

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Recording Secretary DiGregorio

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 6, 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 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.

BUDGET PRESENTATION - WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP K-8 BOARD OF EDUCATION - Mr. Jeffrey S. Mohre, Superintendent, made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding the Board of Education's proposed 2010/2011 budget. A hard copy of the presentation was handed out to the Committee which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. The Committee discussed and questioned certain aspects of the budget including, but not limited to class sizes, shared services, teacher wages and benefits. The Township Committee appreciated the efforts of the Board of Education in their budget process and presentation.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Greg Jones, Pleasant Grove Road, noted that it was projected that the schools would have 300 more students by now, and there are actually 300 less. Mr. Jones asked what the Board projects the numbers to be 2, 4, and 6 years out. He was answered that housing market conditions or demographics could be used to make these projections. The Board is waiting for the economy to pick up momentum to make projections more accurately.

Tom Laletto, Pleasant Grove Road, supported the comments made by Greg Jones.

Mary Grove, Pleasant Grove Road, inquired about state mandated testing and professional developments.

Karen Sinclair, Squire Hill, inquired about shared services. **Mayor Short** responded regarding shared services that did not prove to be a viable option. Busing services were discussed.

Sheryl Anderson, 1 Christopher Drive, inquired about class sizes. She was advised that changes in teaching approaches, ie. Special Education, have to be taken into consideration.

David Johnson, West Springtown Road, asked why school costs are increasing at a rate that exceeds the rate of inflation. He was advised that other costs need to be taken into account which are also escalating (i.e., energy). Mr. Johnson was also advised that more meetings will continue to take place to continue to hone the budget and to have it reflect a long range plan that is in line with the economy

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, inquired about a County wide district to handle the schools. **Mayor Short** stated that the question could not be answered by this Committee.

Julie Turner, 20 Fleming Court, stated that funds from the State are needed. She also believes that the budget needs to be looked at more closely. She is concerned about utilizing an auditor. Mayor Short stated that the need for more voters to come out is essential, and that an auditor can expertly determine where adjustments can be made to a failed budget.

Mayor Short commented that more people need to go to the public Board meetings to provide input toward the finalization of the budget.

Debra Simons, Schooleys Mountain Road, asked about the hiring of an auditor. **Mayor Short** stated that they have found a qualified auditor to help make adjustments if needed and still maintain programs.

A resident inquired about a time frame for dealing with a failed budget. **Mayor Short** made a commitment to hold an open forum, even though the time period allowed for review is very short.

Another resident expressed concern about programs being cut, when in other similar districts, she sees the addition of programs.

Mindy Burbridge, 2 Samantha Lane, is concerned about our children's children and money to support these programs in the future.

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-72-10 – GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-73-10 – REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDER

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-74-10 – REFUND TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR A MUNICIPAL LIEN REDEMPTION

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-75-10 – AUTHORIZE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-76-10 – AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-77-10 – AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE - REGENCY AT LONG VALLEY, LLC

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-78-10 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ZONING OFFICER AS THE “APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL AGENCY” FOR THE PURPOSES OF P.L. 2007, c. 209 (C. 40:48-2.60 et seq.)

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-80-10 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A TELEPHONE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PAETEC BUSINESS SERVICES

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-81-10 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

RESOLUTION #R-82-10 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES TO AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

***RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

PTO Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School	Fifty-Fifty	05/20/2010
PTO Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School	Fifty-Fifty	06/03/2010
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish	Fifty-Fifty	06/20/2010
PTO Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School	Fifty-Fifty	09/02/2010
PTO Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School	Fifty-Fifty	10/22/2010
PTO Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School	Fifty-Fifty	10/29/2010

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

- March 10, 2010 Work Session
- March 15, 2010 Special Meeting
- March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting

***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:

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 went into Executive Session at 9:45 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-83-10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: POLICE RETIREMENT
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS AND CWA**

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, seconded by Comm. Harmon 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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk