

Letter from Fred Semrau, Esquire, and a check in the sum of \$631.65 with a letter from Attorney Gregory J. Coffey, stating the refund represents Washington Township's portion of an overpayment for the settlement of the Combe Fill North Landfill litigation.

Letter from Superintendent of Schools Anthony diBattista, thanking Mayor Tobin for supporting the construction program for the new freshman wing at the West Morris Mendham High School and for attending the tour and opening.

Forty-seventh Annual Municipal Public Information Contest Honorable Mention Award presented to Washington Township in November 2008.

Letter from Mr. James Botti, 15 Gentry Drive, complimenting the efforts of our Department of Public Works employees who worked tirelessly to clear roadways blocked as a result of the October 28th storm.

Public notice for a public hearing to be held on December 3, 2008 for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority's proposed 2009 schedule.

E-mail from Mr. Jim Fowler, 1 Walnut Drive, thanking Department of Public Works Superintendent Scott Frech for scheduling Walnut Drive for the removal of debris on the roadway as a result of the recent storm.

DISCUSSION

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS – DRAKESTOWN ROAD PROJECT – The Township Committee agreed to Homeless Solutions' request to transfer \$300,000 in funds as soon as possible. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the fund transfer needs to be structured in a way that will protect the Township. The use of a lien was proposed. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the Township would like to see a deed restriction that will restrict the property for affordable housing. The Township also agreed to amend the timetable in the Developers Agreement. Attorney Jansen will work with the Homeless Solutions attorney to revise the Developers Agreement to allow for a PILOT agreement (roughly 6% of rents). Attorney Jansen will explore ways to allow inspection and construction fees to be waived or paid out of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

STORM EMERGENCY SUB COMMITTEE – **Comm. Short** and **Comm. Walsh** will work with the OEM to provide for better planning for emergencies.

SET REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE – POSSIBLY JANUARY 6, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. – The Township Committee agreed that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 6, 2009 at 7:30 P.M.

SET SPECIAL MEETING TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS – The Committee set a tentative special meeting date of December 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. to conduct interviews for Judge and Prosecutor.

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR IN C-1 ZONE – **Comm. Walsh** explained that there are many permissible uses in the C-1 zone. A use variance is needed to lift the roof of Gary's Automotive, which has been in business for 26 years. Comm. Walsh will consult with the Planning Board to pursue an amendment to the current ordinance to allow for an automotive repair business that does not sell gasoline.

PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION GRANT – **Comm. Popper** inquired about the status of televising Township meetings/events through Comcast using the public access television funds. The Committee will reserve those funds and further discuss the issue at the December meeting.

TAX COLLECTION RATE - **Comm. Nedd** stated that the tax collection percentage through the end of October 2008, is 78.92%, 7 basis points higher than last year. Comm. Nedd commended the Tax Office on their efforts.

REGENCY DEVELOPER AGREEMENT – **Administrator Gallets** stated that Regency requested the renewal of their developers agreement for four years. The Township Committee agreed to extend the agreement for two years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS - **Mayor Tobin** stated that a meeting will be held by the County Superintendent in December to discuss the State's desire for school district consolidations.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:40 P.M.

RESOLUTION R-169-08 -EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

Motion was made by Comm. Popper, 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, Walsh, Nedd, Mayor Tobin

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Short

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:05 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk