

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon (7:45 P.M.), Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Acting Administrator Burd, Acting Municipal Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 8, 2009 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 – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented an award to **Scout Marlon Gabriel Ramos** in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

COAH UNIT PROPOSAL – **Robert Russell, Esquire, 45 Drakestown Road**, owns 2 flag lots on Pleasant Grove Road. He would like to build two 1,700 square foot three bedroom, 2 ½ baths bi-levels as affordable housing units with restricted deeds for 30 years (either “for sale” or rental units). Mayor Short suggested that the Committee obtain more data on this issue and address it again at the July meeting.

Comm. Harmon arrived to the meeting.

This issue will be further discussed in July.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mayor Short recognized Paul Licitra, Office Administrator of our New Jersey Legislators, who was in attendance at the meeting.

RO-12-09 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES – 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 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – NON-CONTRACTED EMPLOYEES be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

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

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Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-13-09 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – ROAD FOREMAN – 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 SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – ROAD FOREMAN be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – ROAD FOREMAN be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-14-09 – 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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS – 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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

George Salisbury, Bartley Road, asked about the intent of the ordinance. **Attorney Jansen** explained the revisions that were required to be made to the ordinance to bring it into compliance with recent court decisions.

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

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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-15-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND 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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Steve Mazurek, 200 Bartley Road, thanked the Committee, Attorney Jansen and the Township for their cooperation and patience in this matter.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-16-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 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 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-19-09 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A TRAIL EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 22, LOT 3.03 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A TRAIL EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 22, LOT 3.03 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A TRAIL EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 22, LOT 3.03 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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 July 20, 2009 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 a summary of said ordinance in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RESOLUTION #R-104-09 – ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

PUBLIC HEARING – 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – The Township Committee held a public hearing regarding the 2009 municipal budget.

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

RESOLUTION #R-105-09 – ADOPT 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

Mayor Short recognized CFO Kevin Lifer and the Committee for their work on this challenging issue.

RESOLUTION #R-121-09 – APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FLOCKTOWN ROAD PROJECT

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Community Events Organization for a Fireworks Festival to be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Long Valley Middle School, 53 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

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***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 Short asked if anyone on the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and considered separately, There was no response.

All items preceded by a (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

DISCUSSION

DOWNTOWN SNOW REMOVAL ZONE – The Township Committee will amend the current ordinance by incorporating a map or by reference to block and lot. Notice will be provided to affected property owners. Attorney Jansen will prepare an ordinance for discussion at the July meeting. Acting Administrator Burd will check on residential lots on Schooley's Mountain Road and Fairmount Road that should be included.

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION POLICY – Mayor Short stated that wrongful distribution of personal information is difficult to enforce. However, it is appropriate to establish a policy and urge affiliated groups to be guided by it.

RESOLUTION #R-122-09 – POLICY – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

VEHICLE USE POLICY – This item is tabled to the July Work Session.

REVERSE 911 QUESTIONNAIRE – The Reverse 911 questionnaire will be published on the Township website and will be provided as a press release to all the local papers. The information can also be distributed to residents at Township events. The large scale exposure is hoped to generate a strong response.

EAGLE SCOUT AND GOLD AWARDS – **Comm. Walsh** stated that Eagle Scout and Gold Scout award opportunities to enhance the Township were discussed at a meeting he attended. Some ideas are the management of open space development on Califon Road and Reservoir Road, volleyball court cleanup, marketing campaign creation, etc.

FLAG POLE – **Comm. Harmon** inquired about the flag pole in front of the library. **Attorney Jansen** stated that there is no mandatory requirement to fly the American flag in front of the library.

TEEN CENTER – **Comm. Harmon** is very impressed with the Teen Center and suggested that everyone should visit the center.

MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM – **Acting Administrator Burd** stated that Tewksbury Township is interested in joining Washington Township's court system as they are dissatisfied with the Hunterdon System.

EMPLOYEE REVIEWS - **Mayor Short** stated that certain municipal employees are reviewed in the regular course of business as a discharge of fiduciary responsibilities. The review of independent contractors will be discussed in open session. The review forms were distributed to the Committee members and will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

The Township Committee intends to come out of Executive Session and take further action in open session.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION R-119-09 -EXECUTIVE SESSION – **PERSONNEL**; MUNICIPAL COURT;
HEALTH DEPT.
PENDING LITIGATION: JOHN HAGUE

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:50 P.M.

The Township Committee made a motion to terminate Jill Jacobs from her position with the municipal court system. She will be offered two weeks severance and one week vacation contingent upon signing a settlement agreement and release.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the foregoing action be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

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Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Harmon that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Judith L. Madden, Acting Municipal Clerk