

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:08 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on March 15, 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.

RESOLUTION #R-59-06 - RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TOLL BROTHERS IV, FOUR BRIDGES II APPLICATION TO HAVE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS MADE, APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE ROADS ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 18, LOTS 8, 12.08 AND 21

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

RESOLUTION #R-61-06 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2006 FORD ESCAPE WITH FUNDS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TRUST FUND

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Walsh 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

DISCUSSION

U.S. HOMES – EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING USAGE – The developer of the age-restricted housing will be donating a two acre parcel to the Township for the use by the emergency services to construct a building. The Planning Board has requested that the Township Committee indicate the dimensions of the two-acre parcel. The parcel is on the northwest corner of the farm off of Newburg Road. Comm. Cullen explained that he will be meeting with the emergency services within the week and will report back to the Township Committee at the next meeting as to a layout and the dimensions.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CONSULTANTS – Mrs. Gallets gave the Township Committee a proposal from this company to hire this firm to review the specifications for the new tanker truck that Fairmount Fire Company wants the Committee to purchase. This firm would review the current specs for \$750.00, and if needed, would rewrite the specifications for a price of \$2,800.00 - \$3,200.00. The Township Committee agreed to only have the \$750.00 review done at this point.

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Craig Wallenstein, Fire Department Chief, stated that the timing is bad to hire a consultant to review the tanker. The Fire Company has worked on this for over one year, and this is not the time to get this done now. Why didn't the Township Committee do this before? He explained that they need a custom cab in order to be able to take up to 8 volunteers to the fire.

Mr. Dave Steinel, Assistant Chief – Fairmount Fire Company, explained that the volunteers are insulted that the Township Committee does not have any faith in them to design a tanker truck. He has never heard of this consulting firm and wanted to know where they came from and what their expertise is.

Mr. Harry Kent – Fairmount Fire Company, stated that the Township Committee has waited until the 12th hour. He thinks there are no good reasons that have been expressed as to why there should be any consultants brought in for this review.

Mr. Rob Cline, explained that there were multiple bids on the last vehicle. This truck has been stripped down and is a bare bones vehicle. There are fire consultants in New Jersey. Why didn't the Township Committee use one of them?

Mr. Kurt Wanner, questioned the method used to find the consultant.

Mr. Al Pierce, expressed his concern. He stated that there is a lot of emotion involved with this tanker design.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mrs. Gallets was instructed to advertise another special meeting for Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the budget in greater detail.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-62-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: SALARY & WAGES
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: CHESTER AND MENDHAM
DISPATCHING AGREEMENTS
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:09 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk