

RESOLUTION #R-38-09 – AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH OF CALIFON

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. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-39-09 – COMBE FILL SOUTH LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

This resolution will be tabled until after the Executive Session this evening.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter to Governor Corzine from Mr. Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, in response to the Comptroller's recent audit report findings. Mr. Van Ess stated County statutes define the Governor's Council's program and fiscal guidelines, i.e. how funds may be spent.

Letter from Washington Township Historical Society President Mary Ann Kordys, expressing thanks for our help with the 2008 Christmas House Tour.

Letter from President Elizabeth Tank, stating the Department of Community Affairs has awarded \$10,000 in ROID Grant funding to the Children's Enrichment Program for 2009 and thanking the Township Committee for their continued support of this program which was founded by Township parents in 1979.

2008 Washington Township Housing Construction Report, submitted by Municipal Engineer Leon C. Hall.

Letter from Council on Affordable Housing Executive Director Lucy Vandenberg, stating Washington Township has been granted an extension to December 8 2009 to petition COAH for third round substantive certification.

DISCUSSION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION – The Township will be submitting an application for a Community Development grant of approximately \$39,000 for improvements to the Senior Center.

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

Wednesday	February 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	February 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	March 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments or question, Mayor Short closed the meeting to the public.

WENS – REVERSE 911 – **Comm. Popper** researched a WENS Reverse 911 system which can be set up for the Township, and then broken down by department. Shared services with surrounding municipalities can be considered for cost effectiveness. Comm. Popper will attend the Honeywell meeting that Comm. Walsh has arranged. Comm. Popper also reported on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERTS) Program, in which volunteers from the town are mobilized to enhance notification/emergency response. The Committee will revisit the CERTS concept after the 2009 budget is approved.

COURT STAFFING – **Administrator Galletts** presented the need for court staffing, especially in view of the added Califon services. A part time employee will help temporarily until a permanent solution can be found. **Comm. Popper** suggested a future look at shard court services with other Townships. It was asked whether the Township is subject to penalties if the court is not sufficiently staffed. It was noted that a report is prepared on the municipal court by the administrative office of the courts.

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