

The Work Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:36 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

*Attorney DeBona departed at 10:00 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 4, 2005 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.

NY-NJ TRAIL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION – PATRIOTS PATH – Mr. Richard Benning gave a presentation to the Washington Township Committee concerning the proposed future projects that the NY-NJ Trail Conference is working on.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION – Scout Doug Falcone presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for an Eagle Scout project he will be undertaking to refurbish picnic tables and benches at Rock Spring Park.

GIRL SCOUT GOLD PRESENTATIONS – Scouts Kimberly Escobar, Katie Sniffen and Kelsey Steube presented plans to the Washington Township Committee for the Girl Scout Gold Award projects each will be undertaking. Kimberly Escobar will be working at the Teen Center. Katie Sniffen will be working on the Bocce Ball Court at the Senior Center and Kelsey Steube will be working on landscaping at the Bocce Ball Court for their Girl Scout Gold Award projects.

FAIRMOUNT FIRE DEPARTMENT – Tanker Presentation – The Fairmount Fire Department presentation will be made at the August 15, 2005 meeting.

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public

Ms. Madelyn Vanko, 11 Quail Run commented on the number of cars speeding on Quail Run.

Ms. Cameron Esemplare discussed the donation of funds by the traveling soccer team for sod. She expressed concern about their ability to continue to raise funds.

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

ORDINANCES

SOIL DISTURBANCE ORDINANCE – The Soil Disturbance ordinance will be introduced at the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2005.

STREAM BUFFER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE – The Township Committee discussed the Stream Corridor Buffer Ordinance which the Planning Board has recommended they adopt to replace and expand upon the current ordinance by establishing a Highland Stream Corridor Buffer Conservation Zone. This ordinance will be sent back to the Planning Board for further clarification. The Planning Board will solicit comments from the Morris County Agriculture Development Board.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE - The Township Committee will introduce an ordinance at the August 15, 2005 meeting to amend the driveway ordinance to allow concrete pavers in addition to the current materials.

BORGENICHT LAND ACQUISITION – The Township Committee will introduce an ordinance at the August 15, 2005 meeting to authorize the acquisition by condemnation of a portion of Scott Farm.

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE POLICE NEGOTIATIONS – Police negotiations will be handled by Comm. Tobin and Comm. Cullen and will begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2005.

GIRL SCOUT TAX REBATE PROJECT – The Township Committee agreed to pass a Resolution supporting Scout Jessica Obiedzinski's dedication in pursuing her Gold Award. Ms. Obiedzinski is circulating a petition

supporting Bills ACR160 and ACR166 amending New Jersey State law so that veterans who have served during peacetime or who rent will get a deduction on their property tax from the government.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE SYSTEM – The Township Committee discussed whether a contract could be awarded when a bid is 10% less than the amount that would be charged under a State Contract. This will be discussed further at the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2005. Additional information is needed regarding the State bidders. The Police Department will research what other towns have done in this situation.

TAX MAP – The Township Committee discussed whether the tax maps needed to be re-certified. The Township Committee requested that Leon Hall have the State Division of Taxation confirm in writing that we do not have to re-certify our tax maps for revaluation purposes. Once the confirmation is received, the Township Engineer is to proceed with the tax map updates needed for the revaluation.

SCHEDULE BOARD & COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS - Members of the Township Committee will interview candidates for appointment to various board and committee positions on August 15, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

COAH 3RD ROUND – The Township Committee discussed a timetable in order to obtain COAH’s third round substantive certification. In order to continue collecting the COAH fees, the Township must submit their petition for “third round” certification to Trenton by September 9, 2005. This date can be met if everyone adheres to specific deadlines. The Township Committee will schedule a Special Meeting so they may take the final action to meet the deadlines. The Township Committee will set the date at the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2005.

LINZ FARM – The Township Committee discussed the NJDOT’s plan to condemn a portion of the Linz Farm to mitigate two wetland sites associated with 4 DOT projects in Sussex County.

WMRHS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – PALMER PARK PARKING – The Township Committee discussed a draft memorandum submitted by West Morris Central High School regarding using Palmer Park for student parking during the construction period. Various changes were made to this agreement. Administrator Gallets will make the changes and submit a draft to the Township Committee for their final review.

ACKERMAN DRIVEWAY WAIVER – The Township Committee discussed a request submitted by Erika Brobst-Ackerman for a waiver of driveway sight distance. It was agreed that although the Township Committee would not grant a waiver on the sight distance, they would defer to the Morris County Engineer’s decision on the sight distance question only. The Township Committee requires receipt of letters from both the Morris County Engineer’s Office and Ackerman’s Professional Engineer stating that the driveway is in a safe location. All other Washington Township driveway requirements must be met.

HMUA SEWER SERVICE AREA – The Township Committee discussed a letter and map received from the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority showing areas that are being removed from the H.M.U.A. Sewer Service Area. Administrator Gallets will send a letter to the H.M.U.A. and to the State objecting to the revisions.

TEEN CENTER – The Township Committee discussed activities at the Teen Center as well as the resignation of Sylvia Lim, Teen Center Coordinator. Comm. Kaiser will keep the Teen Center open for the balance of the year, utilizing volunteers.

TOWNSHIP VEHICLES SYNOPSIS & USAGE POLICY – The Township Committee discussed the policies in place concerning Township vehicles. Mayor Short and Comm. Walsh will work on a policy for personal usage of all Township-owned vehicles.

LOSAP – The Township Committee discussed the Township of Washington Fire Department and Long Valley First Aid Squad Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP). Future policies were discussed regarding verification of response to emergency calls.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION AUDITS – The Township Committee discussed audits for volunteer organizations.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 11:10 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-151-05 – EXECUTIVE SESSION –
PERSONNEL: INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAM
LAND ACQUISITION: COVALESKY**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:29 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk