

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 (8:00 p.m.), Mayor Walsh, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Nedd was absent for a portion of the meeting.

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

RO-28-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS - 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 PROVIDE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS 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, Mayor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: None

INSERT ORDINANCE

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

An application has been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Phillip Parker Salvatore. That the foregoing application for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***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, Mayor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Editorial/Media Specialist Larry Brown of the Rutgers University Center for Government Services, presenting an Honorable Mention Award to Washington Township for the 46th Annual Municipal Public Information Contest.

Letter from Arc Morris Executive Director William R. Testa, presenting a check to Washington Township in the amount of \$1,150.25, representing their year-end contribution in lieu of property taxes.

Letter from Assistant Municipal Attorney Paula DeBona to Joel Rinsky, Esquire, stating the Washington Township Committee has no interest in acquiring or maintaining the detention basin located at 5 Blackberry Place.

DISCUSSION

RECREATION REGISTRATION PROGRAM – Administrator Galletts stated that Eleanora Murfitt, Director of Parks/Recreation, inquired whether Trust money could be utilized to start a credit card program. Administrator Galletts consulted Ken Lifer, Township CFO and it was determined that the Trust could not sustain the annual cost of the program. The program would need to be a budgeted item. The Township Committee will consider this program in the 2009 budget, as 2008 is not the optimal year for its implementation.

Comm. Cullen recused himself from the "Use of Township Garage" discussion at 7:45 p.m.

WTBOE – USE OF TOWNSHIP GARAGE – Comm. Tobin stated that he discussed the possible shared use of the Township Garage as well as medical insurance. The response from the Board of Education (BOE) was that they would like to get started immediately after the holidays. Requirements will be discussed so that it can be determined whether the proposed actions would be beneficial to both parties.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Comm. Cullen returned to the dias at 7:50 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Kathy McGroaty attended the meeting to make a presentation to the Township Committee regarding the status of the Economic Development Committee, however, this item will be revisited at the January 2008 Work Session when all committee members are present.

PARTING COMMENTS – Comm. Cullen made parting comments regarding his pleasurable experience as a Committee member and thanked his fellow Committeemen and all the staff members. Mayor Walsh thanked him for his past and continuing efforts and commitment.

ARC – Comm. Short inquired as to whether the Township will keep the returned funds. He was answered affirmatively.

OPRA MEETING – The Township Committee recognized Assistant Administrator Burd for coordinating the OPRA meeting. With three counties and over 80 people in attendance, she was commended for a job well done.

It was also recognized that 12 new ball fields have been established in the last 6 years.

Comm. Nedd arrived at this time.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-194-07 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: EXTENDED SICK LEAVE;
CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
REORGANIZATION**

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 9:15 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallits, Clerk