

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Vice Mayor Walsh at 7:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Vice Mayor Walsh, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Short

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to The Observer Tribune and The Morristown Daily Record on January 6, 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 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.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**HOMELESS SOLUTIONS** – Daniel C. McGuire, Director, Headquarters Development Division made a presentation to the Committee. The Township Committee agreed to consider a resolution entitled, "AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPALLY SPONSORED AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 31 DRAKESTOWN ROAD AND THE RELEASE OF \$300,000 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE," at the Regular Meeting.

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### **DISCUSSION**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Vice Mayor Walsh provided the Committee with a description of the new addition to the Church, which the Historic Preservation Commission has endorsed. The Planning Board has final say on the site plan and is waiting for more information.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Vice Mayor Walsh stated that the last meeting of the Economic Development Committee was well attended. A fund raiser will be held at Mine Brook on May 19, 2009.

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT** – Vice Mayor Walsh stated that the Open Space Committee is investigating options for the utilization of the 1,000 acres of land that is currently preserved.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION** - Lucas Hoskin, Washington Township Events Organization President and Nikki Ott, Washington Township Events Organization Treasurer, explained that the Community Events Organization is a non profit organization founded in 2006 which plans events for the Township. They have applied for 501(c) status, but have not yet been approved. The organization requested that the Township Committee consider waiving Police Department fees for 2009. The Township Committee cannot waive the fees for 2009 due to the budget constraints.

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**Pamela Hoskin, 118 Schooley's Mountain Road,** thanked the Committee for its efforts, and commended the efforts of the Washington Township Community Events Organization.

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

