

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 Galletts, 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.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Tobin opened the meeting to the public.

Forrest L. Bergener, 46 Wherli Road, Martin Fleisher, 12 Zellers Road and Rod Della Salla, 298 Naughright Road approached the Committee representing the **American Veterans Association of Washington Township**. They wish to publicly honor two Washington Township veterans killed in action; **John Lindberry** (1967) and **Jamie Smith** (1993), as well as surviving veteran **Tommy McBride** (Afghanistan). These gentlemen asked the Committee if a street and/or field could be named in the honor of the deceased veterans. The Township Committee supports the idea and Comm. Short and Comm. Walsh will continue discussions on the logistics with the Veterans Association.

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

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT – TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM – **Hannah Massaquoi, JCP&L Area Manager** made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding an enhanced vegetation management program that will enable JCP&L to better service their infrastructure and therefore, their customers. **Mayor Tobin** explained that some residents will be opposed to the tree trimming, however, Ms. Massaquoi stated that JCP&L needs to clear the trees that endanger their equipment and cannot afford any delay in the restoration of services to residents. Ms. Massaquoi also answered questions about JCP&L's response to the recent storm emergency in Washington Township. The fact that the leaves were still on the trees made the situation difficult and unusual.

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS – DRAKESTOWN ROAD PROJECT – **Daniel C. McGuire, Homeless Solutions Director of Headquarters Development** made a presentation to the Township Committee on the status of the Drakestown Road project. The Planning Board has given final approval and the project is moving forward. Funding has been a challenge. Mr. McGuire is seeking approval from the Committee to amend the Developers Agreement to allow for additional time to continue to assemble the required financing for this project. Also, Mr. McGuire discussed the \$550,000 to be funded by the Township (Affordable Housing Trust Fund) at the end of the project. He would like to seek approval of the Committee to disperse \$300,000 of those funds immediately. The Committee agreed to modify the Developers Agreement to extend the time frames. The Committee will continue to discuss the early release of committed funds in closed session.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #R-155-08 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A SHARE GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ORDINANCE

The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING HOURS AND PROMOTIONS”** at the November 20, 2008 Regular Meeting.

