

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, CFO Lifer, 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 February 11, 2010 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Senior Citizen Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent, as there were requests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**RESOLUTION #R-45-10 – APPOINTMENT/ADJUSTMENT**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Police Chief Michael Bailey will be contacted regarding Jersey Central Power & Light billing.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS** – **Scott Frech, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works**, discussed the overall budget reductions.

**RECREATION/SENIOR CITIZEN COORDINATOR/GRANT WRITING REORGANIZATION** - **Assistant Administrator Burd** explained the suggestions for lowering the Recreation Department budget. It was explained that Department Heads do their own grant writing, etc.

**Gail Werner** explained the history of grant writing to the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Liabraaten to eliminate the grant writing position effective April 1, 2010. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RECREATION** – **Assistant Administrator Burd** recommended two part-time positions at the Recreation Department be combined to one full-time position.

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Liabraaten to create one full-time Recreation position as opposed to two part-time positions. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.**

**Tom McCloud, 12 Parkview Road**, stated that he regrets that the Township Committee felt that they could not keep some of the people working at the Recreation Department.

**Gail Werner** explained the good things that she has done at the Senior Center; the Memorial Day Ceremony, etc. She asked that the Township Committee reconsider funding the position.

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Matt Murello, 201 Flocktown Road, asked that the Township Committee consider not dropping the summer recreation program.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

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Dianne S. Gallets, Township Clerk