

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,
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

2007 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD PRESENTATION – Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Eileen Stokes presented six awards for historic preservation efforts.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Walsh, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read aloud a proclamation honoring Volunteer Firefighter Jeff Lloyd for thirty-five years of dedicated service.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS – Comm. Nedd, Cullen, and Tobin, on behalf of Mayor Walsh and the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scouts Andrew Scott Hoffman, Gregory Minerowicz, and Kevin Clayton Strawn respectively.

RO-11-07 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)** be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING – 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Township Committee held a public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget. Comm. Nedd read a statement thanking his fellow Committeemen and the leadership of the district and regional school boards for their hard work and commitment to addressing our state's top issue, property tax reform. There were no further public questions or comments.

RESOLUTION #R-84-07 – ADOPT 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-12-07 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,315,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,315,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-13-07 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-14-07 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-15-07 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON BLOCK 60, LOTS 1 AND 5 OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON BLOCK 60, LOTS 1 AND 5 OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-16-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on June 18, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Walsh opened the meeting to the public.

Amy Ritchie, 7 Salisbury Lane, stated that they have raised the majority of the \$85,000 needed to install the Cucinella playground equipment. Mayor Walsh commended Ms. Ritchie and those concerned individuals who made efforts to this end. He opined that the Township Committee will donate \$2,000 from Committee Projects to complete the amount solicited for the installation.

Comm. Tobin suggested that the Committeemen donate their \$500 salaries toward the completion of the project.

Attorney Jansen stated that the most effective way to donate these funds is to take the salaries and then make personal donations to the project.

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

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

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – GRAPES FOR THE GOOD, INC.**

An application has been received from Grapes for the Good, Inc. for a Wine & Cheese event to be held on June 2, 2007 from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at the Valley Shepherd Creamery located at 50 Fairmount 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.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – FIREWORKS FESTIVAL**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Community Events Organization for a Fireworks Festival to be held on July 7, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Long Valley Middle School, West Mill 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 – GRAPES FOR THE GOOD, INC.**

An application has been received from Grapes for the Good, Inc. of Clinton, New Jersey for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on June 2, 2007 from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at the Valley Shepherd Creamery, 50 Fairmount 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT (MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY)**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Fire Department (Morris County, New Jersey) for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on July 7, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. on property owned by the Township of Washington, 99 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**

January 15, 2007 Regular Meeting
February 19, 2007 Regular Meeting
March 14, 2007 Work Session
March 19, 2007 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

Mayor Walsh asked the members of the Township Committee and the public if they would like any item(s) to be removed from the consent agenda. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen to the Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Blakey, expressing his opposition to the FAA's "preferred airspace redesign alternative" for the New Jersey and New York area.

Certification of School Taxes for the 2007 – 2008 School Year for the West Morris Regional School District.

Letter from the Morris County Agriculture Development Board stating 56.59 acres located at 79 Coleman Road, owned by Mr. John Naughton, has been preserved through the New Jersey Agriculture Retention and Development Program.

Letter to Michael K. Ligorano, Esquire from Municipal Attorney John P. Jansen, stating the Washington Township Committee approved a motion to proceed with the dog park as delineated on the April 16, 2006 plan, and an ordinance establishing rules and regulations will be introduced in the near future.

Letter to Mr. John Weingart, Chairman of the New Jersey Highlands Council from John P. Wyciskala, Esquire, of Stern and Kilcullen, LLC, requesting that the Highlands Council amend the Regional Master Plan by changing the designation of Block 8, Lot 9.02 located on Route 46 West from "Protection Zone" to "Planned Community Zone."

DISCUSSION

HIRING POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2007 – **Comm. Tobin** stated that an opportunity has arisen to hire a third individual who has invested personal funds in his training efforts. Comm. Tobin opined that with the Califon arrangement and the possibility of another retirement in 2008, this individual would be needed. CFO Lifer has indicated that the funds will be available for the hire. The Township Committee approved the hire of an additional police officer effective September 1, 2007.

COMMITTEE PROJECTS – The Township Committee discussed the possibility of allocating \$5,000 toward the Cooper Chemical project, \$2,000 toward the Cucinella playground, and \$20,000 toward the hire of one new Police officer on September 1, 2007.

PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR – Fred Jordon, Zoning and Construction Official, will develop a cost estimate per the Committee's request to hire a part time person to fill this role. Our current vendor's contract will end in June 2007.

COOPER CHEMICAL – Mayor Walsh stated that this location is an environmentally unstable site, and the Township is owed close to \$2,000,000 in back taxes. He opined that efforts should be made to clean up this site. As stated above, the Committee agreed that a \$5,000 expenditure would be a worthwhile expenditure to bring this property to a saleable state.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

SHARED SERVICES – Mayor Walsh stated that an April 30, 2007 Shared Services meeting took place so that utilization of county services could be discussed.

Mayor Walsh requested everyone's attendance at the Health Mayor's Cookoff on June the 6 at the PAL in Parsippany.

Motion was made by Mayor Walsh, seconded by Comm. Short to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk