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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, ARTICLE XXXIV, "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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

RO-20-07 – 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 REGARDING THE MUSCONETCONG AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE - 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE MUSCONETCONG AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE 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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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 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING THE MUSCONETCONG AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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

RO-21-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH A JUNIOR FIREMEN’S AUXILIARY - 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH A JUNIOR FIREMEN’S AUXILIARY 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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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 13, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH A JUNIOR FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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

RO-22-07 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY FOR A CERTAIN POSITION, IN 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 SALARY FOR A CERTAIN POSITION, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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

INSERT ORDINANCE

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 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO NUMBER OF BUILDINGS PERMITTED ON A LOT be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 17, 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.

WTMUA WATER TOWER

Comm. Nedd recused himself from the WTMUA discussion as he lives in the Woods at Long Valley development and is a member of the Homeowners Association.

Steve Mosser, 4 Corine Court stated that the WTMUA was advised by the DEP or EPA approximately ten years ago that before several Washington Township developments were built, without upgrades to the infrastructure, the system would be able to provide an adequate water supply and pressure. He opined that over the past two years the summer months have low or no water pressure. The WTMUA is seeking to erect a water tower on property that has been deeded to the town by the development with the stipulation that it not be built upon. He asked that the Committee challenge the WTMUA as to other venues of upgrading the system and/or researching another location before considering erecting a water tower on a conservation easement. He opined that he and his neighbors are against this location for the construction of a water tower.

Jaime Linares, 6 Janet Drive stated that he was the first resident to move into the Woods development in Long Valley. He stated that there has been no satisfaction regarding the water pressure problem in existence for nine years. He stated his request for no water tower to be erected due to the low water pressure.

Lars Nordmann, 3 Janet Drive stated that engineering solutions should be sought to resolve this problem. He is also against the erection of the water tower on the conservation easement.

Mayor Walsh assured the residents that they have not been approached at this time by the WTMUA, and that every possible solution will be explored with the WTMUA.

Attorney De Bona stated that the Township does not own the property; it has an easement on the property. Therefore the construction of a water tower would require the approval of the Township and the Homeowners Association.

The Township Committee, in conjunction with the Environmental Committee, would like to see a long term solution to this issue from the WTMUA.

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

Comm. Nedd returned to the dais.

RESOLUTION #R-141-07 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

This resolution was discussed later in the meeting after correspondence and there was discussion among the Committee as to the three candidates for the Board of Health and other openings available in the Township.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Mayor Walsh 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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***APPROVE MINUTES**

May 21, 2007 Regular Meeting
June 13, 2007 Work Session
June 18, 2007 Regular Meeting
July 11, 2007 Work Session
July 16, 2007 Regular Meeting

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – LONG VALLEY INN INC.**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn Inc. for petition to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on October 7, 2007 from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and to forward it to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – LONG VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on September 22, 2007 from Noon to 6:00 P.M. at 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.

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

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Kevin Clayton Strawn, Gregory S. Mackenzie and Claudette M. McElroy.

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

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers are 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 of 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

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

***CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

Letter from Mr. Thomas F. Horn, Executive Director of the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, presenting their application to the NJDEP for a Highlands Applicability Determination under the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act rules for property at Naughtright Road.

Letter to the Washington Township Board of Education from Mr. Dave Oster, Section Chief of the NJDEP, stating the Board of Education must comply with remedial requirements related to the contamination of soil at the Flocktown Road School due to a petroleum discharge on April 24, 1993.

Results of Sale of \$2,700,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Renewal – No New Debt).

Explanation of Computed Tax Rates for Washington Township and Certification Schedule of the 2007 General Tax Rate.

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DISCUSSION

PAPERLESS TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Comm. Cullen inquired as to whether the Township Committee could go "Paperless." He also inquired as to whether Washington Township should de-municipalize the library, and whether it was too late to have a referendum question on the November ballot.

SPRINGTOWN DRIVEWAY

Comm. Tobin stated that the entrance to Rock Spring is deteriorating. Using the Township's zipper machine, the estimated cost to repair would be \$8,600. He inquired as to whether the library would like to participate in the cost. He also commented on work being done by the County on Bartley Road.

SCHOOLEY'S MOUNTAIN ROADWORK

Mayor Walsh stated that he inquired as to the completion date of the Schooley's Mountain roadwork. He was informed that it is almost finished.

FIRE TRUCK USE FOR LIGHT BULB CHANGES

Comm. Nedd inquired as to whether light bulbs at Rock Spring Park could be changed using the fire truck. The fire company would accept a small donation. This service is currently outsourced and costs \$1600 to rent the truck.

Mayor Walsh stated that a formal request in writing should be pursued to ensure that a licensed electrician is used, insurance coverage is in place, potential field damage is considered, etc for such a service.

Comm. Cullen suggested that the Recreation Committee be consulted.

E-MAIL MAINTENANCE

Comm. Nedd stated that Administrator Gallets received a OPRA request from Mr. Gregg Jones for copies of Comm. Nedd's e-mails from January 1, 2006 to the present. Comm. Nedd stated that he actively manages his e-mails, and once he has read them, he deletes them. This presents Comm. Nedd with a problem in complying with Mr. Jones' request.

Attorney De Bona stated that the Records Retention Act requires that government records be kept, and that going forward, the Committee should adopt a policy to ensure that e-mails regarding Township business are retained. She opined that government records need to be maintained for seven years in most cases.

Mayor Walsh stated that this issue needs to be addressed immediately as the Township is liable for maintaining its records. He suggested that either the Township bring in their own server which will store all records, or outsource the server and archiving capability.

Administrator Gallets stated that Comm. Nedd will need to write a letter to her explaining his inability to provide copies of the requested e-mails to Mr. Jones.

BLACK OAK GOLF COURSE

Mayor Walsh stated that a settlement agreement between the DEP and the Black Oak Golf Course has been achieved. Mayor Walsh drafted a letter indicating Washington Township and the Township Committee's full endorsement of the construction of the golf course.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing letter as amended will be sent.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Comm. Tobin stated that an inquiry was made as to the Township's recognizing Dr. Kevin Walsh with a proclamation on his retirement from 30 years of service.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:22 P.M. upon approval of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION #R-151-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION: EAST MILL ROAD

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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:25 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk