

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Tobin at 7:35 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

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.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Township Committee, proclaimed **Donna J. Re** champion of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Summer Shed Program.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented a plaque to **Scout Peter David Zafonte** in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

RO-16-08 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON** 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

RO-17-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - 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 AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

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

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 CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

RO-18-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW - 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 AMEND CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

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

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 CHAPTER 159, SITE PLAN REVIEW be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published 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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Steve Blazier, 11 Drakestown Road, requested additional “No Dumping” and Speed Limit signs be added along Drakestown Road. Mr. Blazier also requested more of a police presence on Drakestown to enforce parking, speed and other regulations. **Mayor Tobin** stated that he will have **Police Chief Bailey** contact Mr. Blazier regarding his concerns.

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

RESOLUTION #R-133-08 – APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS will be considered later in the meeting.

**RESOLUTION #R-134-08 – AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES –
TOLL NJ IV, L.P. – ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY, SECTION 2**

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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

**RESOLUTION #R-135-08 – AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES –
TOLL NJ IV, L.P. – ESTATES AT LONG VALLEY, SECTION 3**

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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

**RESOLUTION #R-136-08 – AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH D & L PAVING
CONTRACTORS, INC. – MISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CONTRACT
2008.03**

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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

**RESOLUTION #R-137-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING
\$7,924,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

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, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph V. Doria, Jr., stating Washington Township will receive a Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities grant of \$10,000.00 to provide funding toward recreational and social opportunities for local children with disabilities.

Letter from Administrator/Clerk Valerie Egan, stating Chester Borough has entered into a Shared Services Contract with the Chester Board of Education who will provide future senior busing services.

DISCUSSION

TARGET – KNOX BOX – Chief Bailey, Police Department and Bob Carey, Fire Department will meet with Comm. Popper and Mayor Tobin to discuss which entity will be the holder of the key for the Target Knox Box. The Knox Box discussion will be revisited by the Committee at the next meeting.

POLICE PROTECTION FOR SCHOOLS – GENERAL ELECTION – Comm. Short will contact the Flocktown school principal to discuss police or other forms of protection for its students during the general election.

CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – Administrator Gallets stated that this program has been funded through the year by a Township Committee contribution and grants. Their budget for the summer program is very tight and the school has started charging to rent the space for the summer program for Washington Township children with disabilities. Mayor Tobin suggested funding the rental out of Committee Projects. Comm. Walsh will discuss this program with the Board of Education representatives.

OBSERVER TRIBUNE LETTER – Mayor Tobin stated that a letter was received by the Observer Tribune which was accusatory in nature toward the Township Committee and the employees of Washington Township, and is not substantiated by any facts. Mayor Tobin was surprised at the inflammatory letter and noted that there is nothing substantiated by the letter. Attorney Jansen explained that the Township was directed to conduct a revaluation and all county tax board appeals have been heard. No one will interfere with those protestors who wish to walk in the upcoming parade.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naught Road, commented on the letter sent to the *Observer Tribune* and asked that the Washington Township Committee formally refute the accusations.

Steve Blazier, 11 Drakestown Road, stated that houses usually exceed the value of land. Post Township revaluation, Mr. Blazier claims that his property value is more than his house value. Attorney Jansen stated that that sometimes happens with a large lot that has a modest home constructed on it.

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

Mayor Tobin suspended the meeting to allow for a five minute break.

RESOLUTION R-133-08 –APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

Names were agree upon for inclusion in a resolution. 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:
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AYES: Comm. Popper, Short, Walsh, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

JUDGE AND PROSECTOR TEAMS - Comm. Walsh suggested adding representatives from Califon to be a part of the Judge and Prosecutor selection team to foster good will.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:55 P.M.

RESOLUTION R-139-08 -EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: SHARED SERVICES- CHESTER TOWNSHIP CFO – CALIFON ANIMAL CONTROL PERSONNEL: 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:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Nedd

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:20 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk