

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letters from Scout Megan Dinneny, Scout Melissa Kenny, and Scout Casey Albers thanking Mayor Tobin for attending their Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremonies.

Letter from Girl Scout Troops 83 and 634, thanking Mayor Tobin for presenting the award recipients with proclamations at their Gold Award Ceremonies.

Letter from Ms. Elyssa Loiacono and her husband, Tom, thanking our Committee and municipal employees for the basket sent in honor of the birth of their son, Dominik.

Letter to the Washington Township Community Events Organization from Ms. Sandra Shellenberger, thanking them for offering our community such a wonderful Independence Day celebration!

Letter from New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner David Socolow, stating The Thomas and Betts Corp./ Elastimold has been awarded a Customized Training Grant in the amount of \$83,636.00.

Letter from Mr. Qudus Qayyam, Principal Environmental Engineer of the NJDEP Bureau of Preconstruction Permits, providing information related to a proposal to issue an APC Permit and Certificate to D & N Animal Recovery Service, LLC, which would allow the installation and operation of an animal incinerator.

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders resolution regarding the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) and their position concerning conformance or non-conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

Letter from Morris County Mosquito Commission Wetlands Specialist Teresa N. Duckworth, stating the Commission is submitting an application for a NJDEP permit to conduct regulated activities in Morris County wetlands and transitional areas for the purpose of mosquito control.

DISCUSSION

TELEVISED MEETINGS -

Comm. Nedd recused himself at 8:40 P.M. from this discussion as he is up for reelection this year.

Comm. Popper stated that the Township received a \$20,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the new franchise agreement which is to be used for public access. He reiterated that he is interested in seeing this money put toward the televising of Township meetings and looks to the Committee for input. He spoke to **Rubin Rodriguez at Comcast** who stated that there is no cost involved. The tapes must be delivered to Comcast. The meetings would be televised on Public Access Channel 21 for up to two hours per week. All that is required is the submission of an application. The Township Committee is not supportive of televising all meetings. **Mayor Tobin** suggested that the Committee come up with a list of viable broadcasting ideas for the use of the grant money.

Comm. Nedd returned to the meeting at 8:58 P.M..

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS – TREES – The Planning Board has requested that Homeless Solutions be allowed to plant shade trees in the right of way of Lotus Boulevard. **Chief Bailey, Police Department** stated that no final site plans have yet been received and the traffic impact is not yet known. **Attorney Jansen** stated that he consulted **Municipal Engineer Leon Hall**, who still has some concerns. The Township Committee made a motion to allow the developer access to the Township's right of way on Lotus Boulevard to plant trees under the direction and supervision of the Police Department's Traffic Safety Division and the Township Engineer.

TOWNSHIP NETWORK SERVER – The Township Committee has requested **Chief Financial Officer Lifer** to research whether there are capital funds available for the investment in a Township Network Server. The Township Committee is in agreement that a Network Server should be installed for the Township's archiving capabilities. **Comm. Nedd** will have an IT specialist review the plans for comprehensiveness.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – **Comm. Walsh** provided an update on the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and its desire to develop strategic partnerships. A guest speaker will be at the next Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss commercial ratables. A fundraiser is planned to attract revenue sources for future projects. Comm. Short will contact Mr. Ross, a previous member of the Economic Development Committee, regarding the Highlands and involve him in the project.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – **Comm. Walsh, Chris Cook-Gibbs and Ginny Kesper** worked together to anticipate Department of Environmental Protection initiatives, and are working closely with **Paul Costic of the Municipal Utilities Authority** and the County to obtain approval for the Wastewater Management Plan.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, stated that upon hearing the “copies” discussion tonight, he feels that the Township should go paperless, such as a PDF format.

Jim Harmon, 7 Abedim Way, inquired as to whether the Committee’s packets could be placed online to avoid the overuse of paper.

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

Mayor Tobin suggested a five minute recess at 9:30 p.m. before going into closed session. The meeting resumed at 9:40 p.m.

RECENT VANDALISM - Chief Bailey stated that due to the recent rash of breaking and entering, as well as vandalism, a police presence will be enhanced to stave off such activity.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

**RESOLUTON R-118-08 -EXECUTIVE SESSION –ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVELEGE: MALLARD
COVE ROAD
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: DISPATCHING
SERVICES;
RESERVE ON SALE
OF AMBULANCE**

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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:07 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk