

The Regular 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. Tobin, Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004, January 30, 2004 and April 8, 2004 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same dates. 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

GRIEVANCE HEARING – DPW Local 469 and Foremen’s Association – Mandatory Shutdown Week. A collectively prepared statement was read by Brian Meola on behalf of all the members of the Department of Public Works regarding the proposed vacation shutdown and utilization of vacation time.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:19 P.M. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-76A-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DPW GRIEVANCE HEARING**

Motion was made by Comm. Kaiser, seconded by Comm. Tobin 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 Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

The Committee agreed to waive their right to have a mandatory shutdown week during 2004 if the Union acknowledges Washington Township’s right to enforce the shutdown. Labor Attorney Broderick requested one week’s time frame to respond to the Council in writing.

PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION – TRACY TOBIN – Mayor Short read aloud a proclamation honoring Committeeman Tracy Tobin for being inducted into the New Jersey League of Municipalities Elected Officials’ Hall of Fame. Mayor Short congratulated and thanked him for his 22 years of service to Washington Township.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scout Justin Matthew Hoffman, Scout Ryan Edward San George, Scout Timothy James McQuade and Scout Daniel James McQuade in recognition of their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

2004 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions concerning the 2004 Washington Township Municipal Budget. There being no comments or questions, Mayor short closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTION #R-70-04 – ADOPT 2004 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Kaiser 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

RO-07-04 – 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, COUNTY OF MORRIS, 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 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, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be read upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

#RO-07-04

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 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, COUNTY OF MORRIS, 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. 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

RO-08-04 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,455,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

RO-08-04

The public hearing on this Ordinance having been previously held and closed, the Township Committee proceeded with a Resolution to adopt on final reading.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,455,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,380,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, 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. 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

RO-09-04 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$265,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$251,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

RO-09-04

The public hearing on this Ordinance having been previously held and closed, the Township Committee proceeded with a Resolution to adopt on final reading.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$265,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$251,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION be adopted upon final reading and that said Ordinance be published 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, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-10-04 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,615,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

RO-10-04

The public hearing on this Ordinance having been previously held and closed, the Township Committee proceeded with a Resolution to adopt on final reading.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,615,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION be adopted upon final reading and that said Ordinance be published 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, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-11-04 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon..

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

#RO-11-04

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 TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO AMEND FEES FOR COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-12-04 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 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 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 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. 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

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 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 May 17, 2004 at 7:30 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.

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Tax Collector's Report
Washington Township Municipal Court, Washington Township Police Department

That the foregoing reports be accepted and placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

- November 12, 2003 Special Meeting
- November 12, 2003 Work Session
- November 17, 2003 Special Meeting
- November 17, 2003 Regular Meeting
- November 24, 2003 Special Meeting
- December 10, 2003 Work Session
- December 15, 2003 Regular Meeting
- January 3, 2004 Reorganization Meeting
- January 14, 2004 Work Session
- January 19, 2004 Regular Meeting
- January 22, 2004 Special Meeting
- January 24, 2004 Special Meeting
- January 29, 2004 Special Meeting
- February 11, 2004 Work Session
- February 16, 2004 Regular Meeting
- February 24, 2004 Special Meeting
- March 10, 2004 Work Session

All items preceded by an (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen. 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-71-04 – 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, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None **ABSTENTIONS:** None **ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #R-72-04 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES –
NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC.**

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-73-04 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF
ANDOVER FOR THE SALE OF DISPATCH CONSOLE FURNITURE**

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-74-04 – AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY

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-76-04 – REFUND TAX PAYMENTS

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-77-04 – 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, Kaiser, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-78-04 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF 2004 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES AGREEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

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-79-04 – AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE GERMAN VALLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT

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-80-04 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDERS – ASCEND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.

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

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

NAYS: Comm. Cullen

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-81-04 – RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE MYHELAN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TEEN CENTER

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-69-04 – AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF ANJEC SMART GROWTH GRANT APPLICATION

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: Comm. Kaiser

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-84-04 – AUTHORIZE ELIMINATION OF TEEN CENTER COUNSELOR 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

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Invitation to a meeting held on March 16, 2004 from Suzanna and Dan O'Neil, 16 Blackberry Place, to residents of Falcon Lane, Partridge Lane, Rock Road, Briarwood Road, Thornapple court, Basswood Court and Blackberry Place to discuss the impact of the development of Falcon Field on their neighborhood.

Letters concerning the development of the Falcon Field property from the following Brush Meadows residents:

Kevin and Dina Carmelengo, 6 Briarwood Road (dated March 8, 2004)
Richard and Elisa Schumacker, 7 Briarwood Road (dated March 8, 2004)
William and Patricia Leinhos, 3 Basswood Court (dated March 8, 2004)
Reed and Denise Lubin, 3 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Steven and Joni Zee, 61 Rock Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Glen Ochten, 57 Rock Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Michael and Laura O'Rourke, 11 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Frank J. and Jeannette M. Petrulla, 12 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Joseph P. and Michelle M. Piraneo, 2 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Joseph and Maureen Salamon, 3 Thornapple Court (dated March 9, 2004)
Sean Salamon, 3 Thornapple Court (dated March 9, 2004)
Paul Scelba, 1 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Joseph and Christine Cianciotto, 17 Briarwood Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Anthony and Margaret Chiodo, 10 Rock Road (dated March 9, 2004)
Deirdre Costanza, 18 Blackberry Place (dated March 10, 2004)
Anthony T. and Lina Cresci, 4 Basswood Court (dated March 10, 2004)
Ronald H. and Waltraud Dalrymple, 3 Blackberry Place (dated March 10, 2004)
Stephen and Cheryl Floroff, 9 Briarwood Road (dated March 10, 2004)
Peter Smith and Colleen Smith, 65 Rock Road (dated March 10, 2004)
The Wineburghs, 14 Blackberry Place (dated March 10, 2004)
Rodger Wagner, 49 Rock Road (dated March 10, 2004)
Mike and Kelley Shoemaker, 18 Briarwood Road (dated March 10, 2004)
James and Eileen Legg, 5 Briarwood Road (dated March 10, 2004)
The Youth of Brush Meadows with a Petition: "Against First Draft/Development of Falcon Field" signed by fifty-one children (faxed March 11, 2004)

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders' Resolution No. 31 adopted on March 10, 2004, authorizing Morris County's Participation in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan Cross-Acceptance Process.

Letter from Public Affairs Manager Molly Adams, stating Comcast's acceptance of the Washington Township Ordinance changing the Township's Municipal Complaint Officer to the Office of Cable Television.

Letter to Comcast from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, stating that the Office of Cable Television will act as the Washington Township Compliant Officer prior to their approval of the amendment of the Renewal Certificate of Approval.

Letter from Eagle Scouts Charles Thompson, Ryan San George and Justin Hoffman, thanking Committeewoman Kaiser for her presentation on behalf of the Township Committee at their Eagle Scout award ceremony.

Letter from Chairman Jerry Suk, Morris County Agriculture Development Board, stating that Block 56, Lots 4.02, 4.03 and 7 have been preserved through New Jersey's Agriculture Retention and Development Program.

DISCUSSION

HIDDEN HILLS – DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS – The Township Committee will consider a resolution to extend the time limitations imposed upon K. Hovnanian at Washington, L.L.C. for completion of the bonded improvements in Section 1-4 of the Hidden Hills Community at the May 12, 2004 Work Session.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT – The Township Committee directed Administrator Gallets to assemble a comprehensive list of properties, including Valley Chapel, for inclusion in the sewer service area.

LITTER PATROL EMPLOYEE – The Township Committee agreed to use clean communities grant funding to hire a part-time summer litter patrol employee.

CELL TOWER LEASE PROPOSAL – Administrator Gallets and Senior Deputy Clerk Burd will respond to Frank Colasurdo Architect, Inc. to acquire additional information to prepare specifications and go out to bid for the construction of a cell tower on the Teen Center property.

ROUTE 57 BYPASS – Members of the Township Committee will meet with Hackettstown and Warren County officials to listen to their justification of the proposed bypass to improve traffic congestion and flow by installing a Route 57/46 bypass.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Donna Bradford Engle, 64 Wehrli Road inquired as to the status of the proposed skatepark.

Comm. Cullen stated that there was no money allocated in the 2004 budget for a skate park. He stated that the Highlands Bill would also have an impact on whether or not the skate park could be built since it would involve more than one quarter acre of impervious coverage.

Laura Akin, 98 East Mill Road – voiced her concerns regarding the proposed Highlands Bill. Ms. Akin encouraged the Township Committee to accomplish goals and projects.

Mayor Short – stated he would be discussing the Highlands later in the meeting.

Daniel O’Neil – 16 Blackberry Place – stated he is grateful that Mayor Short has accepted the invitation to meet with residents on April 20, 2004 at the firehouse regarding Falcon Fields and to listen to their concerns, answer questions and share recent changes to the plan.

Carol Zaikowski, 212 Bartley Road – stated that the lights were on at Bartley Fields until 11:30 p.m. on the previous Saturday night. She stated there was nobody using the field and that this was the second time it had happened.

Mayor Short – stated that the matter will be brought up at the next recreation committee meeting. He instructed Scott Frech, Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, to investigate what happened and also to make sure that a key to the light box is given to the Police Department.

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

Comm. Tobin – stated that he and Comm. Kaiser had interviewed Mr. David Loth in regard to his request to be a member of the Agricultural Advisory Board. Comm. Tobin recommended an amendment to Resolution #R-71-04 appointing him to the position.

RESOLUTION #R-71-04 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be amended to include the following:

David Loth – Regular Member, Agricultural Advisory Board, with a term to expire December 31, 2005

Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Short – updated the Township Committee on the recent changes to the Highlands Bill. Mayor Short proposed a Highlands Bill concern resolution. He stated that there is a need to control the fast pace with which the Highlands Bill is moving and he recommends passing this resolution.

Comm. Kaiser – stated that the Committee should wait until the bill comes out before the Township Committee takes any action. She stated that there is a lot of speculation and wrong information floating around. Comm. Kaiser stated it is not being moved through too quickly.

Comm. Tobin – stated that he is concerned about the pace with which the bill is moving and also how the Commission authorized by the Highlands Bill is going to be structured.

Comm. Cullen – stated that the resolution seems to be a statement that there is concern and he agrees with the thought of the resolution.

Comm. Krickus – stated that he supports passing the resolution. He stated that it is very straightforward and is needed. Comm. Krickus stated that the Highlands Bill is a terrific idea that has been poorly introduced and executed.

RESOLUTION #R-85-04 – AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR DELAY IN LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS REGARDING THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT (SENATE BILL 1 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 2635)

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: Kaiser

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:20 P.M. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-83-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: DRAKESTOWN ROAD; BORGENICHT –
WEST MILL ROAD; SCUDESE**

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 Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:45 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk