

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 8, 2008 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 – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Township Committee, recognized **Mary Gustafson, Senior Citizen Van Driver**, for her excellent service through the years until her retirement in 2008.

24TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AID PAUL LICITRA – **Paul Licitra, Legislative Aide** advised the Township Committee of the address of the new 24th District Office on Rt. 206 in Mt. Olive. Legislators **Senator Oroho, Assemblyman Chisano, and Assemblywoman McHose** are based in Sparta, and will have a legislative office there as well. Mr. Licitra stated that he would like to have a meeting with the five Townships every three months to discuss issues that are germane to the 24th District, and New Jersey as a whole.

Mayor Tobin thanked Mr. Licitra for his presentation, and stated that he would like to communicate that he would like to see the municipalities treated individually instead of treating New Jersey as a whole. Mayor Tobin further stated that municipalities are not able to handle the costs of blanket state wide legislation. Mayor Tobin invited the legislators to Township events in order to meet the residents and open the lines of communication. **Comm. Nedd** stated that he would like to have the state aid information so that the Township is able to finalize its budget numbers for the year. **Comm. Walsh** commented on state mandated legislation that is unfunded and that a combined effort by the 24th District to approach Trenton with this information may help to amend current fiscal issues. **Comm. Short** commented on the lack of funding for the Highlands Act. **Comm. Popper** mentioned statutory compensation for Highlands land. He further stated that state funding is falling short and it is getting more difficult to facilitate Township business. Mayor Tobin commented that the State should not impede, but rather should be a facilitator and promoter of shared services.

Mr. Licitra responded that he appreciates the comments and that the legislators will be proactive in meeting the goals of the 24th District.

RESOLUTION #R-33-08 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

The above resolution was amended to include appointments to the WTMUA.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RO-1-08 – BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$485,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$461,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS LANDS IN AND 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 \$485,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$461,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS LANDS IN AND 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.

It was noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement is on file in the Clerk's office.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

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| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/04/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/05/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/06/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/12/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/13/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/19/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/20/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/26/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 04/27/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/03/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/04/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/10/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/11/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/17/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/18/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/24/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/25/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 05/31/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/01/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/07/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/08/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/14/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/15/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/21/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/22/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/28/2008 |
| Long Valley Soccer Club Inc. | Fifty-Fifty | 06/29/2008 |

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

***APPLICATION FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

An application has been received for regular membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Colin Lee Wertman.

That the foregoing application for regular membership be approved and be forwarded to the Fairmount Fire Company.

***APPLICATIONS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

Applications have been received for junior membership in the Long Valley Fire Company No. 1 from Peter R. Griese, Joshua Nathaniel Mont, Daniel Kristian Rasmussen, and Kyle Ross Richards.

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley Fire Company.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

January 5, 2008 Reorganization Meeting
January 15, 2008 Special Meeting
January 16, 2008 Work Session
January 23, 2008 Special Meeting

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers are 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 Tax Collector

Mayor Tobin asked the members of the Township Committee and the public if they would like any item(s) to be removed from the consent agenda. There was no response.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from DCS Commissioner Joseph V. Doria, Jr., on behalf of Governor Corzine, stating Washington Township will receive a Recreation Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities grant of \$7,000.00.

Letter from David Epstein, President of the Morris Land Conservancy, expressing his thanks for our assistance with the joint purchase and preservation of the Lillis property, a portion of which will be used for public recreational trail purposes.

Letter from Ms. Molly B. Adams, Comcast Area Manager of Government Affairs, and a check in the sum of \$55,025.28 for Comcast's use of Washington Township municipal rights-of-way in 2007.

Memo from John H. Dorsey, Esquire, stating the Morris County Insurance Commission adopted a resolution to authorize the County to indemnify police officers when they are assigned to Prosecutor's task forces or they become defendants in lawsuits.

Morris County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment to be considered for adoption by the Board of Chosen Freeholders at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority notice regarding the new \$3.00 per ton recycling tax and the MCMUA transfer station tipping fees.

DISCUSSION

INCREASED RECYCLING EFFORT

Comm. Short stated that an increased effort should be made with regard to recycling in our Township.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SHARED POLICE SERVICES

Mayor Tobin stated that the Mayor of Califon sat in on a court proceeding. He further stated Califon's Mayor was extremely pleased with the professionalism and performance of the police and court services provided by the Washington Township.

SCOTT FARMS WINERY

Comm. Short commented that a 742 acre winery is anticipated to open in Washington Township. The Economic Development Committee and Rutgers Food Innovation Program will assist with the project.

MAYOR'S WELLNES PROGRAM

Comm. Walsh commented on the Mayor's Wellness program and noted that the steering committee is making great strides.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Comm. Nedd inquired whether the cost of living reference should be more detailed in the Califon contract negotiations. **Attorney Jansen** explained that it was not tied to a particular index. **Comm. Nedd** suggested that the Average Annualized Rate of Inflation will be used. The Township Committee agreed.

LIBRARY LETTER

Comm. Short inquired about a letter to the Library from Mayor Tobin asking them to forego certain annual funding required by the statute. Mayor Tobin stated that the letter did not go out as State law does not allow the Township to fund the Library at a reduced level.

OPENSOURCE

Comm. Walsh inquired of **Attorney Jansen** whether the Township needs an Open Space Committee in order to continue to receive tax dollars to this end. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the ordinance creating the Open Space Trust Fund also provided for the creation of the Open Space Committee. **Comm. Walsh** is interested in setting up a

meeting with this Committee to discuss a new approach to Open Space. CFO Lifer will also be consulted to come up with a recommendation for a new dollar amount for open space purposes.

APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Township Committee agreed to appoint three candidates to the Open Space Committee, Environmental Commission and the Library Board of Trustees. The candidates to be appointed to the Planning Board will need to be interviewed by the Planning Board Chairman.

RESOLUTION #R-41-08 APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

PUBLIC PORTION

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

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:10 P.M. upon approval of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION #R-40-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: PERCHEM/ MILLERS GREEN LEGAL REPRESENTATION
COLLECTIVE BARGANING: DPW
LAND ACQUISITION: JASON LANCE PROPERTY

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:54 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallits, Clerk