

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Short, Cullen, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, 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 December 30, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION - Scout Christian Fiedler presented plans to the Township Committee for an Eagle Scout project he is undertaking in which he will develop Kohler Pond, located on Rock Road. This project will include litter cleanup, wooden walkways and an entrance sign.

ORDINANCES

SIGN ORDINANCE UPDATE – Comm. Walsh informed the Township Committee that he and Jeff Price had met with the Village Association to discuss the sign ordinance with local business owners, answer questions and take their feedback. The Association is going to put their comments and suggestions in writing. Comm. Walsh and Short also met with local realtors who will also put their comments in writing.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – PALMER PARK – Comm. Walsh stated that he has been working with Chief Bailey in assuring that signs go up so that speeding and parking will no longer be a problem. Chief Bailey stated that they are currently working to get approval from the Department of Transportation so that the signs can be placed appropriately.

GROWTH SHARE ORDINANCE - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, ARTICLE XIV, REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTS INCREASING THE TOWNSHIP'S GROWTH SHARE OBLIGATION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING", at the August 21, 2006 meeting.

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Fairmount Fire Company - Chief Scott Babb stated that the fire company would like to make a power point presentation to the Township Committee regarding a five year plan.

Ms. Kathy Collins, 57 Nestling Wood Drive, asked why Kevin Nedd had been removed from the Police Contract Negotiating Committee.

Mayor Tobin replied that Comm. Nedd had recused himself from participating in the negotiations.

Mr. Matt Murello, 201 Flocktown Road, stated that every weekend he has to remove signs from the telephone pole on his property. He also stated that people are stopping their vehicles to read the signs in a very dangerous area.

Mr. Howard Popper, 12 Gentry Drive, suggested posting the new sign ordinance on the website.

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

DISCUSSION

HISTORIC MUSEUM TREES - Administrator Gallets advised the Township Committee that she received a letter from the Long Valley Garden Club, inquiring if the Township Committee intends to replace the two trees that were taken down at the Historic Society Museum. Administrator Gallets stated that she contacted the Garden Club and advised them that there is no money in the budget this year to replace the trees.

Comm. Short - suggested that the Garden Club contact Eleanora Murfitt and inquire if the Library Board has any donated trees available.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION – Mr. Jeff Price discussed the layout for the 2006 Fall Festival.

FIRE HOSE REPLACEMENT –Chief Craig Wallenstein, stated that approximately 1/3 of the hose that the fire companies use was found to be defective during the annual hose test. He explained that the hose is from 1992 and only has a ten year life expectancy. The fire companies are at a critical point where they need hose now but have no money in the budget to buy it.

Comm. Short recused himself from the discussion of Drainage at 64 Naughtright Road.

DRAINAGE – 64 NAUGHRIGHT ROAD – The Township Committee discussed a letter from Pequest Engineering requesting a meeting to discuss solutions to a recurring flooding problem at 64 Naughtright Road. The Committee agreed to the meeting.

Comm. Short returned to the meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPLACEMENT– The Township Committee discussed the replacement of Animal Control Officer Martin Miktus who submitted his resignation.

LIBRARY BILLING – The Township Committee discussed the issue of adding a yearly administrative fee for the insurance services provided to the Washington Township Library.

SHARED SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION – The Township Committee agreed to pass a resolution authorizing the application of a SHARE grant with neighboring towns.

STREET LIGHTS – REGENCY AT LONG VALLEY – The Township Committee discussed a request by Toll Brothers for permission to install street lights at the Regency at Long Valley with the monthly charges to be paid by the Homeowners Association.

DOG PARK INSURANCE – Comm. Walsh reported that Debbie Burd’s research has shown that the dog park will have little impact on the Township’s insurance. The Township Committee also discussed the guidelines for the dog park.

RECREATION SOFTBALL FOOD TRUCK – The Township Committee discussed a request by the Long Valley Girls’ Softball Association for permission to contract a vendor to sell hot and cold drinks and food at the parks during their games. The vendor will give them a portion of the profits as a fundraiser.

Attorney Jansen stated that nonprofit organizations cannot enter into contracts to provide services of this type on Township property – only the Township can do that. If the Township decides that there is a need for concessions at the parks, it can enter into a contract with a concessionaire to provide the services.

CODE OF ETHICES – RECREATION SPORTS – The Township Committee discussed a request for the Township Committee to develop a code of ethics for good behavior and good sportsmanship by children and adults at Recreation sporting events which could be enforced by the Police Department.

ALTERNATIVE PARKING – ROCK SPRING PARK – Comm. Walsh reported that there is a parking problem at Rock Spring Park and there is a need for an additional parking lot.

MATRONS – TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP – The Township Committee discussed the possible sharing of Matrons with Tewksbury Township.

BABB RIGHT-OF-WAY – The Township Committee discussed an offer by a resident to donate to the town a right-of-way on his property in return for a sidewalk and water hookup.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:57 p.m. upon approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #R-147-06 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: COMMUNITY CENTER;
LAND ACQUISITION: LILLIS PROPERTY
PERSONNEL: HEALTH DEPARTMENT; DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: COMMUNICATIONS
WORKERS OF AMERICA**

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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.