

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Short, Popper, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**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.

**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY GRANT PRESENTATION** - **Chris Vitz, MC Engineering and Denise Chaplick, Principle Planner, Morris County DOT** made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding a Transportation Safety Grant. A schematic was provided addressing improvements to the intersection of Routes 24 and 517. A Township contribution was requested toward this end as New Jersey grant money was not forthcoming. The Township Committee agreed that it will be considered for the 2009 capital budget.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

**Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the Public.**

**Leona Harrington, 105 Upper Sunset Drive** inquired whether any sidewalks were included in the safety grant presentation. She was advised that sidewalks are included as part of the application; in addition to those already planned.

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

#### **DISCUSSION**

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE CANDIDATES** – Interviews will be scheduled to review candidates for Board and Committee vacancies.

**MILLERS GREEN** – Miller's Green will be discussed in Executive Session.

**WTFD & WTMUA UPDATE** – **Comm. Popper** stated that a meeting was held between the WT Fire Department and MUA to identify issues and work to solve concerns such as servicing the hydrants. Procedures were put in place to address water usage and dispatch services for water sources. **Mayor Tobin** requested that Comm. Popper contact **Cris Cooke-Gibbs, Health Department** to discuss Cliffside Park and make recommendations. Comm. Walsh stated that he, Ms. Cooke-Gibbs and Comm. Short will be attempting to advance the Mountain View project.

**Mayor Tobin recused himself from the Target discussion at 8:10 P.M. as he is employed by a competitor.**

**TARGET UPDATE** – **Comm. Short** and **Ginny Kesper, Planning Board Official** stated that there are some concerns that are slowing progress in the issuance of a final CO. The installment of a traffic light and emergency services amplification system have not been completed. Target officials need to contact the Planning Board for possible waivers toward the issuance of a CO so that the store can open on schedule.

**ACORN DRIVE** - **Comm. Popper** stated that he had a discussion with **Mrs. Voorhees, 6 Acorn Drive** regarding her concerns on Acorn Drive and she seems to be satisfied with the information provided.

#### **APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – HARRINGTON CONSTRUCTION**

An application has been received from Harrington Construction for a Picnic/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party to be held on October 11, 2008 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Harrington Park, Rock Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Walsh that the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**COMPUTERS** – **Comm. Walsh** stated that he discussed with Assistant Administrator Burd the networking system for the Township in order to be better equipped for the storage of data. Comm. Walsh informed **Bob Kelly, Technical Specialist** that the system will not be purchased this year and will be considered in 2009.

**JUDGE AND MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR RESUMES** – **Comm. Popper** inquired whether the advertisement for these vacancies was ever placed. The Committee will continue to discuss the candidates.

**\$20,000 MEDIA GRANT** – **Comm. Popper** would like a continued discussion on this grant. **Mayor Tobin** stated that this discussions will be started in November 2008.

**PENSION COST** – **Comm. Nedd** stated that **CFO Lifer** provided the pension cost which is sizeable, but not as large as the prior year.

**STATE AID** – **Mayor Tobin** stated that the Township lost approximately \$200,000 in state aid this year and he has concerns for the year 2009.

#### **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-132-08 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**LAND ACQUISITION: ROCK ROAD**

**ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: MILLER'S GREEN**

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 8:50 P.M.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:51P.M.**

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**Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk**