

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:32 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd (7:34 P.M.), Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator Gallets, Acting Clerk 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** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**\*\* Comm. Nedd arrived to the meeting at 7:34 P.M.**

**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD** – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented plaques to **Scout Gregory R. Hatcher** and **Scout David M. Kent** in recognition of their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD** – **Eileen M. Stokes, Chairwoman of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission** presented Historic Preservation Awards in recognition of historic preservation efforts by certain residents of Washington Township.

**PROCLAMATION – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Township Committee, proclaimed May 2008 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Mayor Tobin stated that a special combination of skills as well as training and expertise are required for the safe operation of motorcycles.

**RO-06-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH ZONING PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES - 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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH ZONING PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Ken Ryan, 2 Ramsey Way, stated that he objects to a zoning review for all building permits. Mayor Tobin responded that these departments are aligned toward assisting homeowners. Attorney Jansen stated that the separation of the positions of construction official and zoning officer made this ordinance necessary. Mr. Ryan opined that he feels the language of the ordinance should be changed. Neil Ruggerio, Construction Code Official recommended reviewing the ordinance and revisiting its approval at the June 11, 2008 meeting.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Walsh that the foregoing public hearing be continued to the June 11, 2008 meeting. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-07-08 – BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$982,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$935,000 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 - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$982,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$935,000 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 read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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

**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.

It was noted that the Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in Trenton.

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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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-08-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR RE-CALCULATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION AMOUNTS - 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, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR RE-CALCULATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION AMOUNTS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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. Popper, 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. Walsh 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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-09-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MAKING SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CHANCELLOR WAY AND ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY MAKING SUBTITLE ONE OF TITLE 39 WITH VARIOUS TRAFFIC REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO CHANCELLOR WAY AND ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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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 June 16, 2008 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 Acting 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. Walsh 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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-10-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY” – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**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, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY” be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Acting Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-11-08 – 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**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, 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 FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be adopted upon first reading.

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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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RO-12-08 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 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 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. Walsh 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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** 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.

### **RESOLUTION #R-77-08 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON FOR A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT**

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **RESOLUTION #R-78-08 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST RENEWAL INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES TO AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON**

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **RESOLUTION #R-71-08 – INTRODUCE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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. Popper, Short, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **RESOLUTION #R-72-08 - APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS**

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

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

### **RESOLUTION #R-73-08 – AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY**





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**

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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

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**\*\* Comm. Walsh abstained from the vote on the Authorization of the Coin Toss – Washington Township Community Events Organization; and Comm. Popper abstained from the vote on the Approval of the April 16, 2008 minutes.**

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

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Letter from County Administrator John Bonani, stating the Washington Township Municipal Alliance will receive \$2,500 in supplemental funding to aid in the development of substance abuse programs for the year 2008.

Letter from Morris County Community Development Director Sabine von Aulock, stating Washington Township's request to fund the Senior Center rehabilitation has not been recommended for 2008.

Letter from Mr. Steve Haut, complimenting members of the Washington Township Police Department for their professional and courteous response to a serious car accident involving Mrs. Maria Haut on March 9, 2008.

Division of Finance Certificate and Report of School Taxes for West Morris Regional School District for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Division of Finance Certificate and Report of School Taxes for the Washington Township, Morris County School District for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

**DISCUSSION**

**E-MAIL ARCHIVING** – **Comm. Walsh** commended **Bob Kelly, Municipal Technical Specialist** for his efforts in complying with OPRA regulations and State requirements. **Mr. Kelly** explained that he has located an onsite e-mail exchange appliance and a web host that would provide the Township with the ability to copy and archive any Township business e-mails. This service could also include hosting to other municipalities. As this is an unprecedented arrangement, the Township Committee would like the technical specialist to set up a test of an e-mail archiving program before any further consideration is given to the project.

**FIRE TRUCK SPECIFICATION - UPDATE** – **Kurt Wanner, Washington Township Fire Department**, stated that Harry Carter's Associate would be his choice to either provide an independent review of the proposed specifications or write a set of specifications for the apparatus to be purchased to ascertain what could be obtained within the budget. **Mr. Wanner** suggested a deadline of June 13, 2008 for the review and recommendations of the proposed specifications.

**PASCALE** – **Comm. Walsh** stated that the Pascale Farm is a Township owned preserved property. There has been some dumping on the property. **Mr. John Creighter** has property that abuts the Pascale Farms and he has offered to organize, count and load the dumped tires. Washington Township DPW will provide dumpsters (funded by WTMUA). The farmland preservation effort has stepped in to clean this property. Washington Township and Morris County will share the tipping fees. **Administrator Gallets** stated that the land can be sold after the funds are received from the preservation effort of Morris County. In addition, two parties are then interested in the purchase of this property.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW – SEWER CONNECTION** – **Comm. Popper** suggested that **Municipal Engineer Leon Hall** review the conceptual plan submitted by **Dimitri Matthews** for an emergency sewer line extension for the Mountain View sewer service line, as mandated by the DEP and Township regulation. Upon the approval of Mr. Hall, the Township Committee authorized **Administrator Gallets** to encourage Mr. Matthews to present a formal

plan. The Township Committee is prepared to sell an easement for the sewer extension, with appraisal fees and ordinance costs to be incurred by Mr. Matthews.

**MORRIS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION – THE MORRIS LAWYER**

Comm. Popper stated that an ad in the Morris County Bar Association's "The Morris Lawyer" costs \$20, which is much less than the League of Municipalities Publication. As it is reasonably priced, he suggested that the ad for the Judge and Prosecutor be placed there.

**FIRE ENGINE REPAIR**

The fire truck that is to be repaired in Wisconsin at the manufacturer's plant requires additional work. The Fire Department inquired whether it was budgeted for. The Township Committee stated that this Form IV was not approved.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.**

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**Judith L. Madden, Acting Clerk**