

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Tim Mathews, Deputy Mayor Richard Wolfe, and Committee members David Wang-Iverson, Kevin Ostrander, and Peter Miller.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Municipal Clerk Teresa R. Stahl announced that this is a special meeting with a copy of the agenda for this meeting forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, Star Ledger, Courier News, posted on the bulletin board, and filed in the Clerk's Office on April 25, 2018. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a resolution to enter executive session to discuss hiring, to accept a resignation of an employee, and to appoint a violations clerk for the municipal court. The public is invited to attend the open session only. Action may or may not be taken.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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RESOLUTION #65-18

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township Committee is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of East Amwell wishes to discuss personnel and hiring; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then minutes can be made public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Tim Mathews, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, and carried to approve the resolution unanimously.

Executive session began at 6:31 p.m. Municipal Court Administrator Cindy Hooven was present for this session.

The special meeting resumed at 6:39 p.m.

Ms. Hooven thanked the governing body for holding the special meeting tonight so that the employee could start before the committee's next regular meeting.

Mayor Mathews referenced the resignation of Pam Williamson as Deputy Court Administrator on April 24, 2018. Motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation.

Mayor Mathews referenced the recommendation of Mr. Wang-Iverson to hire Olivia Barrick as the violations clerk, effective May 2, with a prepared resolution.

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RESOLUTION #66-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that the following appointment be made as one year probationary appointment, with an effective start date of May 1, 2018:

Olivia Barrick – Joint Court Violations Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the conditions of Ms. Barrick’s appointment are as follows:

- Average of 3.5 days per week in the East Amwell Court Office.
- Working hours: 8:30AM – 3:00PM, except for two Monday evening court sessions per month, 2PM – 8PM.
- Salary of \$17.00 per hour, split equally between Delaware and East Amwell Townships.
- Satisfactory completion of two mandatory training sessions totaling nine days with pay.
- Vacation, personal and sick time allowances per East Amwell and Delaware policies.
- Enrollment in DCRP if minimum salary requirements are met.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Tim Mathews, Mayor

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 Motion by Mr. Ostrander, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ostrander thanked Mr. Wang-Iverson, saying that he appreciated all the effort.

Mr. Wang-Iverson added that he drafted revised shared services and joint court agreements for Delaware Township and Stockton Borough to address the newly appointed Court Administrator Jennifer Budrewicz’s pension. He sent the draft agreements to Attorney Taylor for review. He hoped that the Township Committee could have them adopted by the end of May when the employee begins work. Mayor Mathews said that he would like to adopt by the next meeting. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mr. Taylor sent them to the Deputy Mayor’s attention for review; he will work on them over the weekend. Mr. Wang-Iverson said that the issue is that Ms. Budrewicz must be paid by one township in order to have all of her salary included in the pension system; the other municipalities will pay East Amwell, who will issue a single paycheck. Neither the Judge nor the Prosecutor are in the pension system, so language about their positions will remain unchanged in the agreements.

Mayor Mathews thanked Mr. Wang-Iverson for his work.

The meeting was open to the public; there being no public present, motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried to close to the public.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
 Municipal Clerk