

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Administrator Gallets at 10:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Short, Tobin, Nedd

OTHERS PRESENT: Comm.-Elect Walsh, Comm.-Elect Popper, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Senior Deputy Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and The Morristown Daily Record on December 21, 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

INVOCATION

Father Michael Drury, Washington Township Fire Department Chaplin, offered an invocation.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SWORN IN BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Administrator Gallets administered the oath of office to Kevin M. Walsh and Howard D. Popper.

TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2008

Comm. Short nominated Comm. Tobin to serve as Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2008. The motion was seconded by Comm. Popper. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Short, Nedd, Walsh, Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

NEW MAYOR TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR FOR 2008

Comm. Popper nominated Comm. Short to serve as Vice Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2008. The motion was seconded by Comm. Nedd. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Short, Nedd, Tobin

NAYS: Comm. Walsh

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Tobin acknowledged and welcomed Paul Licitra, Legislative Aide for Senator Steve Oroho, Assemblyman Chiusano, Assemblywoman Alison McHose, former Assemblyman Guy Gregg, Freeholder Director Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder Bill Chegwidan, Freeholder Jack Schrier, and former Mayor John Krickus.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS

Administrator Gallets administered oaths of office for the year 2008 to Washington Township Fire Department First Deputy Chief Kurt Wanner, the officers of the Fairmount Fire Company, Long Valley Fire Company, Schooley's Mountain Fire Protection Association, and the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE - 2008

Mayor Tobin stated that his message is a sober one since there are tough times ahead for the Township government. Market conditions have stopped certain projects from progressing or being completed. There will be no increase in state aid and property tax reform is essential as currently homeowners bear the majority of costs for school and

municipal operations. Cost of living increases will impact what the Township has the discretion to consider and could result in the slowing down or postponing of projects and the inability to fill some open employment vacancies. Mayor Tobin is confident that the Township Committee will work as a team to meet the challenges of the 2008 budget year.

Mayor Tobin suspended the meeting to allow for a refreshment break.

PROCLAMATION – WALTER CULLEN – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Township Committee and the employees and residents of Washington Township, acknowledged and thanked Walter Cullen, former Committeeman from 2002 through 2007, for his efforts during his tenure.

*** RESOLUTION #R-01-08 - DESIGNATION OF THE OBSERVER TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 2008**

*** RESOLUTION #R-02-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – JANSEN & DE BONA, LLC**

*** RESOLUTION #R-03-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – AUDITING SERVICES – NISIVOCIA
& COMPANY, LLP**

*** RESOLUTION #R-04-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – ANDERSON
& DENZLER ASSOCIATES**

*** RESOLUTION #R-05-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – SUBURBAN
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.**

*** RESOLUTION #R-06-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES
– BOLLINGER, INC.**

*** RESOLUTION #R-07-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – TRAFFIC CONSULTING SERVICES – HAMAL
ASSOCIATES**

*** RESOLUTION #R-08-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – PERSONNEL RELATIONS COUNSEL –
SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC**

*** RESOLUTION #R-09-08 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – DORSEY & SEMRAU**

*** RESOLUTION #R-10-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – NORMAN J.
GOLDBERG, INC.**

*** RESOLUTION #R-11-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES –
NORTON CONSERVATION COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTE: RESOLUTIONS # R-12-08, R-13-08, R-14-08 and R-15-08 WERE REMOVED FROM THE
AGENDA.**

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from NJDOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri, stating Washington Township will receive \$180,000 for improvements to Mission Road from the NJDOT 2008 Municipal Aid Program.

DISCUSSION

SET BUDGET MEETING DATES – The following dates were set for Budget Meetings to be held at the Senior Center:

Tuesday	January 15,2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Former Committeeman Walter Cullen volunteered to attend Municipal Alliance meetings. Mayor Tobin also will be available to attend the meetings.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk