

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:38 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Mayor Short, Attorney DeBona,  
Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Comm. Walsh

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 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.

**Mayor Short announced that Administrator/Clerk Gallets will be changing to a part time employee as of July 1, 2009. Assistant Administrator Burd will be handling her administrative duties.**

**TREE DEDICATION – HARRINGTON PARK – JIMMY DURANTE** – A tree dedication will be held and a plaque installed.

**MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY UPDATE** – **Paul Costic**, MUA Executive Director explained to the Township Committee the measures that the WTMUA has taken to improve the water supply and mitigate water restrictions on the mountain. A leak detection study performed last year by the MUA and subsequent repairs did not yield expected results. An additional leak detection study will be done shortly with the help of the State. Mayor Short will contact the legislators to follow up on the study. The need for additional wells was discussed. The Township Committee agreed to adopt a resolution to support the hooking up of homes with failed septic to the sewer lines.

**TOWING REINSTATEMENT HEARING** – **LT. PATRICK MONAHAN**  
**ROBERT CLAY/MICHAEL C. PELLETIER, ESQ.**

A public hearing was held by the Township Committee regarding the reinstatement of Robert Clay on the towers list. The reinstatement is contingent upon receipt of proof that the vehicle in question passed an authorized state inspection.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

**Eric Andersen, Hackettstown**, stated that he donated a flag pole to Palmer Park in his father's name. The flag pole is to be erected before Memorial Day. Mr. Andersen also requested that signs be placed in Palmer Park to direct people to the restrooms.

**Water Cullen, 9 Laurel Drive**, stated that the WTMUA has made a lot of progress in the last two years in fulfillment of improving water pressure and completing water connection projects.

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

### **DISCUSSION**

**SHERWOOD TRAILER PARK** - **Jeffrey Koch, 9 Beaverbrook Drive**, stated that he has a health concern with the Sherwood Trailer Park. He has sent pictures of the park and has spoken to many people within the municipal arena to state that he feels the park is a hazard which abuts his property. Mr. Koch cited an ordinance which he feels is being violated with the "mess" of tires and other equipment next to his property. He asked who determines what is a "clean site." **Ginny Kesper, Planning Board Official** commented that tires are not allowed on the property unless they are properly stored in an enclosed structure.

**Bob Trent, Park Management Department**, stated that the tires are in the back of the shed. Mr. Koch stated that the tires are next to his property.

**Mayor Short** stated that notice was given that the park needs to be cleaned up within 30 days, sent from Ms. Kesper on May 7, 2009.

**Comm. Popper** stated that he feels that several locations throughout the Township need to be addressed more specifically and that the Committee should consider this action.

**Frank Mileto, 14 Beaverbrook Drive**, stated that there is a common area in the trailer park that is not being maintained. Mr. Melitto pointed out two tires that have never been removed in fifteen years. He feels that this is the time to clean it up.

**Mayor Short** stated that the cleanup of the Trailer Park will be reviewed in thirty days.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE POLICY** – **Comm. Popper** stated that he was asked to make a quick decision to allow a fire department vehicle to travel to South Jersey in the name of promoting wellness. Comm. Popper was not comfortable allowing Township assets outside of the locality without consulting the Committee and therefore said “no.” **Kurt Wanner, 10 Cindy Lane**, stated that there was not enough information at the time when Comm. Popper was asked to make a decision regarding the use of a vehicle. Mr. Wanner explained the normal procedure the fire department has used in the past. Mr. Wanner suggested that at a meeting next week they discuss a more formal procedure.

### **ORDINANCES**

**ALARM ORDINANCE** - The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**” at the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

**BUSINESS COMMERCIAL AMENDMENT** – This ordinance will be discussed at the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

**SALARY ORDINANCE** – The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – ROAD FOREMAN**” at the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

**TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE**– The Township Committee will consider the introduction of an ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 217, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNAS AND TOWERS**” at the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

### **DISCUSSION**

**COUNTY ROAD OPENING AGREEMENT** – A letter from the County was received to update the County Road Agreement with the Township which changes the maintenance section from one year to five years. A resolution will be drafted for Monday’s Regular Meeting.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW FOR 2010** – A discussion was held regarding the format to be set up for attorney review 2010. Mayor Short will obtain information from other municipalities regarding their procedures.

**MAYORS WELLNESS PROGRAM PRIZES** – Prizes for the Mayors Wellness program were discussed; a 3 month membership to Gold’s Gym and one day off with pay.

**SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE/EAST MILL GRANT** – The Township will apply for a grant for the maintenance of East Mill Road sidewalks. A resolution will be drafted for Monday’s Regular Meeting.

**Animal Control Officer CONTRACT** – **Comm. Harmon** inquired about emergency medical care and who pays for it. The Township is not financially responsible if there is an owner. A resolution will be drafted for Monday’s Regular Meeting to approve the contract.

**DISPATCHING** – **Comm. Tobin** asked for a future executive discussion of what the Township would ask of the County in terms of dispatching. **Comm. Popper** suggested that some radios earmarked for the Township be picked up.

**PILOT** – **Administrator Gallets** stated that a pilot for a gas utility study is underway with a one time cost to the municipality. The Township Committee decided to opt in.

**ARBITRATION PROCESS** – **Comm. Popper** stated that he has a sample resolution regarding a binding arbitration process. The Township Committee will consider it.

**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 Township Committee went into Executive Session at 11:30 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-81(A)-09** - EXECUTIVE SESSION – **LITIGATION: ROSS VS. TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON**  
**PERSONNEL: EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

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

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** Comm. Walsh

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:55 P.M.

**ROSS LAND ACQUISITION ORDINANCE**– The Township Committee will consider the introduction of 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” at the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 P.M.

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Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk