

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:35 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Tobin, Walsh, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk 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.

PROCLAMATION – LONG VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB – NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY - Mayor Short, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring the week of October 4, 2009 as 'Long Valley Women's Club Week' in Washington Township.

INTRODUCTION – MS. JACQUELINE ZUZZI, DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY – Ms. Zuzzi was introduced to the Committee as the new Washington Township Library Director. She was welcomed to the new position by the Committee.

COMMITTEEMAN TOBIN'S RESIGNATION – Comm. Tobin announced that he will be unable to continue to serve as a Committee Member after 27 years of service, due to an illness in his family. The Committee and many members of the community stated that he will be sorely missed by the Committee and the Township.

PROCLAMATION – IN HONOR OF COMMITTEEMAN TRACY TOBIN - **Mayor Short**, on behalf of the Washington Township Committee, read into the record a proclamation declaring Committeeman Tobin an irreplaceable member of the Committee for all of his years of service. The Washington Township Committee commended him for all of his dedicated efforts. **Paul LaCitra** read into the record a joint senate and assembly resolution regarding Comm. Tobin which spoke to his character and service. The State Legislators recognized Tracy Tobin as an outstanding member of the Garden State community, commending his excellent record and civic leadership. **Freeholder Margaret Nordstram** read into the record a freeholder's resolution attesting to Comm. Tobin's excellent character.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER – In light of Comm. Tobin's resignation, statutory procedures will be followed so that the vacancy can be filled within the next thirty days.

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) VIRUS UPDATE AND OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET – **Health Officer Cris Cooke-Gibbs** made a presentation to the Committee regarding the flu vaccinations which will become available to the public and provided information on who will be eligible for vaccination. The Washington Township website will contain details as they become available. "Operation Open Medicine Cabinet" was discussed as a mechanism for the disposal of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. Ms. Gibbs stated that Comm. Tobin will be missed.

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

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing ordinance be tabled until October 19, 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-23-09 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – 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 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY 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 143, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, WITH REGARD TO SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY 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

RO-24-09 – 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 – 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

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NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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 39, ALARM SYSTEMS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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

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 – 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 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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 46, ANIMALS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON 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

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 – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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 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 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 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

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| PTTO West Morris Central High School | Tricky Tray | 11/14/2009 |
| PTTO West Morris Central High School | Fifty-Fifty | 11/14/2009 |
| Centenary College | Fifty-Fifty | 10/09/2009 |
| Centenary College | Draw Raffle | 10/09/2009 |
| Flocktown Kossmann PTA | Fifty-Fifty | 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, subject to the Mayor signing the Findings and Determination Form.

***APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC EVENT – WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS ORGANIZATION**

An application has been received from the Washington Township Community Events Organization for a Parade and Fall Festival to be held on September 26, 2009 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Long Valley Middle School, 51 West Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Recommendations have been received from the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

That the foregoing public event be approved subject to the conditions of the Police Department, the Board of Health and the Zoning Officer.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT - THE LONG VALLEY INN, INC.**

An application has been received from the Long Valley Inn, Inc. for petition to extend the licensed premises for a public event to be held on October 18, 2009 between the hours of Noon and 8:00 P.M. on their premises at 1 Fairmount Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the petition.

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 Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

***AUTHORIZE SPECIAL ABC PERMIT – ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST PARISH**

An application has been received from St. Mark the Evangelist Parish for permission to dispense alcoholic beverages at a social affair to be held on October 23, 2009 from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 at 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, New Jersey. Noted that the Chief of Police has signed the permit application.

That the foregoing special permit 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 – SCHOOLEY’S MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

Applications have been received for membership in the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Protection Association from Julia M. Adams, Andrew Boho, Michael Cecere, Emily L. Elsasser, Erin Guida, Eddie B. Hill, Kevin Strawn, Candace Treacy, and Ryan J. Welch.

That the foregoing applications for membership be approved and forwarded to the Schooley’s Mountain Fire Protection Association.

***APPROVE MINUTES**

- July 15, 2009 Work Session
- July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting
- August 12, 2009 Work Session
- August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting

That the foregoing minutes be approved.

***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.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Tobin that the foregoing consent agenda be approved. 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 abstained from voting on the October 23, 2009 Fifty-Fifty and Tricky Tray raffle applications for St. Mark the Evangelist Parish as well as the special ABC permit for St. Mark's.

++Comm. Tobin abstained from voting on the July 15, 2009 and July 20, 2009 meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE NOTED FOR THE RECORD

Letter from President Paul Wallace on behalf of the Warren-Morris Council of Governments, extending their thanks to Comm. Tobin for his contributions to the council since its inception.

Letter from NJDOT Director Michael Russo, stating our Brick Sidewalk Improvements along East Mill Road Program was not among those awarded Transportation Enhancement Program funding for 2009.

\$39,999 Grant Award to the Zion Lutheran Church to stabilize the Union Church Ruins from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust.

Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing dated July 22, 2009 submitted by Tax Collector Amy Monahan.

DISCUSSION

DISPATCHERS– Mayor Short explained that only four communications officers will be needed. The affected employees have asked that this discussion be in open session.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Josh De Voe, a communications officer, inquired why potential termination dates are earlier than the December 2009 dates previously stated. **Mayor Short** responded that the October 31, 2009 date is the date that Atlantic Ambulance (CenCom) is expected to start providing services to Washington Township. The Township would like to start using their services as soon as possible to save money. Mr. De Voe felt that the earlier termination was not saving that much money. Mayor Short stated Washington Township's decision will not compromise the safety of its residents.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, asked whether the Chesters know that Washington Township is reducing its dispatcher staff to one person per shift. **Mayor Short** advised him that the Chesters are aware of the change.

Louis Case, a communications officer inquired whether the system is being compromised and is the safety of the police officers being considered. **Mayor Short** stated that safety is the primary consideration of the Committee and the Police Chief, and Mayor Short has every confidence in the security of the system. The communications officer feels that it is a mistake to reduce the staff.

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

DISPATCHERS

A motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Tobin to eliminate two dispatcher positions effective October 31, 2009 for reasons of economy. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

REVERSE 911 – **Robert Kelly, Technical Specialist** stated that there will be no third party dissemination of information for anyone who signs up with the Reverse 911 service. Florham Park and Madison Borough already use the Nixle system. Several Committeemen are concerned with the undesired sharing of information. Mr. Kelly confirmed with Nixle that they do not do any data mining. As there is no initial contract and a six month trial has been offered, the Committee decided to try the Nixle system and begin to sign residents up from the website. **Mayor Short** asked Mr. Kelly to come up with a draft standard operating procedure for emergency notifications.

E-MAIL HOSTING – **Robert Kelly** described a fuse mail interface system (very similar to Outlook). The Committee agreed to go with the system.

ALARM FEE LETTER – The Committee discussed the alarm fee invoice letter which was drafted by Administrator Gallets and authorized its mailing.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION – **Comm. Popper** stated that the discussion regarding the timing of the County road construction on the first day of school was brought up at the last meeting and he has nothing new to add to those comments.

MASTER PLAN – **Mayor Short** stated that the Planning Board is doing its six year review of the Township Master Plan. A joint meeting of the Planning Board and Township Committee is planned to discuss master plans recommendations.

TRACY TOBIN RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper to accept Comm. Tobin's resignation with regret. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Comm. Tobin

ABSENT: None

COMMITTEE VACANCY – **Mayor Short** again acknowledged that it the Committee will have a vacancy, and that it will be filled pursuant to procedures established by law.

MIRS RADIO MAINTANENCE – **Comm. Popper** stated that maintenance responsibilities may fall to the municipalities if the County cannot continue to use grant money to maintain the MIRS radios.

FALL FESTIVAL – **Comm. Walsh** stated that the Washington Township Fall festival is to be held Saturday, October 3, 2009.

COMMITTEEMAN TOBIN'S FAREWELL – **Comm. Tobin** bid farewell to the Committee and Township after 27 years of service.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, complimented Comm. Tobin for his years of service.

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

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-169-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: POLICE

**CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: TEWKSBURY
SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITIES**

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:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:40 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk