

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Administrator Gallets at 7:35 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Tobin, Short, Walsh, Popper

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Comm.-Elect Harmon, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd, Senior Deputy Clerk Madden

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to The Observer Tribune and The Morristown Daily Record on December 18, 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.

**INVOCATION**

Father Michael Drury, Washington Township Fire Department Chaplin, offered an invocation.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER SWORN IN BY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Administrator Gallets administered the oath of office to James G. Harmon.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR FOR 2009**

Comm. Tobin nominated Comm. Short to serve as Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2009. The motion was seconded by Comm. Walsh. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Comm. Walsh, Tobin, Popper, Harmon, Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**NEW MAYOR TAKES NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR FOR 2009**

Comm. Tobin nominated Comm. Walsh to serve as Vice Mayor of Washington Township for the year 2009. The motion was seconded by Comm. Popper. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS**

Administrator Gallets administered oaths of office for the year 2009 to Washington Township Fire Department First Deputy Chief Kurt Wanner, the officers of the Fairmount Fire Company, Long Valley Fire Company, Schooley's Mountain Fire Protection Association, and the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

**Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.**

**Ron Reese, WRNJ Radio** applauded the Washington Township Police Department with a special acknowledgement to Police Chief Michael Bailey.

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

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE - 2009**

Mayor Short recognized and acknowledged various political officials in the audience and made his opening remarks for the year 2009.

Mayor Short suspended the meeting to allow for a five minute recess.

**\*RESOLUTION #R-01-09** - DESIGNATION OF THE OBSERVER TRIBUNE AS THE OFFICIAL  
NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – 2009

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-02-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – JANSEN & DE BONA, LLC

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-03-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – AUDITING SERVICES – NISIVOCIA &  
COMPANY, LLP

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-04-09**– RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – ANDERSON &  
DENZLER ASSOCIATES

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-05-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – SUBURBAN  
CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-06-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN EXTRAORDINARY  
UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR RISK MANAGEMENT  
CONSULTING SERVICES – \ BOLLINGER, INC.

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-07-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – TRAFFIC CONSULTING SERVICES – HAMAL  
ASSOCIATES

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-08-09**– RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – PERSONNEL RELATIONS COUNSEL –  
SCARINCI & HOLLENBECK, LLC

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-09-09** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – LEGAL SERVICES – DORSEY & SEMRAU

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-10-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – NORMAN J.  
GOLDBERG, INC.

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-11-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES –  
NORTON CONSERVATION COMPANY, INC

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-12-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – APPRAISAL  
SYSTEMS, INC.

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-13-09** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT – APPRAISAL SERVICES – DICKINSON & MC  
CORMICK, INC.

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-14-09** – DATES AND TIMES FOR REGULAR AND WORK MEETINGS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR 2009

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-17-09 - APPOINTMENTS - MORRIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING COMMITTEE – 2009**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-20-09- DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS – 2009**

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**\*RESOLUTION #R-21-09 – AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES AND CREDITS AND THE ANNUAL SALE OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2008 AND SET RATE OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES – 2009**

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**\*RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

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Applications have been received for the following raffles:

Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council #10419	Draw Raffle	03/01/2009
Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council #10419	Draw Raffle	01/25/2010

Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the Findings and Determination Forms and all forms are in order.

That the foregoing raffle applications be approved, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Forms.

Mayor Short asked the members of the Township Committee and the public if they would like any item(s) to be removed from the consent agenda. There was no response.

All items preceded by a (\*) were approved as part of the consent agenda on a motion made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Tobin on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTENTIONS: None

**RESOLUTION #R-15-09 - TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS**

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Tobin, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-16-09 - APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS TOWNSHIP POSITIONS – 2009**

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Tobin, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

**Comm. Popper** noted that health benefits will not be made available to part time employees.

**RESOLUTION #R-18-09 - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, VARIOUS BOARD/ COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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The resolution was modified to remove the name of John Sheppard, who does not wish to be re-appointed to the Open Space Committee.

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Tobin, Mayor Short  
NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION #R-19-09 - APPOINTMENTS - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL – 2009**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD**

Annual Report on Variances heard by the Washington Township Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70.1 of the Municipal Land Use Law

**DISCUSSION**

**SET BUDGET MEETING DATES** – Dates were set for Budget Meetings as follows:

Wednesday	January 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Monday	February 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY** – The Interlocal Fire Service Agreement expired on December 31, 2008. Action on this agreement will be tabled to the January 14, 2009 Work Session when more information can be obtained regarding inflationary increases in costs. Service will continue to be provided in the interim.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION** - **Mayor Short** suggested a resolution be prepared to thank surrounding municipalities for mutual aid this past year.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS – CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** – **Comm. Popper** stated that he would like to see Washington Township named by our professionals as an additional insured on their insurance policies to provide extra protection and to defray the cost of deductibles or co pays. Administrator Burd will investigate the viability of this idea.

**MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS** – **Comm. Popper** reiterated his desire to switch his full voting membership with Anthony LaVista, and he will take the alternate position. The Committee will formalize the position switch at the January Work Session.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Mayor Short again opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or questions, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.**

**The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.**

**RESOLUTION R-22-09 -EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION: COMBE FILL SOUTH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DPW**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:14 P.M.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.**