

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen, *Krickus, Kaiser, Mayor Short, Attorney Semrau, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

*Comm. Krickus arrived at 7:40 PM

Adequate notices of this meeting were sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 5, 2004 and January 30, 2004 and were 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

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION - Scout Phil Salvatore presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for an Eagle Scout project he was undertaking.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD PRESENTATION - Scout Briana Kennedy presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for a Girl Scout Gold Award project she was undertaking.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD - Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented gift certificates to Township Employees Delores Pecorari and Ginny Kespar in recognition for their exceptional work and effort with regard to recent successful land use litigation in the Township.

*Comm. Krickus arrived at this point.

RO-15-04 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, 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 87, FIRE PREVENTION, 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. Cullen, seconded by Comm. Kaiser that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, FIRE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-16-04 - 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 TO AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY ZONE - 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 TO AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY ZONE be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 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 TO AMEND THE SENIOR CITIZEN OVERLAY ZONE be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-17-04 - 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 WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS - 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 WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 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 WITH RESPECT TO DRIVEWAYS 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 August 16, 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.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-18-04 - 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 TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT - 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, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 **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 TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE R-5 CONSERVATION ZONE DISTRICT TO THE R1/R2 ZONE DISTRICT** be adopted upon first reading.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-19-04 - 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 - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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 introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 **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 first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on August 16, 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.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

RO-20-04 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYING OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYING OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Krickus, Kaiser, 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 CONVEYING OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** be adopted upon first reading.

Certificate of Special Recognition for keeping New Jersey clean and litter-free presented to Washington Township by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council on May 20, 2004.
Letter from Lisa and Richard Fiedler, on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 136, in appreciation of the \$300.00 grant awarded by Washington Township for the troop's participation in Clean Communities Day.
Letter from the Friendship Center Child Care Service, thanking Clean Communities Coordinator Nancy Salvatore for scheduling a presentation made that educated the children about littering.
Letter to the Township Committee from Scout Patrick McGuire, thanking them for the proclamation and the plaque presented in recognition of his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
Letter from Attorney James H. Knox, of the Gebhardt & Kiefer Law Firm, thanking Washington Township representatives for their highly professional assistance in perfecting the Lance Minor Subdivision.
E-mail from Alice Swackhamer, 6 Hunter Drive, commending the Washington Township Police Department and Fire Companies who responded to an emergency situation at their home on July 1, 2004.
New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission Notification of Intention to Commence Negotiations signed by Business Agent Michael Broderick, representing the Teamsters Local Union No. 469.

DISCUSSION

TEEN CENTER UPDATE – Comm. Kaiser reported that the Teen Center Advisory Board had met on June 12, 2004, and they have set up a list of activities. She reported that things are moving forward.

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS – Comm. Kaiser reported that the Downtown Revitalization Committee had met and discussed downtown sidewalks to be repaired. The Committee will get three quotations for the work.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – Comm. Kaiser reported that Tom Horn from the Municipal Utilities Authority will contribute \$5,000 towards the purchase of a GPS plus \$12,900 grant equipment monies.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGREEMENT – WTMUA UPDATE – Comm. Kaiser reported that this agreement will include the list of potential lots that the Committee had come up with. The original agreement did not include them. It will also include the 35 acre parcel adjacent to the COAH house.

MINE HILL – DRAKESTOWN ROAD – The Washington Township Committee approved moving forward on this project and will have Leon Hall review the road reclamation plan.

CIANFROCCA – EASEMENT SUBORDINATION – The Washington Township Committee agreed not to subordinate the Easement.

CUCINELLA – POND DREDGING APPROVAL – The Washington Township Committee approved the dredging of the Cucinella Pond.

KOCH – EASEMENT DISTURBANCE – The Washington Township Committee agreed that Mr. Koch should post a cash bond in order for him to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy before the easement disturbance is rectified.

POLICE CARS – OUTSIDE VENDOR – The DPW Commissioner and Police Commissioner will meet to voice their concerns on this matter.

WEB SITE REQUEST – The Washington Township Committee will discuss allowing fundraiser requests on the Township Website at the August 11, 2004 Work Session. Comm. Kaiser and Cullen will draft a policy governing such requests and Attorney Semrau will provide examples for consideration.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Ms. Mary Jo Crane, 19 Falcon Lane, stated that ten additional feel of brush had been cut from the vegetation line at Falcon Fields after the Washington Township Committee agreed to keep it as it was.

Ms. Virginia Chanda, 4 Thornapple Court, stated that Rochelle had put a “no trespassing” sign on her property by mistake, and she wanted to be certain that she knew where the property lines were.

Mayor Short instructed Ralph DeFranzo to straighten the matter out with Rochelle.

Ms. Suzanne O’Neil, 16 Blackberry Place, requested that the Committee consider a resolution, as opposed to an ordinance, declaring that the city recreation program will not include the installation of lights at Falcon Fields.

Ms. Carol Zaikowski, 212 Bartley Road, wondered if there was a plan in place to inspect the local dams.

Administrator Gallets stated that she would contact the DEP to find out what dams they have listed throughout the Township, and who regulates them. She stated that the Township only owns two dams – Kohler Pond and the one on Califon Road - and that they are inspected by the Township Engineer upon DEP notification.

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION R-159-04 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
LITIGATION: PERCHAM; SCUDESE; COMBEFILL SOUTH
POTENTIAL LITIGATION: NEW TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: MUNICIPAL PLANNER BILLS
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: DISPATCHING AGREEMENTS –
MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
LAND ACQUISITION: BORGENICHT – WEST MILL ROAD**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Tobin

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:29 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.**

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk