

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short, CFO Lifer, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, 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, 2009 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Senior Citizen Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent, as there were requests.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT – **Michael Bailey, Washington Township Police Chief**, presented to the Township Committee the 2009 Police Department Budget and the Joint Communications Budget. The Operating Expenses budget for both were tentatively approved with the following exceptions:

Uniforms/Misc. was reduced by \$1,000
Community Policing was reduced by \$4,500
Joint Communication Dues was reduced by \$326
Prosecutor line item was reduced by \$600

All Form IV and Capital Requests were reviewed for final decision at a later date.

The following Administrative Operating Expense budgets were also reviewed:

Finance, Audit, Tax Collection, Tax Assessment, Planning, Zoning, Historic Preservation, Library, Workers Compensation, Pension/LOSAP, Social Security

All of these budgets were tentatively approved with the exception of Planning Board, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor as there were clarifications needed on some of their line items which will be addressed at the next Budget hearing on February 3, 2009. Final decisions on Form IV submissions will be made after the Township Committee has reviewed all Operating Expense budgets.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk