

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:14 p.m.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on February 27, 2006 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Senior Citizen Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION #R-45-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: POLICE CHIEF**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Nedd, Short, Cullen, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.**

**HARRINGTON PARK DEP PERMIT**

One of the permits for the next phase of the park construction must be revised. The recommendation from the engineer working on the project is that we only renew the parts necessary to complete the current construction phase. If we apply for the complete project, it may become delayed in the Highlands Council and further put off any construction. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the two different approaches. Comm. Walsh, Recreation Liaison will call Suburban Engineering in the morning and discuss the matter. The Committee agreed that they would allow him to make the decision once he had all the questions answered by the engineer in charge.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Township Committee discussed the timing of the budget introduction. It was agreed that they would consider introduction in April.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a budget with an increase of about 3 to 4% for the 2006 year. They will try to make cuts to achieve that level of increase.

The Capital budget was reviewed. Various items were eliminated from consideration, and other items were put on a list with tentative approval.

The Form 4's were again reviewed. Various cuts were made. The Police Department Administrative telephone replacement was discussed. The telephones will not be replaced this year and we will try using a new vendor who has assured the Township that they can still get parts for the current system.

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

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:**

**RESOLUTION #R-45A-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: COURT REORGANIZATION;  
SALARY & WAGES**

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

**AYES:** Comm. Nedd, Short, Cullen, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:39 p.m.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**