

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, Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator Gallets, 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.

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) VIRUS UPDATE – **Health Officer, Cris Cooke-Gibbs** was scheduled to provide the Committee with an update regarding the Swine Flu. This topic was postponed to the September 21, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Richard Mistkowski, 2 Green Hills Road, President, Fairmount Fire Company, asked whether this was the appropriate time to discuss the Vehicle Use Policy. Mayor Short asked him to wait until it comes up on the agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

None

DISCUSSION

TAX SALE REQUEST – A request has been made by Joy Kalpal, owner of Block 30, Lots 18 & 19, for the assignment of a Tax Sale Certificate in order to foreclose it. **Attorney Jansen** explained the procedure for assigning the Tax Sale Certificate on this 50 foot wide piece of property. The Township Committee decided not to assign the Tax Sale Certificate. Instead it will foreclose on the certificate at some time in the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE USE POLICY – The Township Committee discussed the amended draft of the Vehicle Use Policy which had been provided. **Washington Township Chief Michael Cuccaro**, stated that the Fire companies' point of contention is with bringing apparatus to parades that are in the Department's mutual aid response area. Dual alert coverage was explained by Chief Cuccaro, as simultaneously notifying two companies to respond to a particular incident. The Committee asked the Department to submit a revised draft of the policy. Chief Cuccaro explained that the Fairmount Fire Company brought a fire truck to the last meeting because they had a large number of firefighters at the meeting and needed to have the truck at the ready for a quick response in the event of an alarm. Communication between the Township and the Fire Companies will be enhanced.

REVERSE 911 – **Bob Kelly, Technical Specialist**, stated that an Emergency Notification Survey was placed on the Township website from June 17, 2009 to September 4, 2009; approximately 84 days. In that time, 262 responses were received. Respondents indicated that the most preferred method of notification was by cell phone, followed by home phone, and then text messaging. Mr. Kelly advocated a combination of Voice Shot for cell phone notification, the County OEM system for home notification, and texting through Nixle. Voice Shot carries nominal costs. Mr. Kelly will inquire if Nixle sells its data to other sources. Madison and Florham Park use Nixle and Mr. Kelly has been charged with obtaining feedback about the system. **Chief Bailey** stated that a county, regional or statewide system would be better, however such systems can be cost prohibitive for smaller municipalities. Several municipalities need to band together to establish such a widespread system. Mr. Kelly will provide additional information at the September 21, 2009 meeting.

E-MAIL HOSTING - **Mr. Kelly** explained that our current e-mail provider, ICDSOFT, is the least expensive provider available, however, the SPAM filters provided are limited. Additionally, ICDSOFT does not supply the technology needed to capture both incoming and outgoing e-mails, as required by DARM (The Division of Archives & Records Management). Mr. Kelly proposed, as part of the Town Hall electronic modernization program led by the Committee, to change the municipal e-mail provider to FUSEMAIL, a POP3 e-mail provider which is capable of

archival. The change would result in improved employee productivity, reduced exposure to malicious software and root kits, and provide the appropriate technology to explore shared services in the area of e-mail archival. Mr. Kelly will provide additional information at the September 21, 2009 meeting.

MUNICIPAL ALARMS - **Mr. Kelly** explained that many Washington Township Alarm Systems (court panic alarm, senior center), utilize dialers to communicate an alarm condition. If the Township had gone with the County system, these dial up systems would have required an upgrade. The Township has decided not to join the County Alarm System

ALARM OPERATIONS & PROCEDURES – Alarm operations and procedures will be discussed in executive session.

ALARM INVOICE – WEST MORRIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – Alarm Invoice – West Morris Central High School will be discussed in executive session.

WRECKER SERVICE APPROVAL – Police Chief Michael Bailey stated that Chester Valley Auto Body will provide wrecker service. The storage location will be at Long Valley Autobody. A resolution will be considered at the September 21, 2009 meeting.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION – There was a discussion regarding the timing of the County road construction on the first day of school. The traffic flow was handled properly but better communication with the County engineers was suggested.

DAMAGE TO A SEWER PIPE - **Comm. Popper** stated that there was a recent incident involving unnecessary damage to a sewer pipe. The company employed by the County did not contact the 800 number to secure a proper mark out.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE – Morris County is submitting a PIG (Planning Incentive Grant) application to the SADC for the coming year, 2010. Targeted farms are located in various Townships, including Washington Township. 13 Farms (784 acres) may be added to the preservation list. 4,469 acres are preserved in Washington Township.

OPEN SPACE – It was recommended that Washington Township provide support for the New Jersey Land Conservancy's pending application.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Judy Madden has volunteered to fill one of the open spots on this committee.

GRANT RECEIVED – A \$78,000 H1N1 grant has been approved.

CHESTER DISPATCH – The Chesters will be going with the County for dispatch services.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB - The Junior Women's Club is holding their 95 Anniversary celebration on Sunday October 4, 2009 at Schooley's Mountain Park.

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 9:35 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-154-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: TEWKSBURY
SHARED MUNICIAPL COURT
FACILITIES
PENDING LITIGATION: AMERIPAY
ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVIEGE: ALARM**

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**ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION/
ENFORCEMENT; ALARM
INVOICE – WEST MORRIS
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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 10:29 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk