

The Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short, CFO Lifer, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on March 15, 2010 and was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on the same date. This meeting is being held at the Washington Township Senior Citizen Center, East Springtown Road, Long Valley, New Jersey. Notices of this meeting were sent, as there were requests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Jeff Koch, Beaver Brook Road, asked whether the Township had any information on the Sherwood Trailer Park. Mr. Koch felt that Washington Township should take action for the cleanup of the Trailer Park. He further stated that above ground tanks should be inspected all along Mr. Koch's property line.

Donna Koch, Beaver Brook Road, stated that she would like a time frame for the cleanup. Ms. Koch feels that the problems at Sherwood Park have not been addressed in 16 years.

Kevin Nedd, 65 Kim Lane, stated that he passed out a copy of an Observer Tribune article regarding the budget and debt cuts.

Dave Kennedy, inquired what the Township is doing about the County dispatch.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION – MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS

It was discussed that the Township is 11 to 12 million dollars in debt. It was also discussed that the Township could possibly consider permanent Bonding amounting to approximately \$225,000 per year in retiring debt.

The Committee also discussed using open space funds for field maintenance.

Employees will be charged 1.5% of their salaries to enjoy Health Benefits. It was discussed that a 0% increase for non-contracted employees be considered. Also discussed were health insurance, the Teamsters Union and 1 furlough day going up to 10.

DISCUSSION

SCHOOL BUDGET AUDITOR – **Scott McClellen** will be the appointed auditor of the failed K-1 budget.

SCHEDULE POSSIBLE BUDGET MEETINGS – Other meetings were scheduled for April.22, 2010.

SUMMER HOURS – Summer hours were discussed for the upcoming season from Memorial Day through Labor Day which eliminates Friday hours and extends the other four days.

PUBLIC SESSION

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 7:50 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-65-10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL: SALARY AND WAGE **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: CWA AND DPW**

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

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AYES: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, LiaBraaten, Mayor Short
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 8:39 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Dianne S. Gallets, Clerk