

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Walsh at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Cullen, Short, Tobin, Mayor Walsh, Attorney Jansen,  
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Nedd

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and The Morristown Daily Record on January 6, 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**

**GOLD AWARD PROJECT PRESENTATION** – Scout Christine Schumaker presented plans to the Township Committee for a Gold Award Project to plant a memorial garden at the Rock Spring Park Senior Center. The project will be undertaken immediately with the assistance of the Garden Club. The Township Committee unanimously approved this project.

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS:**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** – Dale Blum presented for Eileen Stokes, Historic Preservation Chairperson, an overview of their 2007 projects and goals. The Township Committee applauded their preservation efforts in balancing the preservation of historic structures with revitalization, and in educating the community on various programs.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** - Mark Bauerlein, Committee Chairman and Michael Goodhand were not present. Mayor Walsh stated that he had discussions with these individuals with respect to keeping them involved in Committee decisions as they relate to Open Space.

### **AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT - THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC.**

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An application was received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc. for petition to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on August 16, 2007 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and to release it for submission to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Nedd

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### **ORDINANCES**

**GROUND LEASE ORDINANCE** – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A GROUND LEASE ON BLOCK 28, LOT 18.03 TO THE LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD” at the August 20, 2007 regular meeting.

**FIRST AID SQUAD CADET MEMBERSHIP** – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIRST AID SQUAD, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE FOR CADET MEMBERSHIP” at the August 20, 2007 regular meeting.

**LAND USE ORDINANCE (PEACH FARM)** – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS PERMITTED ON A LOT” at the August 20, 2007 regular meeting.

**Mayor Walsh opened the meeting to the Public.**

**LONG VALLEY SIREN:**

**Larry Costa, Long Valley Fire Company** – stated that as a veteran fireman, he is concerned about the elimination of the siren which alerts first responders to respond to emergency situations. He opined that the pagers they carry do not work much of the time due to “dead zones” within the town, making the siren more essential.

**Charlie Davidson, 2 Fieldstone Drive** – stated that as a top responding volunteer to both fire and first aid emergency calls, he agrees with Mr. Costa in his assessment of the pagers and endorsed the importance of the siren.

**Comm. Short** stated that he and Comm. Nedd will obtain further information from both the Fire Companies and First Aid Squad regarding the viability of the pagers and the need for the siren. He opined that this year’s budget has funds allocated toward a survey to determine the effectiveness of the siren as well as other issues. More information is needed before a decision can be made.

**Comm. Tobin** requested that Chief Bailey research whether the dispatch/pager system actually works.

**Jim Rosemensen, Long Valley Fire Company** – stated that he would like the Committee to consult and involve the Fire Department before making any decision.

**Mayor Walsh** stated that if the siren is essential to the safety of the town’s citizens, he endorses its use. He further stated that the Fire Department would be involved with any review that takes place.

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

**DISCUSSION**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – SET UP INTERVIEWS**

The Township Committee set dates for Board and Committee interviews to take place before the August 20, 2007 Regular Meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**REZONING REQUEST - EAST MILL ROAD**

**Comm. Short recused himself from the rezoning request discussion at 8:27 p.m. His office property is close by.**

The Harrington Family has requested that their lot on East Mill Road be rezoned to all commercial. The Township Committee will refer the request to the Planning Board to check for consistency with the Master Plan. If the Planning Board approves this request, the Township Committee will consider the change. The entire area should be looked at.

**Comm. Short returned to the meeting at 8:32 p.m.**

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT/WOODLAND MANAGEMENT**

Approval of the forestry plan will be considered at the August Regular Meeting.

**HIGHLANDS EXEMPTION REQUEST**

**Administrator Gallets** stated that James Fertakos kept three lots which he considers exempt under the Highlands Act. He wants to avoid going to the Department of Environmental Protection for a letter of exemption. This request will be further discussed in closed session.

**TANKER TRUCK**

**Administrator Gallets** and **Assistant Administrator Burd** stated that this vehicle will be placed on open auction (Go deals) before making any decisions regarding a private sale. The Committee agreed that the duty to the taxpayer is to obtain the highest value for the vehicle at disposal. Attorney Jansen agreed that the Committee is required to sell the vehicle for its fair market value. Administrator Burd stated that the next step will be to proceed with the open auction and obtain the highest bid.

**LANG DRIVEWAY**

**Attorney Jansen** stated that he will write a letter to Mr. Lang’s engineer regarding their intentions.

