

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen (8:50 p.m.), Short, Tobin, Nedd (8:30p.m.), Mayor Walsh, Attorney DeBona, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

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 PORTION

Mayor Walsh opened the meeting to the Public.

Karen Ermel, Esq. and Mr. Ted Magloine, T. M. Group, developer of the Hilltop Meadows subdivision (located off Hacklebarney Road) addressed the Township Committee requesting that the subdivision improvement be accepted and the performance bond be released. Mr. Magloine received a checklist from Leon Hall, Township Engineer, and requested the Township Committee's input on various items on the list. Mr. Magloin has stated that they have met or exceeded compliance with the items listed. He is looking to go onto maintenance and seeks the Township Committee's relief. More information from involved parties is needed before a decision can be made.

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

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE REORGANIZATION MEETING – The Township Committee has set the Reorganization Meeting for Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 10 a.m..

SHARED SERVICES - BOARD OF EDUCATION – Administrator Gallets will further discuss shared services with the Board of Education representatives and will report on shared services to be considered by the Township Committee.

MILL POND SILTATION – The natural siltation process of Mill Pond has caused some flooding in valley residence(s). Mayor Walsh will contact the Mayor of Mr. Olive Township to discuss if residences up stream are having similar problems, and to investigate if there could possibly be a resolution.

OBSERVER TRIBUNE – Due to increasing costs of the individual publishing of each meeting in the paper, the Township will reduce costs by sending a notice of meetings to the paper, and also announcing the meetings on the municipal bulletin board, as well as on the Township's website.

RECREATION - Recreation and Parks/Buildings and Ground Director **Eleanora Murfitt** spoke to the Committee regarding the following issues:

CONCESSION STANDS – Ms Murfitt stated the Long Valley Sports Clubs have offered to fund the construction and ongoing maintenance of concession stands at Califon Field and Palmer Park. The Recreation Committee approved the project to be completed in the spring of 2008. The Township Committee approved the request.

PROPOSED CYCLING EVENT – JULY 6, 2008 – Premier Cycling Promotions will sponsor and the Washington Township Recreation Department will coordinate the first of an annual family cycling event, "The Schooley's Mountain Road Race," to be held on July 6, 2008 as part of the "Mayor's Wellness Program." Ms. Murfitt stated the final route will be approved by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Washington Township Police Department.

ONLINE REGISTRATION – CAPTURE POINT – Ms Murfitt will obtain three quotations for online registration services. She advised that research has highlighted Capture Point as the most widely used and economical company in New Jersey for online registration services. Ms. Murfitt stated that camp fees and fees from other registration events will cover the costs of online registration.

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IN CAR CAMERAS - Washington Township Police Chief Michael Bailey reviewed the recent digital upgrade of in-car cameras and recording equipment for police vehicles, as recommended by the state. Chief Bailey stated this equipment is in full compliance with state regulations.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE - Comm. Short discussed the installation of sidewalks around the downtown area. Comm. Short recommended that the Township consider the introduction of a sidewalk ordinance in 2008 to insure proper sidewalk maintenance.

WATER TOWER – Comm. Short stated that the water tower is working and that recommendations for its activation will be discussed in January 2008.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-190-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
POTENTIAL LITIGATION: BLACKBERRY PLACE DETENTION BASIN**

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Nedd 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 9:35 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk