

The Work Session Meeting of the Washington Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Short at 7:36 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comm. Popper, Harmon, Roehrich, Mayor Short, Attorney Jansen, Administrator/Clerk Gallets, Assistant Administrator Burd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

Adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Observer Tribune and the Morristown Daily Record on January 9, 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 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.

Mayor Short stated for the record that the K-8 Board of Education was offered the opportunity to present its budget to the Committee, but they declined.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – WEST MORRIS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT- The West Morris Regional High School Board of Education made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding the District's 2010-2011 budget, which is to be put to a vote on April 20, 2010. A paper copy of the power point presentation is annexed hereto. The Township Committee applauded their efforts to contain costs and thanked them for their presentation. The meeting was opened to the public for questions on the Regional High School budget.

John Notte, 5 Arrowhead Drive, inquired why surplus was not used for tax relief of residents. Mr. Notte was advised that the surplus is being used. Mr. Notte asked why an auditor is necessary when there are so many experienced Board members. **Mayor Short** responded that the auditor is being appointed to review the K-8 budget if it is defeated. The money is set aside in Committee Projects.

Harlin Parker, 525 Naughtright Road, inquired about the change in State aid and how it would affect teacher to student ratios. He was advised that 12.6 is the current student teacher ratio and the class sizes will become a little larger. It was stated that there are still a lot of "unknowns," and the Board is trying to operate as efficiently as possible.

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

Mayor Short declared a short recess.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Short opened the meeting to the public.

Roger Freiday, Jones Lane complained that one of the residents on his private road has applied for Farmland Assessment of his property, and has fostered an environmental disaster by bringing in logging trucks which have damaged pavement and created swampy conditions. He asked the Tax Assessor not to grant Farmland Assessment to the property owner of Lot 13, Block 18.

Jeff Koch, 9 Beaver Brook Drive inquired whether summonses have been issued yet with regard to the Sherwood Trailer Park. **Mayor Short** responded that some have been issued. **Ginny Kesper, Zoning Official**, further described the summonses issued. A tentative court date has been set for May 6th, 2010. Mr. Koch contends that the Trailer Park owner is running a business of buying, selling and repairing trailers and that he is prohibited from doing so. Those trailers that exist are permitted to be sold by their owners. The Township Committee felt that Mr. Koch's interpretation of the prior court order was too narrow. An electrical inspector was sent to the Trailer Park today. Mr. Koch inquired about junk cars and tires that are rotting in the woods and asked the town to investigate.

Frank Mileto, 14 Beaver Brook Drive, stated that he is concerned that the property owner is going to deny any wrong doing with regard to operating a business on the property.

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

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION #R-66-10 – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – FINANCIAL ANALYTICAL SERVICES -
SCOTT A. CLELLAND**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

DISCUSSION

CLOTHING COLLECTION BOX – LONG VALLEY FIRE COMPANY – The Long Valley Fire Company would like to install a clothing collection box on their property to earn revenue in the form of “rent.” The Township Committee needs to, by resolution, appoint an agency (Ginny Kesper) to make certain that the controlling statutory criteria are met. The Township Committee approved the idea if a suitable location is found. A resolution naming Ms. Kesper as the appropriate authority will be considered on Monday night.

ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR REPLACEMENT – The Township Committee will appoint Brian Mason, Esq. as an alternate prosecutor.

SUMMER HOURS – The Township Committee tabled discussion on summer hours until the budget meeting on April 22, 2010.

REDUCTION OF TELEPHONE EXPENDITURES – Proposals were sought to reduce telephone expenses. Two were received. A resolution will be drafted for the Monday meeting.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE INTERVIEW – Board and Committee interviews will be held by Comm. Roehrich and Comm. Harmon on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. before the Regular Meeting.

NEWBURGH ROAD - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – The Township Committee will ask Leon Hall, Municipal Engineer and Scott Frech, DPW Superintendent, to inspect Newburgh Road to ascertain if the road is in need of immediate improvements. A decision will be made at Monday’s meeting.

EGIZI CONSERVATION EASEMENT – An ordinance relative to the Egizi conservation easement will be on for introduction on Monday night.

MAYOR’S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN – EMPLOYEE AWARDS – First and second place awards will be given to those deserving participants of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign.

ABSOLUTE SHREDDING – A town wide shredding event has been proposed by Nancy Salvatore, Recycling Coordinator. The Township Committee approved the concept and will further investigate the cost and location.

The Township Committee went into Executive Session at 9:34 P.M.

RESOLUTION #R-67-10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION –
LAND ACQUISITION: CALIFON FIELD
PERSONNEL: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PENDING LITIGATION: RIFLE & PISTOL CLUBS;
AND AMERIPAY
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: CHESTER SHARED
SERVICE – CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

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NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Comm. LiaBraaten

The Township Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:02 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M.