

The Work Session of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:33 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Comm. Popper, Harmon, Walsh, Roehrich, 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.

**EAGLE PROJECT PRESENTATION** – **Scout Joe Stone**, a member of Troop 236, presented his eagle scout project which is proposed for the Covalsky property on Califon Road. He wishes to refurbish the existing trail and to place bird houses in an open area. The Township Committee approved Scout Stone's project and authorized him to begin.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT WAIVER – LONG HILL ROAD** – **Greg Belardo** requested approval to drill on his property to locate old mine shafts to preserve the safety of this property. Mr. Belardo has also asked for permission to remediate as soon as possible. The Langdon Iron Ore Mine was responsible for the construction of the mines back in the 1880's. The existence of the mines was not known to the resident when he purchased the property. The Committee is willing to consider Mr. Belardo's request to conduct borings and inspections but asked that before remediation, he appear before the Committee with a further proposal.

Motion was made by Comm. Walsh, seconded by Comm. Popper to allow Mr. Belardo to conduct borings and inspections within the conservation easement. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**SLOPE EASEMENT WAIVER – SPRING LANE – JOHN HALL** – Mr. Hall was not present and the discussion was postponed to the December 21, 2009 Regular Meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

### **DISCUSSION**

**PLANNING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MERGER** – **Comm. Popper** stated that he brought this item to the Committee's attention and does not feel that it needs to be addressed at this time. It requires a referendum, which would be placed on the ballot in November 2010.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS** – Interviews for the two Library Board of Trustees openings will be held at the January 2010 Work Session. Comm. Walsh and Comm. Popper will conduct the interviews starting at 6:30 P.M.

**SCHEDULE REORGANIZATION MEETING** – The 2010 Reorganization Meeting was scheduled for January 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

**SCHEDULE BUDGET MEETINGS** – The following budget meetings were scheduled at the Senior Center starting at 7:30 P.M.:

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT – ROCK SPRING PARK RESTROOM** – An application was submitted for a grant to make the Rock Spring Park restrooms handicapped accessible. Recreation groups will donate funds to complete the project. The Committee is in favor of the project.

**PASCALE ACUTION UPDATE** – It was noted that there was one bidder for the Pascale property at \$234,440 plus a 5% buyers premium. The Township will need to remove some tires from the property.

**HIGHLANDS** – **Comm. Popper** stated that he wanted the item on the agenda in case anyone from the public wished to be heard. No one did.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** – **Comm. Harmon** asked that a proclamation be placed on the January agenda in support of the West Morris Football team, and the women's Soccer and Volleyball teams for their outstanding performance. The three proclamations will be prepared and scheduled for consideration.

**TOBIN SERVICE** – Comm. Walsh informed that public that former Committeeman Tracy Tobin's son passed away and his memorial service is to be held on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

**PROMOTION** – Patrolman Brian Bingham will be formally promoted to Corporal at the January 18, 2010 Regular Meeting.

**GEM (Government Efficiency Morris) PROJECT** – Approximately 35 municipalities are considering how to consolidate various processes. Meetings will be held on January 20, 2010 and Jan 21, 2010 to discuss efficiency in government.

**EPA MEETING** – A tentative meeting has been scheduled for January 27, 2010 with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding an ongoing investigation at The Combe Fill South Landfill.

**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 8:20 P.M.

**RESOLUTION #R-193-09 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: CALIFON (KS)**  
**PERSONNEL: TAX ASSESSOR**  
**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: POLICEMEN'S**  
**BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

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, Walsh, Roehrich, Mayor Short

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

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Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk