

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Deputy Mayor Richard Wolfe and Committee members David Wang-Iverson, Kevin Ostrander, and Peter Miller. Mayor Tim Mathews was absent. Attorney Carl Taylor was also in attendance.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Municipal Clerk Teresa R. Stahl announced that this is a regularly scheduled meeting, pursuant to the resolution adopted on January 2, 2018, with a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 11, 2018. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was 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 July 10, 2018.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Under CFO, there is an additional resolution – Chapter 159 for Municipal Court Administrator Salary.

Under Consent Agenda items, add a separate ABC resolution for the Amwell Valley Fire Company for a Beef and Beer Event to be held at the Fire Company on September 8, 2018.

Under Unfinished Business, Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked to add discussion about the work on Ridge Road.

Under Executive Committee, add discussion of the June 14 Executive Minutes.

Under Correspondence, add the following: 7-10-18 PAIC Legislative Update; Red Cross June 2018 Letter Re: New CEO Appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Playground is scheduled at East Amwell Township School from July 2 through July 27, 2018 (closed on July 4) from 9 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. Further information is available on the Township website.

Hunterdon County will hold a hazardous waste clean up day on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the County Complex. Contact health@co.hunterdon.nj.us for further information.

East Amwell Recreation Committee's Friday Nights in the Park will be held on July 20 and on August 17 from 5 p.m. till dark.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe encouraged residents to attend the Friday nights in the park at Clawson Park, saying that there were some events last year that were lots of fun. There will be food and fun things to do and is a good place to meet your neighbors.

UPDATE FROM THE CFO

CFO Pasqua provided current date budget print outs for all departments, showing budget status as of this time. There is no immediate concern of departments running out of funds.

Ms. Pasqua said that at the last meeting she brought up legislation about sick leave. She worked on an elaborate spreadsheet in terms of what the legislation means to East Amwell. It includes hours worked and accumulated, and monitoring of all work hours is another factor. She suggested that the easiest way to address the issue to create a policy that is better than what is in place now. She came up with a calculation of 1.75 times hours. As an example, someone who currently gets 2 days will now get 3.5 days. She took the total aggregate days that the employees get now and multiplied by 1.5 to get the new figures. On a question it was noted that the full time employees currently get 5 days of sick leave, and there were about 10 full time employees with the newer employees coming in at lesser days; Deputy Mayor Wolfe thought

that the Township was probably looking at about 65 extra days. Ms. Pasqua mentioned that the law goes into effect on October 1 and something had to be in place. Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked if the Township Committee had to do any substantive analysis or as simple as Ms. Pasqua described it. Ms. Pasqua hoped that it would be as simple as she described, adding that tracking hours would be onerous with payroll companies offering to do so at a cost. Ms. Pasqua thought that her suggestion would work and is slightly better than the existing policy; she said that this is the easy way to do it. The Clerk mentioned at the last meeting Mr. Wang-Iverson and Mr. Ostrander agreed to look at this issue and discuss it with the CFO.

CFO RESOLUTIONS

Budget Cancellations

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RESOLUTION #89-18

WHEREAS, certain Current fund appropriation ordinances have funding that are no longer necessary;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following unexpended balances be cancelled:

	Amount	Cancel to:
Note Interest	\$982.82	Surplus
Green Trust Loan	\$.03	Surplus

By Order of the Township Committee

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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RESOLUTION #90-18

WHEREAS, certain Capital appropriation ordinances have funding that are no longer necessary;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following unexpended balances be cancelled:

	Amount	Cancel to:
Ordinance # 2011-04 Acquisition of Development Easement	\$105,000.00	Def Charges to Future Taxation-Unfunded

By Order of the Township Committee

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

Driveway Refund

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RESOLUTION #91-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee for the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the CFO/Treasurer to release a check in the amount of \$2500, originally posted in 2015, to Gerald Odening, 24 Runyon Mill Road, Ringoes NJ 08551 as cancellation of a driveway bond for Block 32, Lot 5.05 on Runyon Mill Road.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

Escrow Refund

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RESOLUTION #92-18

WHEREAS, certain Escrow Accounts are no longer active or valid;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following unexpended balances be cancelled:

		Amount
#7763557616	Dory Elghou-Farm Fresh (New England Novelty)	\$271.75

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

The Chapter 159 resolution was adding the Shared Stockton Court payment to the budget for the Municipal Court Clerk salary.

Chapter 159

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RESOLUTION #93-18

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION NJSA 40a:4-87

Township of East Amwell
Hunterdon, New Jersey

Certified to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget or any County

of Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2018 in the sum of \$18,474.00,

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated
With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the
Division of Local Government Services:

State and Federal Revenues offset with Appropriations:
Shared Service Agreements with Delaware Township
and Stockton Borough for Court Administrator Salary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$18,474.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations Excluded from CAPS

State and Federal Programs Offset by Revenues:
Shared Service Agreements with Delaware Township
and Stockton Borough for Court Administrator Salary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for Approval.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

AWARD OF M AND R BIDS

A resolution was prepared by the QPA for consideration for purchase of road materials.

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RESOLUTION #94-18

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT
FOR 2018 STONE AND BITUMINOUS ROAD MATERIALS**

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell advertised for 2018 Stone and Bituminous Road Materials; and

WHEREAS, the Township received and opened two (2) bids on June 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed, and recommendation has been made by the Township QPA in her email dated July 10, 2018, attached to and made part of this resolution, for award to Trap Rock Industries, LLC and Stavola Construction Materials, the lowest responsive, responsible bidders; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer certifies funds are available for this purpose and encumbered in accounts C-04-00-900-015-016; C-04-00-900-018-014; 8-01-26-290-258-004;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of July, 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey:

- 1. That contracts be and are hereby awarded as follows:

Trap Rock Industries, LLC
4415 Route 27
Kingston, NJ 08528
Materials F.O.B from this address or from 120 Route 31, Pennington, NJ
Up to 500 tons MABC I-4 FOB \$35,000 at \$70.00 per ton
Up to 500 tons FABC I-5 FOB \$35,000 at \$70.00 per ton
Up to 600 tons of 1” blend stone, FDS \$9,900 at \$16.50 per ton
Up to 400 tons of ¾” blend stone, FDS \$7,400 at \$18.50 per ton
Total Award to Vendor: \$87,300.00

Stavola Construction Materials, Inc.
175 Drift Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 for Materials F.O.B. from
205 Pennsylvania Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822
Up to 100 tons #4 Rip Rap, \$2,450 at \$24.50 per ton
Up to 100 tons #6 Rip Rap, \$2,500 at \$25.00 per ton
Up to 300 tons Recycle Bituminous Material, \$9,000 at \$30.00 per ton
Total Award to Vendor: \$13,950.00

- 2. That the total contract shall not exceed \$101,250.00
- 3. That the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute said contract.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the resolution: Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Wolfe, yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE 18-15: SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE

Deputy Mayor Wolfe explained that the Zoning Officer has health issues and is out indefinitely. The back up Zoning Officer is semi-retired and has no desire to act as the principal Zoning Officer for an extended length of time. Krista Parsons has been appointed as the Interim Alternate Zoning Officer working under the guidance of the back up Zoning Officer. Ms. Parsons is also on the cusp of getting her Zoning Officer Certificate. The ordinance is being amended to authorize Ms. Parsons’ salary as the Interim Alternate Zoning Officer.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to open to the public for comments.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, doesn't have a problem with this ordinance. She wanted to share that she has been present when people come in to see the Zoning Officer, and she finds Ms. Parsons professional, kind, helpful, and good with difficult situations.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 18-15: Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Wolfe, yes.

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

QUARTERLY PRESENTATION FROM COMCAST – Rob Clifton, Director of Government Affairs, was present at this time.

Mr. Clifton said that he had no official report, but he was open to any questions either the governing body or the public would have.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mr. Clifton was present for periodic discussion, and the meeting was open to the public for any questions or comments.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that there were problems with the cable and television since the recent storms, and she didn't know if it had to do with wires or what else. Mr. Clifton agreed to have it looked into tomorrow.

Committee member Ostrander arrived at the meeting at this time (7:50 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the Township Committee had a request from a dark fiber provider asking for permission to hang their fiber on existing poles. The Township's concern is that some of the poles are beyond their useful life and during bad storms a bunch of poles go down, some snapping at the top. The Deputy Mayor said that the concern is if more items are hung from the poles, it will only make it worse. Also during the storms, there are issues with the providers competing for access to make repairs. He asked Mr. Clifton for his thoughts.

Mr. Clifton said that Comcast does not own any of the poles, and they rent space. Comcast generally tries to work with the electric companies, and he did not know of any reason to redo the fiber, adding that their lines are at the top of the pole. He reiterated that Comcast works with the electric companies and usually follow restoration of electricity during storms, although sometimes it doesn't go as smoothly as they like. He again stated that they make their repairs after the electric is handled, and he suggested the township ask the power companies, who own the poles since Comcast could not answer about the "useful life."

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the Township has spent a number of years acquiring and renovating Clawson House, a house that dates back to the 1700's. The house is almost complete, and a grand opening is being planned for the property, which will serve as a Township museum, community center for lectures, etc. It is 501c3 organization and relies heavily on donations. The Deputy Mayor asked Mr. Clifton if there is anything Comcast could do to help provide WiFi to Clawson House.

Mr. Clifton said that he would discuss it with Comcast engineers, adding that free WiFi is not available except for the municipality and educational buildings. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that this will be an educational facility, although not a traditional educational facility. He said that there would be a museum and a lot of educational lectures that have previously been done here at the municipal building and other venues.

Mr. Clifton asked for the address, and he said that he would have an engineer look at providing WiFi.

The Committee thanked Mr. Clifton for his presentation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION Member Patsy Wang-Iverson was present during this discussion.

1) Update on ANJEC Grant Application and Next Steps: Ms. Wang-Iverson thanked the governing body for supporting the ANJEC application, but the grant was not funded. Ms. Wang-Iverson mentioned the Memorandum of Agreement that the Township signed with the NJ DEP, and the Township is responsible for maintenance of the property and will continue to do so. A West Amwell Girl Scout troop will go out and identify and tag trees, and Ms. Wang-Iverson was told that a Boy Scout may want to do an Eagle Scout project of building a kiosk and digging up multi-floral roses on the trails.

Ms. Wang-Iverson said that at last Tuesday's Hunterdon Hiking Club event, someone advised her of an offer from Trex to provide a free bench for the collection of 500 pounds of plastic bags. She said that she would provide the link to the program. She asked the Township Committee to consider offering its support to collecting plastic bags, adding that they could be dropped off during Recycling events and the Environmental Commission would be responsible for the collection and weighing every month. There is a six month time frame for collection. She mentioned other facilities, such as churches or businesses, and the result would be keeping the waste from getting into streams and getting a bench for Rocky Brook Trail.

Alison Castellano, in the audience, who also serves on the Recycling Committee, said that information could be published about the bag collection, and the materials could be stored in the trailer on the municipal property.

Ms. Wang-Iverson commented on going to Shoprite and asking for their recycled plastic bags, adding that Trex will provide containers for collection. She mentioned going to Stop and Shop on Route 31 to get their bags. Deputy Mayor Wolfe mentioned that Shoprite had a bag collection site in the front of the store. Ms. Castellano mentioned a lady who works at Shoprite, who is also associated with East Amwell School, and she helps with a Terracycle collection at the store. Ms Castellano will speak with the woman about the plastic bag collection.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he would call Raritan Township and Delaware Township representatives that he knows and have those residents come to East Amwell to donate, commenting that 500 lbs. is a lot of plastic bags. Ms. Wang-Iverson reiterated that the first bench would be for Rocky Brook Trail, and if more than 500 lbs are collected, the Township could use the other bench elsewhere.

Ms. Wang-Iverson said that she received quotes for signage at the park, at a cost of \$125 per sign or \$250 for signs at each of the two trail heads. The quotes are for the Township only and she cannot authorize a purchase order. She asked if the Township Committee would consider underwriting the purchase of the signs. Ms. Wang-Iverson mentioned that the Superintendent at Washington Crossing had to approve the signs, which would recognize the NJ DEP and East Amwell Township and Rocky Brook Trails.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe suggested that once Ms. Wang-Iverson had approval and a firm quote, she should let the Township Committee know. He believed that they could come up with the money, possibly through private donations. He added that they have had this discussion about private funds in the past, and it is workable.

2) Sustainable NJ: Ms. Wang-Iverson said that the Township was currently registered with Sustainable NJ and has been since its creation in 2009. She looked through their brochure, and checking off activities for designation, she totaled more than 150 points, which would give the Township bronze certification. Ms. Wang-Iverson would like the Township Committee to consider adopting an ordinance to create a green team; she has some recommendations for members, including two or three Environmental Commission members, a representative from each township committee and board, and perhaps some local business members.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked what the green team would be in charge of. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that she had some suggestions for projects, and once it is formed, they can apply for grant funding, including small grants of \$2,000 to get green teams started and up to \$35,000 with funds available from supporting businesses. Ms. Wang-Iverson spoke about attending a Sustainable NJ program, and they want towns to be eco-friendly. She suggested that East Amwell could apply for funds to put in an EV charging station in our parking lot, i.e., people can hook up their vehicles, go to lunch in the area, and return when the vehicle is charged. She said that something like that would put East Amwell on the map.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he lives in a net zero house, although it is not certified, adding that he has geothermal and solar. He said that he would like to formalize a green initiative in East Amwell, saying that East Amwell has a lot of open space and people gravitate here for open space, and they care about environmental issues. He added that solar pays for itself in 5-6 years, but people aren't aware of this. Deputy Mayor Wolfe wanted an initiative to focus on becoming green with one of his areas of concern being having less propane and oil trucks in the township. He said that the green team and grant funding intrigued him, but he did not know what an ordinance would look like. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that she would provide a sample ordinance. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he would prepare something for introduction next month, including looking at membership from the Environmental Commission and other committees. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that she had a suggested list of members, and she was asked to provide it to the Clerk and to Deputy Mayor Wolfe.

Mr. Ostrander asked how long Sustainable NJ was in existence; Ms. Wang-Iverson said that this was the 10th anniversary. Other Hunterdon County municipalities who are members are Lambertville and Frenchtown. The Mayor of Lambertville presented at the recent Sustainable NJ summit, and Frenchtown is doing work with a creative team with a narrow, artistic focus. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that what spurred her to attend the summit was attending a Hunterdon County Planning breakfast where Sustainable NJ representatives spoke. She added that there was a school component, and Alison Castellano has information about it. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that the school has done so much for the environment, and they should be recognized. Mr. Ostrander asked if there would be grant money for the school; Ms. Wang-Iverson said that there is separate grant money for schools.

Ms. Wang-Iverson said that she would send the link to the program, and most presentations are available on line. She mentioned a water conservation ordinance that was available. She said that East Amwell qualifies for bronze certification, referring to the literature she handed out tonight. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he wanted to have the Township become gold star. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that there was only one gold star status municipality, Woodbridge. She referred to the brochure again, outlining how municipalities would qualify for bronze, silver, or gold designation. She mentioned that silver certified municipalities could qualify for gold if the took charge of waste disposal and installed solar. She spoke about getting the municipality to install solar in the parking lot, referencing another facilities in the area that have this.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe added that he would like to look at solar for the municipal building at some time to see if it was worthwhile to consider, adding that this something that he and the Mayor have talked about. Ms. Wang-Iverson said that even changing lights to energy efficient fixtures would help.

Frances Gavigan said some of this happened about eighteen years ago when Rich Spiegel was on the committee and he looked at putting solar on the municipal building roof.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that there was 30% federal funding for solar and SREC credits available. He reiterated that he would like to look into solar at the municipal building and replacing the fossil fuel heating with electric powered by solar.

Ms. Wang-Iverson was thanked for her presentation tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 14, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes (Cross River Fiber) were approved on a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously.

June 14, 2018, Regular Minutes were offered for approval on a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ostrander. Mr. Wang-Iverson offered two corrections, on page 9, first full paragraph, change first three sentences to read as follows: “Mr. Wang-Iverson said that there was a previous grant submitted after Zion Road which was denied. Then Phase I of Ridge Road was submitted and approved. The following year Phase II of Ridge Road was submitted and approved. The previous engineer evaluated what NJ DOT likes to fund. Ridge Road was a good candidate because it’s a through road of significant length.” Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked when the first grant for Ridge Road was applied for – he thought maybe before 2015. Mr. Wang-Iverson did not know, saying that Zion Road was 2016.

Mr. Wang-Iverson offered his second correction was on page 11, paragraph 2, after the words “road issues” add “that are deemed unsafe and are blowing out people’s tires with potholes, etc.” Mr. Wang-Iverson wanted to make some comments about this. First, there was no comment about illegal use of capital funds or an illegal budget when this comment was made in contrast to when Mayor Van Horn made similar comments last year when he used the term pothole in the same context as this capital ordinance. Second, he noted that Mayor Van Horn raised the issue of road safety, which was ridiculed by a comment related to an emergency vehicle rolling over 27 times. The third thing that Mr. Wang-Iverson wanted to say was that this is a follow up to what Andrea Bonette said at the last meeting about getting resident input on the roads. He said that there was one note in the 2017 budget, which was due primarily to including \$50,000 in the capital fund for road repair. The argument was that they shouldn’t put any money in the capital budget for road repair without going to the voters via referendum. Mr. Wang-Iverson said that it wasn’t done last year and wasn’t done this year, and there is still \$50,000 in the capital fund for road repair. He said that he just liked to point this out, and he thought that it was important to have the exact words of the Mayor in last month’s minutes.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that since Mr. Wang-Iverson often mischaracterizes things, the Deputy Mayor wanted to comment on what was said. He said that he was the no vote, and Mr. Wang-Iverson wanted to include \$250,000 in the budget to repair roads. Ultimately, the Township Committee, with a no vote from Deputy Mayor Wolfe, approved \$100,000, which resulted in a tax increase of roughly 10%. The tax increase, had they gone with \$250,000 would have been significantly more than that. At one point, he had computed the percentage, but he did not recall what it was. What the Deputy Mayor had said was that if they were going to undertake a long term road improvement project that was going to increase taxes for the residents significantly, that should be put to the residents for referendum. He said didn’t say that putting any money in the budget necessitates a vote. He said that what he said more than once was that on an issue like the roads, where people can get their arms around it without having to spend a massive amount of time, if you are going to do something that will significantly increase taxes, the Township Committee ought to get the input of the people. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that this is still his view. He said that right now they are working on reviewing the roads, saying that the Township Committee received a memorandum today, which he has not had a chance to look at yet. The memorandum was from the Township Engineer with recommendations. He said that they would sit down and go through that. The Township Committee would then go and get input from the residents as to what they wanted to do with the roads in the township, i.e., do they want pristine roads, do they want roads left the way they are, do they want something in between. He said that some of the roads are getting to the point that in a few years they will no longer be safe and something clearly will have to be done unless the Township wants to live with roads that are unsafe. He said that the notion that somehow that he is saying that any expenditures should be put to a vote is just wrong. He said to Mr. Wang-Iverson that the comment made that he objected to, what Mayor Mathews supposedly reiterated last month, was an illegal budget that you and your colleagues attempted to pass in 2017. The \$100,000 increase was to fill potholes. That made the budget illegal. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that when he pointed that out, the Township Committee members all ran to wherever they all run to, where you stirred your magic pot, like you usually do and said, oh no no, we didn’t mean potholes even though everyone of us said potholes. We meant chip seal, and then you ran out and chip sealed a road that wasn’t ideal or even moderately ideal for chip seal. He said that they basically wasted \$50,000 so they could say, ah we proved Wolfe wrong. He said that they wasted \$50,000 of taxpayers money. He said that the Township Committee would not be doing anything in any budget that is illegal, adding that they think about these things. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he could not comment tonight on Mayor Mathews’ off the cuff remark, and he would not want to take Mr. Wang-Iverson’s word that what he just said was put in context. The Deputy Mayor

said that they would not be putting in place some sort of illegal budget and told Mr. Wang-Iverson not to even try to compare Mayor Mathews' comment with a budget "that you guys all passed that was illegal."

Mr. Wang-Iverson said that it was not illegal, and at the time they put \$50,000 into the capital fund earmarked for road repair, and regardless of the comments that were made, the ordinance that was adopted is identical to the one that was adopted this year. He said that regardless of the off the cuff comments that were made last year similar to the one made last month, the money was spent appropriately. The money was put in the budget appropriately. The budget was not illegal, and the use of the money was not illegal. He said that they have talked about the use of money for Van Lieus' Road, and he disagreed that the money was wasted and felt that they did not have to argue about that anymore.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he asked "the four of you" what the money would be used for and was told potholes. He said that this was all on the record in the course of budget discussions, and he was happy to bring this in next month. He said that this is on the record what was said, and he would bring in the quotes and prove Mr. Wang-Iverson a liar again. The Deputy Mayor said that he would bring it in, and it was in the course of detailed budget discussions, and he asked what would the money be used for and was told to fill potholes. The budget was then passed, and the Deputy Mayor pointed out that it was illegal. He said that they all ran off and came back and the next day said oh no no we didn't mean potholes; we meant chip seal. He said that is not filling potholes. He said that they said filling potholes, then came back and said chip sealing because when you found out that the budget you passed was illegal, [they said] "oh we got to try and fix that. We didn't mean potholes; we meant chip seal. We don't know the difference between filling potholes and chip sealing." The Deputy Mayor said that he wasn't really sure that they did understand and whether they really understood their budgets period. He said that he would be happy to bring the material in and continue this discussion, and Mr. Wang-Iverson should really think about it, adding that when they talked about Van Lieus, the Deputy Mayor offered to go walk it and Mr. Wang-Iverson didn't show up and didn't want to walk it because he didn't want the Deputy Mayor to rub his face in the fact that road was a mess and the money was wasted. He said that Mr. Wang-Iverson said that the money wasn't wasted and had an opportunity to come and walk the road. The Deputy Mayor said that the rest of the Committee walked the road, but Mr. Wang-Iverson was not there. The Deputy Mayor said that he was happy to take any of this as far as Mr. Wang-Iverson wanted to take it.

Mr. Wang-Iverson said that he just wanted Mayor Mathews' comment regarding potholes in the capital ordinance included in the minutes. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mr. Wang-Iverson's discussion went beyond that, so he did not think that was just what Mr. Wang-Iverson wanted. He said that Mr. Wang-Iverson just wanted to sit there and lie, like he regularly does. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said guess what, every time he does it, the Deputy Mayor will call him out and he will have the back up. He said that the nice thing is that when you tell the truth, you don't have to have a good memory. He told Mr. Wang-Iverson that he would have to have a really good memory because he didn't tell the truth and it was so easy to catch him and he was not even a good liar. Deputy Mayor Wolfe concluded that was all he had.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved. Mr. Wang-Iverson asked if that included his comments. Mr. Ostrander said that the changes were fine. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that they would confirm that the changes are not making the minutes misleading. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mayor Mathews is not here this evening, and the change implicates him, so the Deputy Mayor was suggesting that they either hold open the ability to do that or hold open the approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that it was not just checking the tape but checking to make sure that the entire sentence in context to make sure that with the change, the Township Committee has not made the sentence misleading. He wanted to hold the minutes until next month.

June 14, 2018 Executive Minutes will be held for approval after the executive session.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to open to the public for comments.

Jim Davidson said that he would like to give an update on Clawson House. Electric work is complete and a final inspection will be done. All the painting is done, and the floor sanding will be complete by next week. After that, the Historic Commission will empty the warehouse in Flemington, and they will start moving furniture that they have been accumulating into the house. The bathroom is almost finished and kitchen plumbing will be installed. A building inspection should be done next week along with a plumbing and fire inspection.

Mr. Davidson spoke about an article placed in the VIP asking for office furniture. He said that they received enough for four offices. There are bookcases and two printers, and some light fixtures that were donated. They are still looking for a refrigerator and a microwave. They are looking for a formal opening on September 22 for township and county officials and on September 23 for contractors and donors; the guest list now is about 250 people. Mr. Davidson said that they bought more display cases from a museum in Princeton. Bug bombs in the basement were used at the house yesterday.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that her car in the parking lot has one summer tire and three snow tires because they “were busted out by potholes within the last week.” As a part of history, she stated that the year when there was an approval of the open space tax for all the items, it started with an initiative from then Mayor Van Horn, who wanted to institute a dedicated tax for road repairs because of resident calls and complaints about the roads. She has a video of this, if the Township Committee needed. She said that it has been a long standing conundrum, i.e., the challenge about what to do with the roads to fix them, how to fix them, and the risk based or merit based qualification of such. She said that once upon a time, there was going to be a hearing for a voter-approved tax for road repairs that got sidelined when the open space money question came up.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

ABC LICENSES – AMWELL VALLEY FIRE COMPANY – July 9th Golf Outing at The Ridge at Back Brook and September 8th Beef and Beer at the Firehouse

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RESOLUTION #95-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that they have no objection to granting Special Permits for Social Affairs from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for an event to be held by the Amwell Valley Fire Company at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, on July 9, 2018.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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RESOLUTION #96-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that they have no objection to granting Special Permits for Social Affairs from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for an event to be held by the Amwell Valley Fire Company, 22 John Ringo Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551 on September 8, 2018.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE 18-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 106-4E OF THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP GOVERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CLAWSON PARK

As proof of publication, the Clerk provided the legal notice from the June 21, 2018, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. The ordinance was posted and available to the public since introduction on June 14, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that in layman’s terms the ordinance governing Clawson Park doesn’t permit alcohol at the park, and there is a flat out prohibition. Jim (Davidson) went to the Deputy Mayor to amend the ordinance to carve out Clawson House and the yard around it, close to the house, so that activities at the house could include alcohol, such as wine and cheese parties. This made sense to the Deputy Mayor, and he prepared the ordinance to carve out Clawson House and surrounding yard for alcohol related events. He said that the organizers would still have to comply with relevant laws for alcohol.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried to open to the public.

There being no comments, motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to approve the ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe joked about the type of beer to be served.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEST AMWELL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the Township has been having on-going discussions with West Amwell about getting additional police time for enforcement of speed limits. He said that Mayor Mathews would have something for the Township Committee in the not too distant future.

FEE BASED ROADSIDE CHIPPING

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the Township Committee is considering offering a curbside chipping program for branches for residents who can’t bring them to the yard. He said that they have had some discussions with DPW Superintendent Silverthorn, and hopefully there will be something to report soon. A draft ordinance was prepared for the last meeting, and Township Committee members were directed to provide their comments to Committee member Peter Miller, who is spearheading this matter.

RINGOES VILLAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he has been working on this item over the last couple of months to establish a committee to help improve the Ringoes Village and businesses. A draft ordinance was circulated to the Planning Board, and a number of residents have seen it. He has received a lot of comments, and he was actually surprised with the comments. He said that some were good comments, but some were not consistent. The Deputy Mayor is working his way through the comments and will decide which way to go or provide a draft with all comments and alternatives in brackets. He will be recirculating a draft to the Planning Board, the Township Committee, and to whoever wants to see it. He spoke about introducing an ordinance in August and seeing whether it would be approved in September. On a question from the Clerk, he agreed to send a copy to the Clerk for the website when it is ready. Deputy Mayor Wolfe continued by saying that once the ordinance is enacted, there will be extensive interviews started, adding that the Township does not want to launch a committee and fail. He said that the intent is not to raise the hopes of the villagers and have nothing happen. He spoke about having the right people serving on this committee. He concluded by saying that he expected to have a revised draft ordinance in a week and take it from there.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR WEB PAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the existing website will be thrown in the garbage, and they are starting all over. The expectation is to launch the new webpage in the early part of October, taking a yeoman effort to rebuild. He said that Alison Castellano has been leading the charge, and others assisting include Chris Sobieski, who has a degree in computers, and Steve Ippolitti. The Deputy Mayor appreciated the efforts of all involved, saying that what he has seen is very impressive, and once the webpage is up and running, people will be able to pay property taxes over the internet and postings will be on a real time basis, e.g., trees down notifications can be posted, storm updates, and the ability of people to share information with each other. The committee is debating whether to use Survey Monkey, which has advantages and disadvantages. People will be able to watch committee meetings real time, sitting at home if they don't want to attend. He suggested that people "hang in there," saying that things will get worse before it gets better, saying that they are not paying a great deal of attention to the existing webpage since that will be thrown in the garbage. He said that in October, people will be very happy, and there may be some sort of launch party when residents will be invited in for a demonstration. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he was really excited about this, and it will be great when it is done.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the webpage committee needed an administrator, and the Township was very incredibly fortunate that Jessica Rose applied since basically, this is what she does for a living. He said that the Township found the perfect candidate as the administrator. She is originally starting out at an hourly salary of \$17.50/hr, which is a steal. He suspected that this will eventually grow into a salaried position with more than 2 – 3 hours a week and will relieve the Clerk from maintaining the webpage as the gatekeeper. Procedures will be in place to funnel things into the webpage.

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RESOLUTION #97 -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 July 16, 2018:

Jessica Rose, Website and Resident Communications Administrator

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

- Average of 2-3 hours per week – work can generally be done at home except for meetings.
- Salary of \$17.50 per hour with the 2018 Salary and Wage Resolution being so amended and being paid from the Secretarial Services Line item of the 2018 Salary and Wage Schedule.
- Enrollment in DCRP if minimum salary requirements are met.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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Some discussion was held about the resolution, the number of hours, and location for work. Deputy Mayor Wolfe explained that the employee will be in the office sometimes but sometimes work from home, saying that a lot of the tasks don't necessarily have to be done from the office. The Clerk asked when the employee would be starting and was told by the Deputy Mayor as soon as possible. The resolution will have a start date of July 16.

Motion by Mr. Miller approved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he discussed this appointment with Mayor Mathews, and he was okay with it.

UPDATE ON RETURN OF LIBRARY

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he and Mayor Mathews have been very involved with the return of the library to the Township, and he was very confused with something. He asked Mr. Wang-Iverson when the petition for the return of the library was presented to the Freeholders; Mr. Wang-Iverson said that they didn't present it. On a question by the Deputy Mayor about when it was presented to the Library Commission, Mr. Wang-Iverson said that it was not presented to them. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he was really confused now because Mr. Wang-Iverson sent an email around stating that the return of the library was due largely to Jean and Candy's work on the petition, and if the Freeholders and Commission weren't given the petition, how can the return of the library be largely due to the petition. Mr. Wang-Iverson said because you (looking at Deputy Mayor Wolfe) found out about it and went to the Freeholder's meeting on May 29th and advocated to have the library return, which was fine. Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked Mr. Wang-Iverson to answer his question, i.e., how can a petition that neither the Freeholders or the Library Commission have ever seen be the main reason why the library is coming back to East Amwell. The Deputy Mayor said it was not a complicated or trick question, saying that the email said that the return was largely due to the petition; he asked Mr. Wang-Iverson to explain to him how the return of the library could be largely due to a petition that the Freeholders or the Library Commission never saw. Mr. Wang-Iverson said that he would retract the statement. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that by the way, he did not go to the meeting on the 29th. Mr. Wang-Iverson said that Mayor Mathews was there. The Deputy Mayor reiterated that he did not go to the meeting on the 29th. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mr. Wang-Iverson was sending around emails to their supporters basically lying to them. He said that he wanted to tell the truth about the return of the library, and he wanted Mr. Wang-Iverson to prove if there was any lying or any inaccuracy and he challenged him. He said that this was on camera and Les was taking copious notes. He said that Mr. Wang-Iverson said that when he found out about the petition, he went running to the Freeholders' meeting. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that this was nonsense, and he did not care about the petition. He said that he and Mayor Mathews have been working on bringing this library back for quite some time. He asked Mr. Wang-Iverson what was the square footage of the new library; Mr. Wang-Iverson said 2500 square feet. He asked Mr. Wang-Iverson what was the rent; Mr. Wang-Iverson said he thought that it was \$1450; Deputy Mayor Wolfe said \$1400. He asked what was the term; Mr. Wang-Iverson said that he hasn't seen the new lease. He asked how many parking spaces would be there; Mr. Wang-Iverson said 20. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said no, that was wrong, they are getting 10. Deputy Mayor Wolfe asked what was the alternative being considered before bringing the library back; Mr. Wang-Iverson said that there wasn't an alternative. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said yes there was, and if Mr. Wang-Iverson was working so closely with the Commission and Freeholders, he would know that. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that there was an alternative that was being very seriously considered and was not that far away from being brought to the Freeholders. He said that if Mr. Wang-Iverson had been working that closely with the Freeholders as his email said, Mr. Wang-Iverson

would know that, and Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that they weren't. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said the truth is that "you guys" proposed an idiotic proposal to the Freeholders of converting an old house in East Amwell, a two-story, and converting it into a library. He said that this made no economic sense and had zero chance of happening. He said that the Freeholders didn't even take that proposal seriously.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he and Mayor Mathews started working on this and went to the Freeholders with a proposal that they took very seriously when an opportunity arose here in the village when a space was empty. When that opportunity arose, the Deputy Mayor got on the phone with Kevin Davis and said that the existing proposal well good is not as good as the one that he would like to throw out, and he threw out the space "over here." He said that he and the Mayor worked on a two-prong attack with the Mayor talking to the landlord and the Deputy Mayor dealing with the Freeholders and Administrator. The landlord initially wanted the same rent as being paid to West Amwell plus an additional amount to be paid by East Amwell, which was a non-start to the Deputy Mayor since the Township was not going to kick in any meaningful amount for rent for five years. He said that they had to explain to the landlord why renting to the county was the best alternative, he was not getting as much money as he liked, but the county can execute quickly and the space is not particularly useful for a lot of things, such as retail (no road presence or large windows). He said that by the way bricks and mortar retail is dead right now and the reason why so many outdoor shopping centers are going under and being replaced by housing developments. Everybody is ordering off Amazon. The Deputy Mayor asked if a restaurant could be put on the site; he answered no, i.e., not enough parking as one reason. He asked, a doctors or lawyer's office? He said that the lawyers are in Flemington, not East Amwell, and there are not a lot of doctors locating here. The landlord had to be convinced that this was the best alternative. Then Deputy Mayor Wolfe discussed this with Kevin Davis and had some one-on-one discussion with the Freeholders and got them on board with the fact that this proposal made economical sense. The Library Commission then had to get on board, and the Commission was easy to get on board once there was a proposal that made economic sense and it was pointed out that the attendance went over the cliff when they moved to West Amwell, and that was not a coincidence. He said that another piece to consider was West Amwell. He said that the library could not just be yanked out of there without talking to them. He said that West Amwell was happy to see it moved back to East Amwell and felt that it was a better location, even for their residents.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the petition actually scared him since they (Deputy Mayor Wolfe and Mayor Mathews) had it on track and he could see "you guys" trying to seize defeat from the clear hands of victory. He said that he knew before he asked that the petition hadn't been turned in but Mr. Wang-Iverson sent out emails saying, oh it was the petition, pat the EADA on the back, we did such a great job, but "you did nothing, absolutely nothing to bring this back. Then to add insult to injury, Connie Chirichello, the wife of the then candidate for David's seat on the Township Committee, sends out an email under the Historical Society distribution list and name, patting EADA members on the back for doing this." Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that she is the wife of the candidate crediting only the EADA people. The Deputy Mayor explained that the Historical Society is a 501c3, and 501c3s that engage in political lobby can lose their tax exempt status. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the tax return preparer for the society is now trying to figure out if he can file the return or does he have to put a disclosure on the return. He said that Connie, in her zealotry to support the EADA since her husband was an EADA candidate does "this absolutely stupid, idiotic thing of sending this out under the Historical Society" without even speaking with Jim Davidson, the President of the Society. Now the Historical Society is doing an investigation to make sure that this doesn't happen again and the tax return preparer is figuring out what he has to do. Deputy Mayor Wolfe wanted to congratulate Mr. Wang-Iverson, saying that "they all ran off to their little slim factory and found out that actually they [Deputy Mayor Wolfe and Mayor Mathews] were bringing the library back and ... oh, how does the EADA get credit for this ... let's run out and do a petition so that they could say, hey it was our petition. The Freeholders never even saw the thing, and if the Historical Society runs into problems with the exempt status, are you guys going to write the check to fix it? No, you are going to do this. (For the record, Deputy Mayor Wolfe rubbed his hands together.) You are liars, and you are not even good liars, and the worst part is that you lie to your own people. These emails go to your base. It is disgusting, it is absolutely disgusting."

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that this was his update on the return of the library, and he wasn't looking for credit on bringing the library back, saying that there are a lot of things that the Mayor

and Deputy Mayor do on a day-to-day basis because they got rid of the \$70,000 a year administrator. They were not looking for pats on the back, but the Deputy Mayor “was sure as hell not going to sit back and watch you people take credit for our work. It ain’t going to happen. That was all I am going to say, and Les, I hope you got that clear so when you write your little piece in the VIP, you got that clear. If not, call me, and I’ll be happy to clarify it for you.”

UPDATE ON CROSS RIVER FIBER REQUEST FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Deputy Mayor Wolfe reminded the Township Committee and public that Cross River Fiber wanted to obtain a right of way and hang dark fiber cable throughout the municipality. The governing body expressed their concern about the additional burden on the poles and some of the poles being beyond their useful life, which may cause additional problems. A representative from Cross River Fiber was asked to present at a recent meeting. The Deputy Mayor continued by saying that a week or two after the meeting, Cross River sent a letter to the Township Attorney in response and provided copies of agreements with West Amwell and Flemington to install, along with a statement that under Federal Law they can hang cable on the poles. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the letter was non-responsive, and he did not care that West Amwell or Flemington signed and did not know about the condition of their poles. The Deputy Mayor also noted that the Township Committee was aware of federal law and asked why they didn’t just do it without asking for consent. The representative previously explained that the utility companies needed municipal consent. Deputy Mayor Wolfe looked over the response from Cross River Fiber and suggested to Attorney Taylor that he point out that the company did not answer the Township’s question so that the answer is no until it can be demonstrated that hanging the dark fiber isn’t going to cause a problem. He was concerned that the Township was taking all the risk and receiving no benefit from the installation.

Mr. Ostrander commented on previously suggesting that the company get certification about the poles being able to support the additional fiber prior to asking for consent. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that no analysis of poles was available, adding that the utility companies would have the financial incentive of hanging the fiber on their poles. He said that unless Cross River Fiber could present findings that hanging their material on the poles would not cause additional risks, he questioned why the Township would approve it. He concluded that if the representative from Cross River believes that federal law allows them to hang the fiber, they can proceed without Township approval, adding that there may be some more legal matters about this.

RIDGE ROAD UPDATE

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the discussion would get a little bit interesting because he did not have much tolerance for people who come in and lie; he said that he wanted to talk about Ridge Road. He said that people will recall that Andrea Bonette came to last month’s Township Committee meeting to try to talk them out of approving the ordinance to basically rebuild Ridge Road. The Deputy Mayor wanted to spend a few minutes responding to some things that Ms. Bonette said because she caught him off guard a lot. He said that Ridge Road was on the radar screen for at least a couple of years before he was on the Township Committee, going on for at least three years, probably more, and there were plenty of opportunities for Ms. Bonette to come in and complain if she thought that rebuilding Ridge Road wasn’t prudent. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the fact that she came in on the exact date that the ordinance was being approved and says to stop the presses and reject grants caused him to think about this, and he would like to share his thoughts about her presentation and on Ridge Road. He said that he would first start with her presentation.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that at least three years ago, well before he was elected to the Township Committee, East Amwell sought and received a grant from the State to effectively rebuild half of Ridge Road. Thereafter, East Amwell sought and thereafter received another grant from the State to rebuild the other half of Ridge Road. From what he has been told, a fair amount of time and money was put into getting those grants. During this period the topic of rebuilding Ridge Road was discussed several times at Township Committee meetings and was reported in the VIP. At the June Township Committee meeting last month, the governing body considered and approved an ordinance authorizing the rebuilding of Ridge Road. As part of the

public hearing on that ordinance, Andrea Bonette asserted for the first time that rebuilding Ridge Road was both unnecessary and a waste of money. She claimed that no one on the Township Committee had informed the residents of Ridge Road that Ridge Road was going to be rebuilt. Specifically she said that in her words she wished that someone told us. She recommended that the Township reject the grants and not rebuild Ridge Road. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he could not speak for the other Township Committee members but he was certainly caught off guard with this. Having reflected on Ms. Bonette's comments over the last few weeks, he came to the conclusion that her presentation was another one of her many recent political hack jobs, meaning it was politically motivated attack on the Republican led Township Committee and was based on lies and for the most part was utter nonsense. He continued by saying, first her assertion that she didn't know that the Township Committee was looking at rebuilding Ridge Road was a blatant lie. How did he know that? He said that in addition to her general propensity to lie, at the August 10, 2017 Township Committee meeting, there was a relatively extensive discussion of the Ridge Road project. Ms. Bonette attended that meeting and indeed, shortly after the Ridge Road discussion, spoke during the open public session. He said that the notion that she didn't know that Ridge Road was being rebuilt is just a lie, and she just flat out lied. He said that additionally, as evidenced by her numerous presentations at Township Committee meetings over the years, Ms. Bonette not only carefully combs through the Township Committee meeting [minutes], she also listens to the recordings. Plus, it is quite clear to the Deputy Mayor that Ms. Bonette has known for quite some time since its inception three years ago that Ridge Road was going to be rebuilt. Yet she sat silent all that time until control on the Township Committee shifted to the Republicans, her sworn enemy, and the Ridge Road project reached the finish line. Second, Ms. Bonette served on the Township Committee for eight years, including time as Deputy Mayor. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he did not know if she was ever Mayor. He said that she knew full well the damage walking away from the Ridge Road project at this point would do to the Township, saying that the Township would lose their credibility with the State and that would significantly impact the Township's ability to get grants in the future. He did not think anyone would dispute that. He said that East Amwell applied for a grant and beat out other towns to get that grant; the Township spent time and money, and the State spent time and money. He said that the Township has taken this to the finish line and to go back and say that the Township Committee members have changed their minds and don't want the money, he said that no one would seriously argue that that wouldn't significantly impact the Township's ability to get future grants. The Deputy Mayor said that Ms. Bonette was on the Township Committee for eight years and can't sit there and say that she didn't know that, saying that she knew full well that they couldn't do that, and it was nonsense. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said finally, her recommendation that the Township reject the grants evidences her selfishness. He said that he visited Ridge Road last week, saying that while it is not the worst road in the Township, its condition is degrading, particularly on both sides of the road as you get close to Lindbergh Road. Sooner or later, Ridge Road would either have to be significantly repaired or entirely rebuilt. That may not be tomorrow, but it is going to be over the next several years. He said that if the Township doesn't do it now utilizing state grant money, they'll have to do it at some point in the future, probably not too far in the future, likely without a grant and thus using tax dollars of East Amwell residents. Ms. Bonette professes to pay, in her words, a lot of taxes, those being her words, a lot of taxes, which means that she is doing well financially. He said that you don't pay a lot of taxes unless you are doing well financially. He said that raising residents' taxes to pay to rebuild Ridge Road won't take bread off her table, but he said that Ms. Bonette doesn't understand or doesn't care that it will take bread off the tables of other residents.

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that this was his response to Ms. Bonette, and he wanted to have a brief substantive discussion on Ridge Road. He said that probably the only truthful thing that Ms. Bonette said in her presentation was that Ridge Road was not the worst road in the Township, and it is not. He said that he and Kathy went to visit it last week. It needs work and is bad, but it is not the worst road, and this got him thinking, why did the Township apply for the grant with some roads worse than Ridge Road. He said that one would think that grants were given out based on the conditions of the roads. The Deputy Mayor called Jason Silverthorn; Mr. Silverthorn told him that there are a number of factors that are taken into account with awarding those grants and not just the condition of the road. On Ridge Road, they looked at the number of buses that drive it, the number of cars that drive it, the roads that it connects to. Mr. Silverthorn told him that they also look at where they would get the most political bang for the buck, i.e., visibility, so there are a bunch of factors that are taken into account in deciding where to award the grants so it doesn't necessarily mean it goes to the worst road. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that it got that now and could see why Ridge Road was chosen. He asked if Ridge Road had to

be built right now, and he answered no, it doesn't have to be. As he said a few minutes ago, the sides are breaking away and as you get to Lindbergh Road, you can see that there were a lot of repairs made. While it is not bad when you are walking it, if you drive it at any speed, the road would undulate, which tells you that the base is bad, so at some point the road will have to be redone. The Township is faced with the choice of either redoing it now with the grant or the Township could have left it the way it is. He asked who knows if there would be grants available in a few years, who will be competing, and whether the Township would qualify to get one. He said that the decision was made to accept the grants, saying that the decisions pre-dated him, but he was not going to say that people made a mistake making those decisions. He said that the Township roads need work, and there were grants available. He said, the Committee would have to deal with the notion of what to do with the roads and whether the Township wants to see grants to rebuild the roads and make them pristine roads, which encourage people to speed. He said that these were hard decisions that would have to be faced over the next few months, and decide whether to continue to go for grants and rebuild roads when the Township could get the money and deal with the potential of speeding issues or does the Township not pursue them. Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that he did not know the answer, and he would like to hear what the residents think. Deputy Mayor Wolfe concluded that this was his Ridge Road update. He acknowledged it took up a few minutes, but he wanted to get this out there.

NEW BUSINESS

REAPPOINTMENT OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM) COORDINATOR – 3 Year Appointment

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that Mayor Mathews is handling emergency management and contacted Gary Myers, who has been the OEM Coordinator. The Mayor recommended the reappointment, with the Deputy Mayor adding that Gary is doing a good job. He also added that there are plans to expand how the Township will deal with situations like Hurricane Sandy, and Mayor Mathews is working on the expansion of services.

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RESOLUTION #98-18

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell is in need of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Gary Myers is qualified for this position and faithfully served previously in three year positions as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of East Amwell;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby appoint Gary Myers as the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term effective July 16, 2018 through July 15, 2021.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to open to the public. There being no comments, motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Wolfe said that the executive session would not be too long, and residents were welcome to wait outside until after the session.

There was a quick break around 9:18 p.m. for a few minutes.

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RESOLUTION #99-18

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 (Clerk’s Pay in Absence of Employee); contracts (SAFE HOUSE); Potential Litigation (solar installation); and to receive advice from the Township Attorney; 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,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

Executive session began at 9:20 p .m.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:51 p.m.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES, JUNE 14, 2018 Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes with the corrections offered by Deputy Mayor Wolfe in executive session.

CLERK’S SALARY IN ABSENCE OF PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AND BOARD OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY

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RESOLUTION #100-18

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they approve the salary for Clerk Teresa Stahl in the amount of \$14.27.65 for 56.25 hours served in the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Board of Health for January through March 2018 in the absence of a former employee and as documented on time cards and attachments, based on the rate of pay for those positions at the time of service and on the existing policy manual.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CFO PASQUA presented the bills of the evening. Motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Ostrander to pay the bills of the evening. Mr. Wang-Iverson asked about the bill for the labor attorney at Archer and Greiner in the amount of \$3,871.00 Based on the amount and hours served, it worked out to \$445.00 per hour. The governing body agreed to approve the bill list without the bill and asking for clarification on the amount from Archer and Greiner. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried to approve the revised bill list, subtracting the \$3,871.00 for Archer and Greiner, and the motion was carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided her monthly report and one resolution to extend the tax payment period.

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RESOLUTION #101-18

WHEREAS the certified 2018 tax rate may be delayed from the Tax Board of Hunterdon County, and

WHEREAS this amount is needed for the property tax bills to be printed, and

WHEREAS there must be twenty-five days from the date of mailing for the return of the quarterly payment before interest is charged,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66 et seq., the payment without interest for third quarter 2018 taxes will be extended to at least twenty-five days from mailing of the tax bills, after which time all receipts for the third quarter shall be deemed delinquent with interest accruing from August 1, 2018.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Richard A. Wolfe, Deputy Mayor

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

There was no monthly report from the Court Administrator for this meeting, and the West Amwell Construction Report was received today and placed in the governing body's folders.

No other comments were made about administrative reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted for filing without comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk