement between the Township and Lotus Land Corp. As a 501C(3) project, taxes will be assessed on the property but at a lower rate. A Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program will be discussed at a future date.

***Comm. Tobin recused himself from the U.S. Homes/HMUA discussion at 7:45 P.M.**

U.S. HOMES – WELL HOUSE – HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Bruce Smith, Director, and Fletcher Platt, Engineer, made a presentation to the Township Committee to consider an exception to a conservation easement, with subsequent approval by the Planning Board for the construction of a well, well house and generator. The proposed site is across from Heath Village, with the structures built to blend in with the environment. Comm. Short stated his concern over the payment to HMUA for water that the HMUA is taking from the Washington Township well site, and charging the Township to pump it back to our Fire Hydrants. Mayor Walsh suggested that HMUA consider offsetting the costs associated with our fire hydrant water use, for the use of the well house within the conservation easement. Comm. Nedd stated that the initial well was dug before a conservation easement was in place. In order to protect U.S. Homes, HMUA was willing to leave the well site. Comm. Nedd further explained that it was the Planning Board which considered the use of this well as a back up well, and proposed that the concept be pursued by HMUA. A waiver of Washington Township's hydrant fees for the next ten years will be brought to the HMUA Board for their consideration. This matter will be revisited at the March Work Session.

***Comm. Tobin returned to the meeting at 7:50 P.M.**

RO-01-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, FIRE DEPARTMENT – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, FIRE DEPARTMENT be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

***ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS**

That the following resignations be accepted:

Diane Laracuenté – Minute Typist, Administration, effective January 22, 2007
Pauline Copeland – Secretary, Department of Public Works, effective February 23, 2007
Nicholas Paglia – Part Time Communications Officer, Police Department, effective February 2, 2007

***RESOLUTION #R-57-07 – ACCEPT DEVELOPMENT ON TO MAINTENANCE – SETTLER’S RIDGE - FERTAKOS & COMPANY INC.**

***RESOLUTION #R-58-07 – AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND - MIDDLESWORTH FARMS**

***RECORDING OF DEEDS**

That the following deeds be accepted and that the Attorney be authorized to record subject deeds:

Cowperwaite Square Inc. to The Township of Washington	Right of Way	- Block 46, Portion of Lot 53.04
Michelle Ann Guglielmi Migliaccio to The Township of Washington	Conservation Easement Deed of Dedication	- Block 20, Lot 81 - Block 20, Lot 81

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	08/11/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	08/18/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	08/25/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/01/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/02/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/08/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/09/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/15/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/16/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/22/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/23/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/29/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	09/30/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/06/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/07/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/13/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/14/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/20/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/21/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/27/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	10/28/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	11/03/2007
Long Valley Raiders Football Association	Fifty-Fifty	11/04/2007
Old Farmers Road School PTA	Tricky Tray	06/01/2007
Old Farmers Road School PTA	Draw Raffle	06/01/2007
Long Valley Woman’s Club	Fifty-Fifty	02/24/2007
Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County	Fifty-Fifty	11/03/2007

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.

***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Jacob Arthur Hoskin.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for junior membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Ryan Granat.

That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Fairmount Fire Company.

***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 June 1, 2007 from 4:30 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.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LAND TRUST OF MORRIS COUNTY, INC.**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County, Inc. for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on April 21, 2007 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.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

That the following minutes be approved and placed on file in the Municipal Clerk's office:

December 13, 2006 Work Session

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-44-07 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

The foregoing resolution was amended to include Howard D. Popper as a regular member of the Environmental Commission, and Kathleen Smith as the Chairman of the Environmental Commission.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-45-07 – AWARD BID – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION – BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CAMP – COMPLETE PLAYER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CAMP

