

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Administrator/Clerk Gallets at 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Short, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser,
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Deputy Clerk Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on December 16, 2003 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. Notices of this meeting were not sent as there were no requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Township Clerk Dianne Gallets administered the oaths of office to Tracy E. Tobin and Kenneth Short.

TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKES NOMINATION FOR MAYOR FOR 2004

Comm. Krickus nominated Comm. Short to serve as Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2004. The motion was seconded by Comm. Tobin. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Kaiser, Cullen, Krickus

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Short

ABSENT: None

NEW MAYOR TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR FOR 2004

Comm. Krickus nominated Comm. Cullen to serve as Vice Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2004. The motion was seconded by Comm. Tobin. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Kaiser, Krickus, Cullen, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

OATHS OF OFFICE - EMERGENCY SERVICES - Morris County Freeholder Douglas Cabana administered oaths of office for the year 2004 to members of the Fairmount Fire Company. Morris County Freeholder Frank Druetzler administered oaths of office to members of the Long Valley Fire Department. Morris County Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom administered oaths of office to members of the Schooley's Mountain Fire Protection Association. Mayor Short administered oaths of office to members of the Long Valley Rescue Squad.

Mayor Short thanked the fire and first aid volunteers for their service to Washington Township.

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Mayor Short introduced and acknowledged Morris County Freeholder Director John Murphy, Morris County Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom, Morris County Freeholder Frank Druetzler, Morris County Freeholder Douglas Cabana, and Dr. Gerald Vernotica, Washington Township Superintendent of Schools. Mayor Short thanked the Washington Township volunteers who serve on boards and committees as well as fire and first aid emergency services. Mayor Short thanked his wife, Sue, and his family for their encouragement and support.

Mayor Short stated that the committee members, each with their own special skill and knowledge, look forward to working for and directing Washington Township in 2004. He applauded the efforts of Committeeman John Krickus who served as mayor of Washington Township for three years.

Mayor Short stated that the Committee's accomplishments under Comm. Krickus' leadership include: municipal tax increases have averaged 1.6% (less than half the rate of inflation); \$6,000,000 dollars has been spent on capital improvements, which include the paving and repairing of over five miles of roadways, the purchase of special equipment such as a street sweeper, a line stripe machine and various lawn care and maintenance equipment; the replacement of several vehicles used by the Department of Public Works; the replacement of a salt and storage shed; the

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-06-04 - NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AS PER CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF NEW JERSEY

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-07-04 - TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-08-04 - APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP POSITIONS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-09-04 - APPOINTMENTS - MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE FOR 2004

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-10-04 - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, VARIOUS BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-11-04 - SALARIES - WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 866 AND THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-12-04 - APPOINTMENTS - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – 2004

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, *Cullen, **Kaiser**, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Senior Deputy Clerk Burd, Chief Financial Officer Lifer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Krickus

***Comm. Cullen arrived at 7:50 P.M.**

****Comm. Kaiser departed at 7:50 P.M.**

*****Comm. Kaiser returned at 8:52 P.M.**

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

2004 BUDGET DISCUSSION -

The Township Committee discussed and approved 2004 Operating and Expense budgets for Tax Assessment and the Planning Board.

The Township Committee discussed the budget submitted for the Municipal Prosecutor. The Committee will continue this discussion at the next budget meeting.

The Township Committee reviewed the Police Department and Dispatch Operating and Expense budget requests with Police Chief Ted Ehrenburg and Technical Specialist Ray Kenny. They discussed the anticipated expenses for training, vehicle maintenance and purchases, and maintenance contracts.

***Comm. Cullen arrived at 7:50 P.M.**

****Comm. Kaiser departed at 7:50 P.M.**

The Committee prioritized the following capital budget requests submitted for the Police Department: radios, cameras, a breathalyzer, lockers, a digital copier, six Dell computers, two laser jet printers, a satellite receiver, dictaphone and radio recording equipment, a security recorder and cameras, a synchronized clock, two Watch Guard web page fire walls, and building maintenance.

Mayor Short stated that the Township Committee will continue the 2004 budget review on January 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

AGE RESTRICTED OVERLAY ZONE - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance to amend Chapter 217, Zoning, and Chapter 175, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Township of Washington to establish the Village Age Restricted Overlay Zone and to rezone certain properties from the OR/I Zone District to the Village Age Restricted Overlay Zone at the January 19, 2004 meeting.

COMCAST CABLE – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance to amend the ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Storer Cable Communications of Northwest New Jersey, Inc., to Own, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System in the Township of Washington: Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of Franchise and Providing for the Regulation and Use of Said System” at the February 16, 2004 meeting.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance to amend Chapter 172, Streets and Sidewalks, of the Code of the Township of Washington regarding permits for repaving/resurfacing at the January 19, 2004 meeting.

*****Comm. Kaiser returned at 8:52 P.M.**

BELROSE COURT CONSERVATION EASEMENT EXCHANGE - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the sale of a development easement on property known as Block 35, Lot 4 and Block 38, Lot 15 as shown on the tax maps of the Township of Washington at the February 16, 2004 meeting.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE – LONG VALLEY MAILING ADDRESS – Mayor Short and Assistant Administrator Burd will assist the postal authorities with their effort to locate a larger postal facility to allow all residents of Washington Township to be served by the Long Valley Post Office and to be given a Long Valley mailing address.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – FAIRMOUNT FIRE/TEWKSBURY – The Township Committee discussed Tewksbury Township Administrator Landon’s request that Tewksbury Township submit direct donations to the Fairmount Fire Company as payment for their emergency services. Attorney Jansen stated that when a fire company does not own the apparatus, the appropriate method of contracting for emergency services is through the execution of an agreement with the municipality which owns the apparatus. Administrator Gallets will contact Administrator Landon to expedite the execution of the required Intermunicipal Services Agreement to authorize the Fairmount Fire Company volunteers to provide emergency services to Tewksbury Township.

HISTORIC MUSEUM - Administrator Gallets will advise Ms. Dorothy Cleveland, President of the Washington Township Historical Society, that the historic museum occupant is responsible for the maintenance of the fire extinguishers.

DRIVEWAY SLOPE WAIVER REQUEST – Attorney James Laughlin requested that the Township Committee authorize the Board of Adjustment to approve a driveway slope waiver application that was submitted by the owners of Block 54, Lots 43 and 49. The Township Committee will discuss options offered by Attorney DeBona, including the introduction of an ordinance to amend the existing steep slope ordinance to provide for a waiver provision, during the execution session portion of this meeting. Administrator Gallets will contact Mr. Laughlin to advise how the Township Committee will proceed regarding this matter.

NEPOTISM AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST – The Township Committee will consider a resolution authorizing the adoption of township policies concerning conflicts of interest, nepotism, the use of township vehicles, the use of cellular and wireless telephones, and sexual harassment at the January 19, 2004 meeting.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM - The Township Committee will consider the adoption of a resolution to state the Committee’s opposition to the State’s failure to allocate budgetary funding to support the “Property Tax Reimbursement Program” and to call for an amendment to the 2004 State budget to provide this funding at the January 19, 2004 meeting.

Mayor Short recused himself from the discussion concerning the dedication of a road right-of-way easement for Block 20, Lot 81.

MISSION ROAD – DEDICATION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY - Administrator Gallets will forward a letter to Mr. Mark S. Denisiuk of Ferriero Engineering, Inc., stating that the Township Committee would like to have the right-of-way dedicated for the distance of Block 20, Lot 81, to allow Mr. Migliaccio to improve the portion of Mission Road which leads up to his driveway. Administrator Gallets will state that the dedication would be one-half of the total fifty foot dedication which is required for all new subdivisions.

Mayor Short returned to the meeting.

UPPER RARITAN RIVER COMPACT – Mayor Short will discuss Attorney Paula DeBona’s recommendations concerning the Upper Raritan River Compact with the representatives of eight towns who will meet at our temporary municipal offices on January 28, 2004 at 4:00 P.M. The Washington Township Committee will discuss the Upper Raritan River Compact further at the February 2004 Work Session.

HIDDEN HILLS – EXTENSION TO DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT - The Township Committee will consider a resolution to authorize the execution of an extension of the Developer’s Agreement for K. Hovnanian at Washington, LLC, the developer of the subdivision known as Hidden Hills, Section I, to October 24, 2004, which is the expiration date of Sections II, III and IV. Administrator Gallets will request that K. Hovnanian at Washington, LLC submit a letter which states their intention to assist the Morris County Park Commission with the realignment of the portion of Patriot’s Path to be located in the Hidden Hills development.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS – Members of the Township Committee will interview candidates for appointment to various Township board and committee positions at 6:00 P.M. on January 19, 2004.

EHMANN – ROAD DESIGN APPROVAL – Attorney Jansen will compose a letter to be sent to Attorney Jim Knox, who represents Mr. Peter Ehmann, which will state that the applicant must obtain approval of the conventional plan submitted for the Ehmann major subdivision from the Washington Township Planning Board.

COMMITTEE PROJECTS/2004 COMMITTEE GOALS – The Township Committee will discuss their projects and goals for 2004 at the January 19, 2004 meeting.

Mayor Short reopened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Mark Oaks, Chester, New Jersey asked if the Township Committee is aware that an applicant has requested that the payment of taxes due for two properties, located on West Valley Brook Road and owned by William P. Kanski and Sons, Inc., be postponed until after the Planning Board has had an opportunity to consider the application.

Administrator Gallets stated that the Township Committee will discuss the request at the January 19, 2004 meeting at 8:00 P.M.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:55 P.M. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-14-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION -
ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: DRIVEWAY SLOPE WAIVER
LAND ACQUISITION: BLOCK 22, LOT 29; BLOCK 28, LOT 11.04;
BLOCK 23, LOT 166**

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Krickus

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:05 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Short, Comm. Tobin, Krickus, Cullen, **Kaiser, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Attorney Jansen, Chief Financial Officer Lifer, Assistant Administrator Burd, *Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

*Recording Secretary Madden arrived at 7:50 P.M.

** Comm. Kaiser arrived at 9:50 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent, as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2004 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Township Committee preliminary approved the following budgets for 2004 with revisions: Department of Public Works, Recreation, and Board of Health.

The Township Committee discussed Capital Request Forms for Recreation and the Department of Public Works with Department of Public Works Superintendent Ralph DeFranzo and Parks and Recreation/Buildings and Grounds Coordinator Eleanora Murfitt.

WEST MORRIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT – FACILITIES EXPANSION – Mr. John Notte, President of the West Morris Regional Board of Education, presented plans for the expansion of the West Morris High School facilities. Mr. Notte stated that the Facilities Planning Committee has determined that the size of the classes does not comply with state standards. He stated that there is currently a need to share space. He stated that twenty-six percent of the total cost would be provided through state grant funding. Mr. Notte will provide the dates and locations of meetings scheduled to discuss this project. Mr. Notte stated that open houses will be posted on the web site. He stated that the cost of improvements to be borne by Washington Township residents would be \$9,000,000.00 of \$28,000,000.00.

***Recording Secretary Madden arrived at this point.**

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Tom Mc Cloud, 12 Parkview Road requested that Mr. Notte state the anticipated timeline for the construction and explain the expected impact on the student population.

Mr. Notte stated that the interior improvements have been scheduled for the summer months. He stated that the exterior's construction will take place all year long. He stated that the construction of additional buildings should not impact the students.

Mrs. Virginia Scarlatelli, 31 Markham Drive asked where the fields would be located.

Mr. Notte stated that the field located behind the field house will be the only field affected. He stated that the proposal includes the construction of fields on ten undeveloped acres of land located behind the existing fields. Mr. Notte also stated that connection to the town sewer line will open up field space.

Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

SKATEPARK ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION –

Mr. Bob Adler, a Member of the Skatepark Association requested that the Township Committee approve the development of a 200' by 200' portion of Palmer Park for use as a Skatepark. He stated that residents will be charged a registration fee and non-residents will be charged a daily usage fee. Mr. Adler stated that the fees collected could be used to fund the maintenance of the Skatepark. He stated that the liability insurance coverage will be under the parks' umbrella insurance policy. Mr. Adler stated that municipalities supervise over one hundred skateparks. He stated that the operating cost will be low, although an approximate cost has not been determined. He stated that a portion of the skatepark will be constructed each year. Mr. Adler stated that Washington Township could post signs to state that each visitor will be responsible for his or her own personal safety.

Mayor Short stated that the Township Committee will discuss the Skatepark Association's request.

Mayor Short declared a short recess at 9:00 P.M.

Mayor Short resumed the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMIT – KIM AND RICHARD PARSONS, BLOCK 43, LOT 45

Mr. Richard Parsons, 97 Kings Highway requested that the Township Committee approve the movement of soil from a site in Mansfield, New Jersey to 97 Kings Highway, Washington Township, to improve their property.

Ms. Kim Parsons, 97 Kings Highway stated that Sergeant Trevena authorized the truck route to be taken by the drivers. Ms. Parsons stated that the truckers will comply with the days and times authorized for movement.

Comm. Tobin asked if the required soil certification has been provided.

Administrator Gallets stated that the company providing the soil will submit a report from a licensed soils expert to the applicants who will send the results to the municipal engineer.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions concerning the soil disturbance application. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

Attorney Jansen stated that the property owner has certified that notification of this hearing has been sent as required. Attorney Jansen stated that the Municipal Engineer and the Environmental Commission will now submit their recommendations concerning the permit application to the Township Committee.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions concerning Elizabeth Lane.

ELIZABETH LANE – EMERGENCY ACCESS REQUEST –

Mr. Steven Mazurek, 200 Bartley Road stated that he is a land surveyor representing the owners of properties located on Elizabeth Lane. Mr. Mazurek stated that since the bridge that connects Bartley Road to Elizabeth Lane has been damaged, the residents are requesting authorization to use the emergency access road from Stony Brook Road through a lot that is owned by Anthony & Jeri Lassiter. Attorney Jansen stated that an ingress and egress agreement would define the length of time that the alternate route could be used. Mayor Short stated that he will request that Morris County representatives inspect the bridge and submit their opinion concerning the bridge's safety.

Attorney Jansen stated that Mr. Vincent Rasa granted easements to Washington Township. He stated that Mr. Rasa granted a perpetual access easement to Washington Township for public safety purposes. Attorney Jansen recommended that the Township Committee encourage the residents to request Mr. Lassiter's permission to use his property for access to their road, since the Township Committee cannot give the contiguous property owners more rights than the Township has been given.

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

RO-01-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, AND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE AND TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE OR/I ZONE DISTRICT TO THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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, AND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE AND TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE OR/I ZONE DISTRICT TO THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

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, AND CHAPTER 175, SUBDIVISION OF LAND, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE AND TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE OR/I ZONE DISTRICT TO THE VILLAGE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE 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 February 16, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, 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 said ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RO-02-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PERMITS FOR REPAVING/RESURFACING - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PERMITS FOR REPAVING/RESURFACING be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

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 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING PERMITS FOR REPAVING/RESURFACING 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 February 16, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. at the Temporary Municipal Offices at 55 Fairview Avenue, 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 said ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RO-03-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO VACATE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 12.02, LOT 8.04 - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO VACATE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 12.02, LOT 8.04 be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Flocktown Kossmann PTA

Fifty-Fifty

02/27/2004

Flocktown Kossmann PTA

Tricky Tray

02/27/2004

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing raffle application be approved. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Krickus

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-15-04 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-16-04 - TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-17-04 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP POLICIES

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-18-04 - AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES BETWEEN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND THE CHESTER FIRST AID SQUAD, THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER, THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER, THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM AND THE CHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-19-04 - MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATION PROGRAM

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-20-04 - AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING TAX APPEALS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-21-04 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE STATE'S ACTIONS CONCERNING THE "PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM"

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-22-04 - AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH FRED SEMRAU, ESQUIRE, OF DORSEY KING SEMRAU, LLC, FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-23-04 - REFUND TO TAX LIENHOLDERS

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Kaiser

RESOLUTION #R-26-04 - APPROPRIATE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COSTS FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION - JAYNE VALLEY FARM, EAST VALLEY BROOK ROAD

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

AYES: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** Comm. Kaiser

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

- Letter from Commissioner Susan Bass Levin, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, stating that Washington Township will receive a grant of \$10,000 from the Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Program.
- Letter from Ms. Meghan Bitenc, Director of Scheduling for Governor McGreevey, declining the Township's invitation to the Governor to attend the January 3, 2004 Reorganization Meeting due to a previous commitment.
- Washington Township Planning Board Resolution 03-31, "Adoption of Master Plan".
- Letter from Ms. Dorothy Brahney, on behalf of the Washington Township Historical Society, thanking the employees of Washington Township for their assistance with the 2003 Washington Township House Tour.
- Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wilk, 66 Zellers Road, thanking the Department of Public Works employees for a marvelous job of clearing our roads in inclement weather.
- Letter to Recreation/Senior Citizen Specialist Gail Werner from The 50+ Club of the Chesters, expressing their gratitude for the invitation to the Senior Citizen Christmas party held on December 12, 2003.
- Washington Township Bureau of Fire Prevention Annual Report.
- Route 57/Hackettstown and Route 46/Washington Township Connector Study prepared by Warren County Planning Department Consultant Edwards and Kelcey.

DISCUSSION

EHMANN MAJOR SUBDIVISION – The Township Committee directed the applicant to obtain the required approvals for the Ehmann Major Subdivision from the Washington Township Planning Board.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions concerning Block 59, Lots 59, 59.05 And 59.06.

BLOCK 59, LOTS 59, 59.05 and 59.06 – POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE -

Mr. Mark Ochs, 5 Mountain View Drive, Chester stated that he has submitted an application to the Planning Board for approval to subdivide Block 59, Lots 59, 59.05 and 59.06. He stated that the Planning Board requires that the taxes be current at the time that the application is filed. Mr. Ochs requested that the Township Committee authorize the Planning Board to waive this requirement.

Mayor Short stated that the Planning Board has the authority to approve the requested waiver. He directed Mr. Ochs to contact the Planning Board Secretary, Ginny Kesper.

There being no further comments or questions concerning Block 59, Lots 59, 59.06 and 59.06, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Short recused himself from the discussion concerning a road dedication for Mission Road.

MISSION ROAD, DEDICATION OF ROAD - The Township Committee will accept the proposed dedication of a right of way along Mission Road. The Township Committee approved the property owners' request to relocate the gate.

Mayor Short returned to the meeting.

JOINT COMMUNICATION CONTRACTS – Administrator Dianne Gallets stated that she has forwarded a letter to Mendham Township officials requesting the payment of outstanding monies for joint communication services. Comm. Krickus will ask the Morris County Freeholders for authorization to offer joint communications services to additional municipalities.

LIQUOR LICENCES – The Township Committee will not offer an additional liquor license for sale at this time. Administrator Gallets will contact Mr. Heller if the Township Committee authorizes the public sale of an additional license in the future.

FALCON FIELDS – The Township Committee will consider a resolution to award a contract to Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services for the design of a master conceptual plan for Falcon Fields, as well as the supervision of the recreational improvements, at the February 16, 2004 meeting.

****Comm. Kaiser arrived at this point.**

TEEN CENTER – The Township Committee decided that the Teen Center will remain open at this time. Comm. Kaiser stated that the Zion Lutheran Church representatives have expressed interest in holding some of their functions at the Teen Center when it is not in use. The Township Committee will further discuss the Teen Center at the February 11, 2004 Work Session

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

Mayor Short stated that a Special Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Senior Citizens Center located on East Springtown Road.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Township Clerk

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington which was advertised to start at 7:00 P.M. was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:02 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Chief Financial Officer Lifer, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Senior Citizens Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2004 BUDGET DISCUSSION -

The Township Committee preliminarily approved the 2004 allocations for the following budgets: Legal, Environmental, Liability Insurance, Worker's Compensation, and Debt Service.

The Township Committee discussed Form IV and Capital Summaries provided by Chief Financial Officer Kevin Lifer.

The Township Committee approved the Buildings & Grounds Capital expense of \$5,000.00 needed to repair a leak in the wall of the Police Station.

Chief Financial Officer Lifer distributed the following: 2004 Revenue Summaries, 2004 Expense Summaries, and 2004 Budget Discussion Summaries.

Administrator Gallets and the Township Committee discussed a memorandum concerning the 2004 Surplus.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 20, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Schooley's Mountain Fire Protection Association, 231 Schooley's Mountain Road, Schooley's Mountain, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY VEHICLE INSPECTION

The Township Committee viewed Washington Township emergency services vehicles and discussed the uses and the condition of the vehicles with Washington Township Fire and First Aid volunteers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Tobin, Cullen, *Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Chief Financial Officer Lifer, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

*Comm. Krickus arrived at 7:08 P.M.

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Senior Citizens Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2004 BUDGET DISCUSSION -

The Township Committee directed Chief Financial Officer Lifer to move the Economic Development budget to the Administration Operating and Expense line item.

The Township Committee preliminarily approved the 2004 allocations for the following budgets: Economic Development, Emergency Management, Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Utilities, and Community Services Act.

The Township Committee authorized Administration Gallets to request that the Fire Department give a presentation regarding emergency services transport vehicles at the February 11, 2004 Work Session.

Chief Financial Officer Lifer distributed the following: Form IV Request Summary, Capital Request Summary, 2004 Revenue Summary, 2004 Expenses Summary, 2004 Capital Budget Summary, 2004 Debt Summary, 2004 Open Space Summary, 2004 Personnel Summary, and the 2004 Budget Discussion Summary.

The Township Committee will continue the 2004 budget discussion on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. The Committee authorized Administrator Gallets to advertise this meeting which is scheduled to be held prior to the February 11, 2004 Work Session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk