

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:48 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh(8:02), Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Galletts, 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 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.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring *September 2009 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month* in Washington Township.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation regarding the *Over the Limit Under Arrest 2009 Statewide Impaired Driving Crackdown* initiative.

EAGLE AWARD – Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, congratulated Scout Kyle Tedford Forrester, a member of Troop 436, for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

EAGLE PROJECT PRESENTATION – Scout Maximillion Javier Rodriiguez, a member of Troop 436, presented his eagle scout project concept and requested the Township Committee's approval and authorization to construct and install a wheelchair accessible swing to be used by handicapped children and adults at Rock Spring Park. The Committee approved Scout Rodriiguez project and authorized him to begin.

*Comm. Walsh arrived at 8:02 P.M.

PRESENTATION – 2009 Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Application
Borgenicht Property – Fairview Avenue and Drakestown Road
New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Ms. Ingrid Vandegaer, Manager of the Highlands Region of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, stated the foundation manages over 20,000 acres of land throughout New Jersey. She explained that the Foundation's goals and objectives are to protect and preserve the land.

Ms. Vandegaer requested the Washington Township Committee's endorsement of the submission of a Morris County Open Space Trust Fund grant application for funding to purchase approximately two hundred twenty-eight acres located in the vicinity of Fairview Avenue and Drakestown Roads in Washington Township. Ms. Vandegaer stated the property would be preserved with a Green Acres Deed of Conservation Restriction and would be managed for passive recreation/public enjoyment. Ms. Vandegaer stated the land will be acquired in fee simple from the Estate of Jack Borgenicht. She stated the vacant land is currently used for hunting and is under woodland management. A portion is wetlands. Ms. Vandegaer stated the plan is consistent with the Washington Township Master Plan, the Morris County Open Space Element, and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. She added the Borgenicht property will be the anchor for a new preserve in Morris County. Ms. Vandegaer stated the New Jersey Conservation Foundation is working with the Trust for Public Land to acquire a nearly adjacent 130 acre tract located in Mount Olive Township.

Mr. Keith P. Hayes, President of the Washington Township Land Trust, stated this project is supported by the Washington Township Land Trust.

Mayor Short stated he supports the application.

Comm. Popper asked if municipal funds would be needed for the acquisition.

Ms. Vandegaer stated the funding sources are the Morris County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund, the Washington Township Land Trust and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. She stated municipal funding is not being requested at this time. Ms. Vandegaer stated the presentation and the public hearing is a requirement of the application.

Comm. Harmon inquired about public access to the property.

Ms. Vandegaer indicated the access areas on the map along Fairview Avenue, Drakestown Road, and Laketown Road. Ms. Vandegaer added the Foundation will post the property as owned by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation and open to the public, will establish a management plan for public access, and will monitor the property for appropriate uses.

Comm. Tobin stated he is in favor of the intended preservation and public use of the property.

Comm. Walsh commended Mr. Vandegaer and Mr. Hayes for their efforts on this project.

Ms. Marjorie Wagner, 316 Fairview Avenue, asked if parking lots will be constructed for public use. She expressed concern that trees would be removed to allow parking.

Ms. Vandegaer stated designated parking areas will be chosen after the property is purchased. She added an area near the gate at the hunting preserve would be a natural area to be designated for public parking.

Mr. Hayes stated the removal of trees to allow parking will be avoided. He stated many open areas could be used for parking.

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

Mayor Short thanked Ms. Vandegaer and Mr. Hayes for attending the meeting and stated the Township Committee endorses the grant application. The Mayor signed the Charitable Conservancy Public Comment and Municipal Review document and presented it to Ms. Vandegaer for submission with the grant application.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mark Hopkins, 33 Schooleys Mountain Road, wanted to discuss Ordinance RO-20-09 and was advised to hold his questions and comments for the public hearing on that ordinance.

Hagan Sniffen, LVFAS Chief, expressed the squad's concerns regarding dispatching transitions and maintaining the frequency they currently use as a supplemental response channel. **Mayor Short** stated that a Freeholder meeting was held to consider such issues.

Robert Curtis, 46 Long Hill Road, stated that he feels it is imperative to keep communication open with our communication officers while negotiations are underway. He expressed concern that there are already five departments on the current channel and adding the police department would create an overload. He opined that a price could not be placed on keeping the dispatch local. **Mayor Short** stated that the same level of service is being sought for the greatest dollar value.

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

RO-17-09 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT ON CERTAIN LAND AND PROPERTY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON – CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION

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

Motion was made by Comm. Tobin, seconded by Comm. Popper to table the vote on this ordinance until September 21, 2009. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-20-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper 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

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Mark Hopkins, 33 Schooleys Mountain Road, asked where the proposed sidewalk begins. He was advised that it includes his property. **Mayor Short** stated that the intent is to apply for grants to replace old sidewalks with brick pavers. Mr. Hopkins is concerned with the wording in the ordinance requiring the owner to “assure” public safety by removing snow and ice., the description of persons responsible, and the area where snow and ice needs to be removed. **Attorney Jansen** stated that the language of the ordinance essentially parallels the language of the State enabling legislation.

As he has commercial property in this area, Mayor Short recused himself.

The Committee agreed to change the word “assure” to “promote,” and add the word “such” between “all” and “persons” in section 172-28.

Vice Mayor Walsh read into the record an e-mail from **Michael Haveson, 5 E. Mill Road**, which stated several concerns such as a buffer in front of his house which no longer exists, speed limits which are not followed, the sidewalk being too narrow, snow, slush and salt ending up on his sidewalk, etc. The Township Committee sympathized with Mr. Haveson’s concerns, but he must either remove the snow and ice or hire someone to do it for him, just as other property owners do.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 172, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

The word “assure” was changed to read “promote.” And in section 172-28 “all persons” was changed to read “all such persons.”

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

AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Mayor Short

ABSENT: None

RO-21-09 – 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 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND SERVICE STATIONS – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that 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 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND SERVICE STATIONS be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that 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 AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND SERVICE STATIONS be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper 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

RO-22-09 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$130,000 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROGRAM TO UPDATE AND MAKE CURRENT A PREVIOUS REVALUATION PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$130,000 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROGRAM TO UPDATE AND MAKE CURRENT A PREVIOUS REVALUATION PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP be read by title upon second reading and a hearing held thereon.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding revaluations, reassessments, changing market conditions and how assessments should be approached in the future.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF \$130,000 FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROGRAM TO UPDATE AND MAKE CURRENT A PREVIOUS REVALUATION PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP be adopted upon final reading and that said ordinance be published in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-25-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RO-26-09 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY DONATION - INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that 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 BY DONATION be introduced and read by title on first reading by the Township Committee.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington that 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 BY DONATION be adopted upon first reading.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee on September 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorized to advertise said Ordinance in full in the Observer Tribune according to law.

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-134-09 – APPOINTMENTS/ADJUSTMENTS

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-136-09 – ACCEPT DEVELOPMENT ON TO MAINTENANCE – MARIBEL MEADOWS – LANDMARK AT LONG VALLEY, LLC

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, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #R-145-09 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

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-146-09 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 – OVER THE LIMIT UNDER ARREST GRANT

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-147-09 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 – OBEY THE SIGNS OR PAY THE FINES GRANT

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-148-09 – RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

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-149-09 – RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION R-170-08 CONCERNING POST RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS

Newcomers Club of Washington Township	Fifty-Fifty	12/08/2009
Knights of Columbus Long Valley Council 10419	Draw Raffle	10/23/2009

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.

***AUTHORIZE COIN TOSS – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

That the Washington Township Community Events Organization be authorized to conduct a Coin Toss on Saturday, September 12, 2009 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at the intersection of Schooley's Mountain Road and East and West Mill Road to benefit the Washington Township Parade and Fall Festival, subject to the approval of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the conditions imposed by the Washington Township Police Department.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Fire Company No. 1 for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a social affair to be held on September 26, 2009 from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at 99 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit for a social affair be approved and the Clerk be authorized to sign the permit application and forward it to the applicant for submission to Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – FAIRMOUNT FIRE COMPANY**

Applications have been received for membership in the Fairmount Fire Company from Raymond Stackhouse, Michael Scherr, Andrew Havrilla and Kevin Barnes.

That the foregoing applications be approved and be forwarded to the Fairmount Fire Company.

***APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP – LONG VALLEY FIRST AID SQUAD**

Applications have been received for membership in the Long Valley First Aid Squad from Daria Grimm, Anna Wagner, Nancy Jordan, Douglas Merrill, Cory Waller and Colin Wertman.

That the foregoing applications be approved and be forwarded to the Long Valley First Aid Squad.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting
June 22, 2009 Special Meeting
June 24, 2009 Special Meeting

***PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

That the vouchers be approved and that the Treasurer shall issue warrants in payment when there are sufficient funds to meet them. The bill list is on file in the finance office.

***MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

That the following monthly department reports be accepted and placed on file in the Township Clerk's office:

Washington Township Board of Health, Washington Township Municipal Court,
Washington Township Police Department, Washington Township Tax Collector

Mayor Short asked if anyone on the Committee or any member of the public wanted anything removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. 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

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

- + Comm. Popper abstained from voting on the June 22 and June 24, 2009 meeting minutes.
- ++ Comm. Tobin abstained from voting on the June 15, 2009 meeting minutes.
- +++ Comm. Walsh abstained from voting on the June 22, 2009 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION

VEHICLE USE POLICY – The Fire Department explained that they have coverage when a vehicle is out of town for a parade just as they do when they go to the Fire Academy for training. Surrounding Township's departments are on notice when a vehicle is out of town, and Washington Township regularly provides the same coverage for these surrounding townships. The Fire Department is asking to continue to attend parades because of tradition and their pride in their equipment. Given appropriate notification and proper insurance coverage, the Township Committee will allow certain vehicles to leave the Township for parades or shows. Training and mutual aid are not an issue. Assistant Administrator Burd and Administrator Gallets will be notified via e-mail when a vehicle goes out of town.

Specialized equipment may be allowed to leave town if notification is provided and coverage is arranged. Mayor Short stated for the record that he does not agree. Comm. Tobin also does not agree. A revised policy will be prepared by the Fire Department and forwarded to the Committee for action.

REASSESSMENT APPROVAL – The Township has received approval to pursue a reassessment program.

SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE – This item was discussed earlier.

TEWKSBURY COURT – SHARED SERVICES – This item will be discussed in executive session.

DISPATCH (CONTRACT AMENDMENT) – This item will be discussed in executive session.

DISPATCHERS - This item will be discussed in executive session.

BOARD CONSOLIDATION – The Township is considering consolidating the Planning and Zoning Boards. Attorney Jansen explained that it is likely too late to get a question on the ballot in November. Board consolidation will be something to consider next year.

LONG VALLEY BREW PUB BANNER – The County denied the Long Valley Brew Pub's request to hang a banner to advertise their grand opening.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from Morris County Administrator John Bonanni, stating Washington Township's 2010 Municipal Alliance allocation is \$13,103.00.

Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders resolution authorizing the replacement of a bridge on Bartley Road between the Ort Farm and Naughtright Road and its closure from August 10th through October 10, 2009.

Letter from Ms. Lois M. Myers, Executive Director of Morris Tomorrow, acknowledging receipt of our Community Outreach Education project.

Results of sale of \$2,991,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Renewal – no new debt)

Explanation of computed tax rates for Washington Township and certification schedule of the 2009 general tax rate

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, stated that he is concerned that the public is not getting all of the information that the Committee and the County have regarding dispatch. Mayor Short stated that the matter involves contract negotiations that need to be addressed in closed session.

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

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE – Comm. Popper reminded everyone that the Township is sending a letter to the schools regarding the confidentiality policy.

DOUG COMPTON – Comm. Popper recognized Doug Compton formally for all his volunteer efforts.

The Committee advised the public that it may come out of Executive Session to take formal action.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 10:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-152-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – **CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: DISPATCH;**
TEWKSBURY COURT
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: DISPATCHERS
(CWA)

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper 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

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:32 P.M.

The Township Committee will hold a special meeting on September 1, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. to make a final determination on dispatching. The Committee will also be meeting with Chester Township and Boro to discuss their intentions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk