

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 9, 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 Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION – PRESENTATION TO TED M. EHRENBURG, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE, RET. – Mayor Tobin read aloud a proclamation honoring Chief Erhensburg for his excellent leadership and countless contributions which have made Washington Township one of the safest communities in which to live.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD - Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to Scout Daniel Lennon, Scout Daniel Joseph Burns, Scout James Edward Kowalak, Scout Eric Thomas San George, Scout Samuel Harvey Thompson, Scout David Reilly, and Scout Daniel Peter Fallon in recognition of their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

PRESENTATION – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD – Ms. Kathleen McGroarty, Chairwoman of the Washington Township Planning Board and Ms. Ginny Kesper, Coordinator, updated the Township Committee on the goals of the Planning Board for 2006. The Committee thanked Ms. McGroarty and Ms. Kesper for the great job they are doing and the amount of time and effort they put into the Planning Board.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION – Scout Eric Draghi presented plans to the Township Committee for an Eagle Scout project he is undertaking in which he will construct approximately 30 flower boxes to be placed in the downtown Long Valley area and filled with donated flowers.

RESOLUTION #R-66-06 - INTRODUCE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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. Short, Cullen, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-04-06 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS INCREASING THE TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH SHARE OBLIGATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS INCREASING THE TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH SHARE OBLIGATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public for comments or questions relating to Ordinance RO-04-06. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Tobin closed the meeting to the public.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS INCREASING THE TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH SHARE OBLIGATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

RO-05-06 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE RO-34-05 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 34, LOT 46 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX ASSESSMENT MAP 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 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE RO-34-05 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 34, LOT 46 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX ASSESSMENT MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE RO-34-05 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 34, LOT 46 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX ASSESSMENT MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON” 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 May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, 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. 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

RO-06-06 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE “RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE” OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE “RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE” OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE “RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE” OF THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT be adopted upon first reading.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-07-06 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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. Short, Cullen, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) 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 May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, 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. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-08-06 – BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,675,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,580,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,675,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,580,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

Attorney Jansen noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,675,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,580,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

RESOLUTION #R-71-06 - AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE HARRINGTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE ON BLOCK 22, LOT 32

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

- ◆Letter from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson stating that our 2006 Clean Communities entitlement is \$19,205.36.
- ◆Letter from Morris County Administrator John Bonanni stating the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders has Awarded \$2,500 in supplemental funding for 2006 to the Washington Township Municipal Alliance.
- ◆Letter from Mr. Randy Grauerholz, Secretary of the Long Valley First Aid Squad, thanking Mayor Tobin for the generous donation of \$500.00 he secured from Wal-Mart.
- ◆Letter to Mayor Tobin from Eagle Scouts Sam Thompson, Eric San George and Dan Burns, thanking the Mayor for attending their Eagle Award Ceremony.

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

DISCUSSION

Comm. Cullen recused himself from the discussion concerning the MVCA Field/Facility Impact.

MVCA FIELD/FACILITY IMPACT -

Attorney Jansen reviewed his advice from the April 12, 2006 Work Session. Attorney Jansen stated that the position he has taken from the very beginning is that the Township Committee has the ability to decide what is the minimum percentage that would be acceptable to the municipality in any specification or request for quotation that they initiate. There are a number of variable factors which could be taken into account. When the Township has solicited quotations, it has established a minimum percentage figure. The competition comes from people bidding up that percentage. If the specified minimum was 20% and we have three entities who want to run that particular camp, someone could offer to return 25% to the Township and somebody else could offer to return 30%.

Mr. Jansen stated that it is too late to get involved in the formal solicitation of bids or competitive contracting for this particular camp or clinic for this year. We have to arrive at a number for this year that everyone feels is fair. We also need to take into account that the MVCA has already started to register people for this year and people are counting on the operation.

The Township Committee discussed the MVCA 10 week Summer Camp program and the fee to be charged for 2006.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Walsh to honor the \$500 MVCA Agreement for 2006 and reconsider the amount to be charged for 2007. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Short, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: Comm. Nedd

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Cullen

ABSENT: None

Mayor Tobin instructed the Recreation Director to contact Kathy Huber from MVCA and ask for their expense revenue breakdown for the MVCA camp for 2005.

Comm. Cullen returned to the meeting

FAA AIRSPACE REORGANIZATION – The Township Committee agreed to send a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration opposing the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Airspace Redesign proposal which would likely cause dramatic aircraft noise increases in New Jersey.

SALE OF LIQUOR LICENSE – The Township Committee agreed to go out again to bid on the new plenary retail consumption license.

NATIONAL GUARD DUTY – The Township Committee discussed a request from an employee for time off to attend mandatory National Guard annual training.

MCIJIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – Tabled until May 22, 2006 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.