

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Short, Popper, Walsh (7:45 P.M.), Nedd, Mayor Tobin, Attorney Jansen, Administrator Gallets, Recording Secretary Madden

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.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD – Mayor Tobin, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, presented a plaque to Scout Christopher M. Rec in recognition of his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

RO-19-08 – 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 - 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 27, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING HOURS AND PROMOTIONS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Short, seconded by Comm. Popper that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

RO-20-08 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 15 LOT 8 IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF BLOCK 15 LOT 8 IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

RO-21-08 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF AMOUNTS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH FROM THE TRUST FUND RESERVES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. Walsh

Comm. Walsh arrived at 7:40 P.M.

***ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS**

That the following resignations be accepted:

Arline G. Cooke – Police Matron, Washington Township Police Department, retroactive to November 24, 2008
Joseph Rooney – Patrol Officer, Washington Township Police Department, effective November 30, 2008
Patrick J. Monahan – Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, effective December 31, 2008

***RAFFLE APPLICATION**

An application has been received for the following raffle:

Garden Club of Long Valley	Draw Raffle	3/26/2009
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Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Form and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle application be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Form.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – LONG VALLEY COMPETITION CHEERLEADING ASSOCIATION**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Competition Cheerleading Association for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a fundraising event to be held on January 17, 2009 from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at St. Mark's Parish, 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the applicant for submission to Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

November 12, 2008 Work Session
November 17, 2008 Regular Meeting

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Tax Collector

DISCUSSION

FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY – FIRE TRUCK UPDATE – **Fairmount Fire Chief Dave Steinel** updated the Committee on the progress made by Pierce Manufacturing to restore the Pierce fire truck. He stated that the engine will be back in town before the end of the year. When the engine is placed back in service, the old tanker can be put up for auction.

COMM. NEDD – The Committee thanked Comm. Nedd for three years of excellent service to the municipality.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Mayor Tobin authorized a recess at 8:15 P.M. upon the arrival of Greg Coffee, Esquire.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 8:40 P.M.

Comm. Popper joined the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

RESOLUTION R-183-08 -EXECUTIVE SESSION – **PENDING LITIGATION: COMBE FILL SOUTH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

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 9:07 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk