

April 16, 2007

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on May 21, 2007 at 7:30 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. Tobin that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Short, Tobin, Mayor Walsh

NAYS: Comm. Cullen, Nedd

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-14-07 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-15-07 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON BLOCK 60, LOTS 1 AND 5 OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON BLOCK 60, LOTS 1 AND 5 OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON TO THE MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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NAYS: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Mayor Walsh opened the meeting to the public.

***Mayor Walsh recused himself from the Denzler/Price discussion at 7:54 P.M. Comm. Tobin stood in as Mayor.**

John Krickus, Drakestown Road – requested the facts regarding a business arrangement between Geoffrey Price and Township Engineer Carl Denzler. He stated that he was concerned about the reputation of Washington Township in that an elected official approached a Township employee to conduct personal business (in the year 2000). Comm. Tobin did not have any prior knowledge of the situation and was not able to provide any information. Comm. Short stated that when he became aware of a possible conflict, he informed Attorney Jansen of the situation. Comm. Short stated that he believed Attorney Jansen spoke to Ed Buzak, Planning Board Attorney, but does not know the outcome of that conversation. Comm. Cullen stated that his opinion was that the transaction was open, and that he did not see a major impact on the taxpayers to cause concern. Comm. Nedd queried of Mr. Krickus whether this issue from the year 2000 was brought to the State Ethics Board at that time. Upon a negative response, Comm. Nedd stated that he is concerned that the issue is politically motivated as the Township Committee Regular Meeting is not the appropriate venue to bring this concern. He opined that the State, not the Committee, has the authority to act. Comm. Cullen agreed. The Township Committee did not agree to pursue the matter.

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

***Mayor Walsh returned to the meeting at 8:22 P.M.**

RESOLUTION #R-74-07 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

The foregoing resolution was amended to include Police Lieutenant Patrick Monahan to be appointed to Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin

RESOLUTION #R-75-07 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIFTH AGREEMENT AMENDING CONSENT ORDER BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND COLONIAL INVESTMENT CORP.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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RESOLUTION #R-73-07 – INTRODUCE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

This resolution was tabled until after the approval of Resolution #R-81-07, which would be considered a revenue source. In addition, the budget will be amended to include \$25,660 as a source of revenue.

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Tobin, Nedd
NAYS: Comm. Short, Mayor Walsh **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

RESOLUTION #R-82-07 – ACCEPT DEVELOPMENT ON TO MAINTENANCE – CORTLAND ESTATES – LANDMARK AT LONG VALLEY, LLC

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

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Short, Tobin, Nedd, Mayor Walsh
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

***RAFFLE APPLICATION**

An application has been received for the following raffle:

Flocktown Kossmann PTA	Fifty-Fifty	06/01/2007
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Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Form and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle application be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Form.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – FLOCKTOWN KOSSMANN PTA**

An application has been received from the Flocktown Kossmann PTA for a Spring Fair to be held on June 1, 2007 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Flocktown Kossmann Elementary Schools located at 90 Flocktown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

That the following minutes be approved and placed on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office:

January 6, 2007 Reorganization Meeting

***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. Tobin on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Cullen, Short, Tobin, Nedd, Mayor Walsh
NAYS: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTENTIONS:** None

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CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Governor Jon Corzine, acknowledging receipt of Washington Township resolution supporting the Renewal of the Garden State Preservation Trust.

Letter from West Morris Central High School Principal Michael J. Reilly, thanking our Police Department for their participation in an exhibition basketball game and for the monetary gift to be dedicated to the scholarship fund in memory of Kyleigh D'Alessio and Tanner Birch.

Letter from Brookside Fire Company Chief Evan Thomas, thanking our communications staff for outstanding dispatching services related to Brookside incidents over an eight-year period.

Letter from NJDEP Assistant Director/State Forester James S. Barresi, stating the New Jersey Forest Service and the New Jersey Forestry Council did not grant Community Stewardship Incentive Program funding to Washington Township for 2007.

E-mail from Sergeant Art Adams, thanking Parks/Recreation Director Eleanora Murfitt for granting the Mount Olive teams the use of the Babe Ruth field located in Palmer Park.

Letter from Elizabethtown Gas Vice President/General Manager Donald F. Carter, outlining the improvements and investments in customer service systems planned for 2007.

Letter from Jersey Central Power & Light Company Area Manager Hannah Massaquoi, stating residents will be notified of line clearance operations to be performed along transmission lines which cross a portion of Washington Township.

DISCUSSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REBIRTH - Mayor Walsh proposed that the Committee reintroduce the Economic Development team and have it initially comprised of two members of the Planning Board, two members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, two members of the Village Association, and a couple of people with economic development experience; one of whom would be Assemblyman Guy Gregg who has expressed interest in helping with this venture. Mayor Walsh stated that his goal is to have a non-funded organization that looks at how to attract new business, how to pursue downtown revitalization, how to market Long Valley as a destination, etc. Mayor Walsh further stated that between now and December 31, 2007, a mission statement will be developed with suggestions to pursue the same. He would also like recommendations as to rezoning and tax adjustments. Mayor Walsh opined that he would like this committee to be serious about its commission. Comm. Cullen agreed that the idea is sound. Comm. Short is concerned with its encroachment on the Highlands Act and redundant committees. Comm. Tobin stated that he liked the idea as long as the committee was working toward more commercial ratables. Comm. Nedd also liked the idea with some emphasis placed on filling up existing vacant commercial space in town. Mayor Walsh stated that an initial focus of this committee should be the vacant Cooper Chemical Plant, which currently owes approximately \$1.5 million in back taxes.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER - Comm. Cullen inquired about the Community Center. Comm. Short stated that they are waiting on money for engineering from U.S. Homes. U.S. Homes is currently before the Planning Board with another set of plans.

FORESTRY GRANT - Comm. Tobin noted that Washington Township was turned down for the Forestry Grant application as the plea was weak. He would like an inquiry as to what was weak about the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk