

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:03 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

COMMENDATION – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Township, commended Cristianna Cook-Gibbs, Health Officer and Philip Carangelo, Chairman of the Board of Health for their efforts in coordinating, promoting, and utilizing \$494,000 in grant money to install a new water line and treatment system for the Cliffside Park development. Ms. Cook-Gibbs stated a failing infrastructure and escalating bureaucracy had previously undermined this ongoing effort. A January 2007 meeting is scheduled with residents.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – A plaque was presented to Scout Robin Slobodien at his Eagle Scout Award ceremony on behalf of Mayor Tobin and the Washington Township Committee in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

RO-24-06 – AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PALMER PARK RECREATIONAL COMPLEX AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PALMER PARK RECREATIONAL COMPLEX AND REGULATING THE USE OF SAID ROADWAYS, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS BY MOTOR VEHICLES 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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

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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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-25-06 – AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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ABSENT: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-26-06 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN ACCESS AND PARKING EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 60, LOT 1 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN ACCESS AND PARKING EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 60, LOT 1 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAPS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY 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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-27-06 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AMENDING CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO THE C-1 ZONE AND THE C-2 ZONE AND TO REZONE BLOCK 28, LOTS 19.01 AND 20 TO THE C-1 ZONE - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AMENDING CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO THE C-1 ZONE AND THE C-2 ZONE AND TO REZONE BLOCK 28, LOTS 19.01 AND 20 TO THE C-1 ZONE be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Short

ABSENT: None

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Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Edward C. Tencza and Matthew Everitt Tamburro.

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

That the following minutes be approved and placed on file in the Municipal Clerk's office:

October 16, 2006 Regular Meeting
November 16, 2006 Work Session

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

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.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Tax Collector

All items preceded by a (*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Cullen on the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-207-06 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-208-06 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION ENTITLED ELEGANT HOMES, LLC VERSUS WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

was a question as to whether any consideration was given to hiring out Township Road Department services. Attorney Jansen stated he has not researched the matter, however, pursuant to ordinance, the Township acts as a backup in the event that the contractor can not fulfill his duty within the allotted eight hour period. Mayor Tobin stated that there may be certain legal issues in paying the Township for these services in the first instance, and it is not advisable.

Comm. Cullen returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

CRIME STOPPERS BILLBOARD - Comm. Short stated Freeholder Director Nordstrom agreed to a smaller Crime Stoppers sign to be erected on Bartley Road, perhaps where the Columbia Trail crosses Ort Farm. A definition of a "smaller sign" and a location is needed. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER - Comm. Cullen asked if there was anything new concerning the Community Center. Comm. Short stated correspondence was received from the Board of Education on November 15, 2006 and proposals will be considered in January 2007.

HIGHLANDS UPDATE - Comm. Cullen inquired if there was anything further regarding the Highlands situation. Comm. Short stated that the Executive Director of the Highlands Council gave a presentation regarding the Highlands. He stated there will be six public comment sessions and indicated that municipalities must upgrade their master plans to comply with the Highlands regulations. A minimum of \$100,000 per community (eighty eight in total) will be dedicated within a \$12.5 million budget to help offset the expense of this endeavor. Officials welcome the opportunity to convey what the Highlands really means to the county, communities and their residents. A joint meeting will be scheduled in January 2007. He noted the proposed Golf Course is not covered by any of the seventeen Highlands Act exemptions.

SIDEWALKS - Comm. Short stated that there is a January 8, 2007 meeting scheduled to discuss the application for grant money to implement sidewalks from the downtown area to the Middle school, as well as to fill in gaps in the sidewalks of the Flocktown/Cossman school.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - Comm. Short stated he is troubled by a situation resulting from an ethics complaint filed against a Board of Education member. He is concerned with the perception of a possible conflict, specifically hearings held in Trenton at which Comm. Nedd, Board of Education liaison, testified. Comm. Short suggested that either he or Comm. Walsh should assume the position of liaison for the last 13 days of the year. Comm. Nedd responded that he is disappointed that this matter has been brought before the committee against the advice of Mayor Tobin and Attorney Jansen. Comm. Nedd questioned Comm. Short's motivation and retorted that the topic should have remained confidential. Comm. Nedd suggested that Comm. Short has exposed the Township and the Committee to potential litigation. Comm. Nedd stated his integrity should not be in question. Mayor Tobin stated that this appointment should be discussed in January 2007.

CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL CENTER - Comm. Walsh and Administrator Galletts will meet regarding the Cleveland Industrial Center to discuss some high level opportunities for the site. There exists \$1 million of uncollected taxes on this site, which is an environmental hazard. Comm. Walsh will consult with professionals once he has more detailed information.

DISPATCH SERVICES - Mayor Tobin stated St. Clares MICU has expressed an interest in the use of our dispatch services. He will update the committee regarding the progress with these negotiations.

CALIFON POLICING - Mayor Tobin stated that Califon Borough officials will present a detailed list of police services required. Califon officials will contact Hunterdon County officials to avoid a possible lapse in their communications services.

SHARED SERVICES - Mayor Tobin stated that the Warren/Morris Council of Government Shared Services has been contacted by Mansfield Township representatives to discuss potential shared services. He stated the discussions are proceeding, although the potential cost, the potential revenue, and the potential manpower are at issue. Mayor Tobin stated the council will continue to consider the shared services of the municipalities.

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

RESOLUTION #R-217-06 - EXECUTIVE SESSION - POTENTIAL LITIGATION: DOG PARK

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. Cullen, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Diane S. Gallets, Clerk