

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 6:35 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** \*Comm. Tobin, Cullen, Kaiser, Walsh, Mayor Short, \*\*Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, CFO Lifer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

\*Comm. Tobin arrived at 7:20 p.m.

\*\*Attorney Jansen arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on December 21, 2004 and January 13, 2005 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same dates. 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.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Scott Frech, Superintendent - Department of Public Works, stated that the original list containing 22 roads for possible bonding had been reduced to 12 roads and prioritized according to need. The Township Committee agreed to obtain engineering estimates to do the top 3 roads on the list before making a decision on what roads will be done. The Township Committee discussed the need to provide in the budget for the drainage work on Flocktown Road and the necessary land acquisition for work on Naughtright Road.

The Township Committee discussed and amended Form IVs and Capital Summaries.

The Township Committee preliminarily approved the 2004 allocations for the following budgets: Shadetree, Municipal Court, Public Defender, and Prosecutor.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SOIL DISTURBANCE – HILLTOP MEADOWS** – The Township Committee will consider a resolution to allow The T.M. Group to import 10,000 cubic yards of soil from a subdivision located in Mount Olive Township after receiving recommendations from the Township Engineer and the Environmental Commission.

**LOSAP** – The Township Committee discussed passing an ordinance to change the requirements for participation in the "Length of Service Awards Program" (LOSAP) by the Township's volunteer emergency service providers.

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

### **DISCUSSION**

**VERNAL POOLS** – The Township Committee discussed a letter which the Environmental Commission is requesting be mailed out by Washington Township to various residents regarding vernal pools. The Committee agreed to move forward on this item.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL – NEWBURGH ROAD** – The Township Committee discussed a recommendation from the Planning Board to install a traffic light at the Newburgh Road/Schooley's Mountain Road intersection.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE TO FIELDS** – The Township Committee discussed a memo received from Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann, Director of Parks & Recreation, concerning the cost of damage to Township fields. The Committee agreed to increase police visibility at the Township parks and to close off the seasonal fields with chains when they are not in use.

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES** – Members of the Township Committee will interview candidates for appointment to various Township board and committee positions on Monday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING PLAQUE** – The Township Committee approved the final proof of the municipal building plaque.

**FAIRMOUNT PUMPER** – The Township Committee discussed problems encountered with the 2003 Pierce Pumper and the offer from Pierce to return the truck to the factory in Wisconsin for repairs. Pierce will then fly two members of the Fire Department out to Wisconsin to inspect the repairs. The Township Committee agreed to accept this offer, but they would prefer that a DPW mechanic replace one of the firemen flying on the inspection.

