

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Linda F. Lenox, and Committee members Patricia Cregar, and C. Larry Tatsch. Committee member Timothy Martin was absent. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny and Attorney Richard Cushing were 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 3, 2010, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 7, 2010. 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 February 9, 2010.

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

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

As correspondence, add the February 9, 2010, email from Attorney Cushing with Governor Christie's Executive Order regarding COAH. Under Township Administrator's Report, add item 5) Volunteer's Memo for 2010.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2010, for President's Day.

The Recreation Committee will sponsor a free Yoga class for adults on Saturday, March 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the municipal building.

2010 Dog Licenses are now due: \$12/altered dog; \$15/non-altered dog - rabies inoculation must cover the entire licensing period - call 908:782-8536 x10 for further information.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 14, 2010 Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

January 14, 2010, Executive Minutes (Litigation, Contracts, and Advice from the Attorney) were approved on a motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and carried unanimously.

January 21, 2010 Special Minutes (Public Hearing, Budget, Contracts/Land Acquisition) were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

January 21, 2010 Executive Minutes (Contract/Land Acquisition) were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously.

January 21, 2010 Executive Minutes (Contract and Personnel) were approved on a motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously.

For the record, there are no minutes from the January 25, 2010, joint meeting of East Amwell, West Amwell, and Lambertville since there was not a quorum of East Amwell Township Committee members present at that meeting.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** (for Comments from the Public for Items Not on the Agenda)

Hugh McGee, 11 Rosemont-Ringoes Road, read a prepared statement into the record. Highlights of the letter include the following: Mr. McGee asked the Township Committee to investigate and respond to a problem he thought was caused by the Zoning Officer by writing an

erroneous statement in an inter-office memo on October 9, 2008. The memo included a statement that there was a drainage easement (held by the County) and catch basin on the easterly side of the McGee lot, causing flooding. Mr. McGee stated that there is no easement on his property, and he believed that the statement made by the Zoning Officer is "contributing to the continued flooding of my property...and CR 604...and a threat to public safety." He asked that the Township request the attorney to confirm that there is no easement on his property, have a retraction issued by the Zoning Officer, have the attorney inform Mr. Seramba that the October 9 statement by the Zoning Officer is in error, and include this item on the March agenda.

Mrs. Cregar asked why Mr. McGee was bringing up a 2008 matter now; Mr. McGee explained that he just received the memo via an OPRA request through Hunterdon County Soil Conservation.

Mr. McGee added that the right to farm complaint at CADB has been postponed because of public notification deficiencies, and the matter will probably be heard in March.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, commented on her request for support from the Township Committee when she served as Stormwater Management Chairman, which was not forthcoming. She stated that Mr. Seramba is now speaking out at the CADB, stating that she abused her authority; she asked that the Township Committee "stick up" for other volunteers going forth.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Introduction of Ordinances:

**ORDINANCE 10-03: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 92, SECTION 92-20, FEES AND ESCROWS, TO INCREASE THE ESCROW FEE FOR BULK VARIANCES**

The Clerk explained that the Board of Adjustment, at their December 2009, meeting approved a motion to increase the bulk variance escrow from \$750 to \$1250 because the lower fee was not covering expenses.

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**ORDINANCE 10-03**

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 92, SECTION 92-20, FEES AND ESCROWS, TO INCREASE THE ESCROW FEE FOR BULK VARIANCES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that Chapter 92, Land Management, of The Code of East Amwell Township, be hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Amend the following section:

§92-20. Fees and escrow schedule

D. Schedule of fees and escrows.

(3) Other approvals, variances or appeals

(e) Bulk variance (hardship) for each variance of a zoning requirement:

[2] Escrow fee or each variance:

**REMOVE \$750.00  
REPLACE WITH \$1250.00**

- 2. This ordinance will take effect upon publication and filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board, according to law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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 Peter Kneski, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
 Municipal Clerk

Introduced: February 11, 2010

Adopted:

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 Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance #10-03.

The ordinance will be published in the February 18, 2010, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing will be held at the regular March 11, 2010, Township Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings - None

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION (AVTA) AND DECEMBER 1, 2010, LETTER FROM RESIDENT ROGER K. MORIN Trish Buckwalter, President of the AVTA, was present. Neither Mr. Morin nor his representative were in the audience.

The governing body agreed that the AVTA should provide their side of the allegations to help educate the public. Deputy Mayor Lenox and Mr. Tatsch volunteered to recuse themselves from discussion since they are both members of the Association. Mr. Cushing advised that it was not necessary since no decision was being made, and information was only being provided.

Trish Buckwalter, 125 Back Brook Road, introduced herself as President of the AVTA. She read a news article from the (January 2010) VIP regarding the AVTA's 25th Anniversary. Highlights included the following: the non-profit organization was formed in 1985 by a group of citizens who desired to preserve the rural atmosphere of the Township; there are currently 250 members, and trails (maintained by the Association) are only open to persons residing or boarding horses in the Township; they have a website (www.avta.net), produce 6 newsletters per year, and are on Facebook; they are proud of their accomplishments, including the Charles Foster Weeden Memorial Scholarship Fund for students pursuing agricultural or environmental studies in college or trade schools; they hold two fundraisers, a spring silent auction with proceeds going to the scholarship fund, and a hunter pace with proceeds being divided among the rescue squad, fire company, and scholarship fund; they also built two stalls at the South County fairgrounds for the 4H fair; they hold an annual meeting during the summer at a resident's farm; the AVTA is "ever mindful of the environment," testing streams for macro invertebrates, being alert to erosion problems and continually monitoring many sensitive areas to correct damage whenever it appears, removing invasive plants, and replacing them with native species to eliminate erosion; the National Recreation and Park Association commended East Amwell on their trail system, and it has been a model for several other townships; the trails are on private property and the Association works closely with landowners to respect their land and wishes.

Mr. Tatsch asked about the percentage of non-local people using the trails; Mrs. Buckwalter guessed it was about 3%, who had horses who were boarders (or about 30-50 at the most). Mrs. Buckwalter also noted that about half of the members are hikers.

Mayor Kneski asked about liability insurance; the Association carries its own liability insurance. Mrs. Buckwalter also noted that she will be able to provide New Jersey state legislation which states that people ride at their own risk.

Mayor Kneski asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Morin about his absence this evening and the item will be carried until the next meeting. (For the record, after the meeting, the Mayor asked the Clerk to forward the draft minutes to Mr. Morin and advise him of the report by Amwell Valley Trail Association rather than adding the item to the next agenda.)

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### WERTSVILLE ROAD BRIDGE AD HOC COMMITTEE

1) Update on 1/27 Meeting with Hunterdon County Officials and Staff: Mr. Tatsch said that the meeting lasted over an hour, and Freeholders Walton and Mennen, along with County engineers Glynn and Martin, were present with five or six members of the ad hoc committee. The Township representatives explained their goal of limiting the replacement bridge with no realignment, no elevation changes, and doing the bare minimum. The County said that they were doing the bare minimum and would look at the Township's request without jeopardizing the work or losing funds. Some comments were made about the engineer's designing the bridge "the best way" yet noting that they were open to some flexibility.

The next meeting will be in mid-March on site. The County agreed to stake out the realignment of the road at that time.

Mrs. Cregar asked if the County was listening to East Amwell's concerns. Mr. Tatsch commented on the Freeholders' belief about the engineer's best minimal plan and whether there will be other chances to "scale back." Mayor Kneski commented on getting the Township Engineer to look at the plans to see if they were "bare minimum"; he mentioned the reason for elevation to remove the dip in the road for safety reasons - however, this will raise the speed limit on the road. He concluded that the Township wants to reduce speeding and passing, and these were his big concerns.

2) Unionville Vineyards - Discussion on Detour Signs Redirecting Visitors to the Winery: (See 1/22 Email from Jennifer Tanner) Zvi Eiref, Co-owner of the Vineyard, and Jennifer Tanner, Director of Sales and Marketing, were present for this discussion.

Mayor Kneski explained that he met with representatives of the Vineyards to discuss the detour signs which will be installed once the Wertsville Road bridge is under construction. The Township must also approve the signs, some of which will be independent of county detour signs and put in the public right of way. The detour signs will be made by the Hunterdon County sign shop, and Ms. Tanner is working with the County on design and production issues.

Mr. Eiref provided a brief history of the Vineyards, e.g., new owners purchased the property in Fall 2008; built in 1980's, the property has been neglected and in need of repair; problems in obtaining the alcoholic beverage license occurred, and it was not available until April 2009, and therefore, business was down; economically, it is a seasonal business, with 2/3 of the business in summer and early fall (the same time of the year that the County is planning on doing the bridge work on the Dutch Lane bridge, i.e., late May through November for a 4.5 month period); the wine business is a "fixed cost business," and the bridge closing during their peak time is "devastating."

Ms. Tanner provided copies of maps to the governing body showing the locations of where the detour signs are proposed, highlighted with stars. She outlined the detour routes in detail. Some of the signs are not in East Amwell Township, i.e., on state or county roads and in West Amwell Township. Locations included the following: Route 202/514; Route 514 and Dutch Lane; Back Brook Road, Back Brook & Van Lieus; Van Lieus and Wertsville; Rocktown at Linvale; Rocktown and Route 31 (West Amwell); Linvale and Route 31; Linvale at Mountain; Route 179 at Main Street in Lambertville; Rocktown-Lambertville Road at Mount Airy Village Road; and Rocktown at Route 31 in West Amwell. The possibility of sending a letter to West Amwell advising that the Township was in favor of the detour signs was mentioned; it was subsequently decided that a copy of the minutes with the approval be provided instead.

Ms. Tanner outlined some of the international awards that the wines are achieving, with many world champion gold and silver awards being garnered.

Deputy Mayor Lenox was not comfortable with the detour sign to use Dutch Lane. Dutch Lane was being used rather than going on Route 514 to Van Lieu's Road in order to direct traffic to Unionville Vineyard and not have it confused with the other vineyard on Route 514. Mayor Kneski agreed that he originally had the same concern about directing traffic onto Dutch Lane; however, the Vineyards would only be open from 12-5 on weekends and only 10-15 cars may be expected to be visiting the vineyard on any given day. Mr. Tatsch also agreed that he did not see an issue. Ms. Tanner agreed that once the bridge is open again, this would be the first detour sign she has removed.

Mayor Kneski opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Kendra Schroeder, 9 Bowne Station Road, asked how many signs were being proposed; she was advised that there were seven in East Amwell Township.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, mentioned that she recently attended a wine tasting, and there were only about 10 cars at the event. She also mentioned that this is a right to farm community, and this is an agricultural endeavor.

Trish Buckwalter, 125 Back Brook Road, agreed that this was an agricultural operation in East Amwell Township, and helping the Vineyards would be beneficial.

Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

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**RESOLUTION # 29-10**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby accept and approve the location of the detour signs as noted on the maps presented by Unionville Vineyards at the Township Committee meeting on February 11, 2010.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

1) 2010 Roadside Clean Up Day (4/10/10) and Annual Clean Up Day (4/24/10): The Clerk stated that this was being presented as information only.

2) 2/3 Email from Will Harrison with SWAC Report and Freeholder's Meeting Information: Mr. Martin was not present this evening to provide an update on the status of the recycling ordinance and county enforcement.

PLANNING BOARD:

1) 2/1 Memorandum from Planner Banisch on S-1 (Affordable Housing): The governing body acknowledged Mr. Banisch's comments in time for the 2/1 senate hearing on the bill.

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Chairwoman Glorianne Robbi was present during this discussion.

1) 2/4 Memo from Glorianne Robbi re: Rynearson Driveway, Block 3/Lot 3.04: Mrs. Robbi stated that her 2/4 memo summarized the timeline for the residential driveway on Dunkard

Church Road and engineering expenses incurred. She reminded the governing body that she and Richard Ginman were present at the November 2009 Township Committee to discuss issues with the driveway, and Attorney Cushing was in contact with the Delaware Township attorney. She reminded the Township Committee that F/OSPC is an advisory committee only, and their involvement with the application was to assist the property owner to move the farmland application forward.

Mrs. Robbi explained that the August 2008 report from Engineer O'Neal mentioned the location of the driveway "in a reasonable location possible to avoid the creek and surrounding wetlands." Bills associated with the subdivision were paid for by the property owner. The invoice for the 2009 engineer work was erroneously sent to the property owner's escrow account. Mrs. Robbi reminded the Township Committee that FOSPC came to the governing body in November 2009 to seek assistance, and Mr. Cushing mentioned concerns to be addressed by the engineers of both East Amwell and Delaware Townships.

Mrs. Robbi commented favorably on the ability of farmland/open space matters coming before the governing body for assistance, noting the strong support of preservation from as far back as the 1980's, and the actions of all the governing bodies since that time have allowed preservation to go as far as it has gone. She concluded that the engineer's bill was not the responsibility of the property owner, but the Township Committee, who was working with the Attorney and Engineer to resolve the issues.

Committee members commented on funding availability from the open space tax fund.

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**RESOLUTION #30-10**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell Township hereby authorizes payment of the Hopewell Valley Engineering bill for B.3/L.3.04 for November 2009 billing in the amount of \$1,799.25.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously.

2) Update from Attorney Cushing on Zuegner and Thompson Properties (See 1/14/10 minutes for background): Mr. Cushing stated that the matter dealt with options language in letters from the County, and there was an intent to resolve the matter without complexity since certified values were established. Mr. Cushing briefly discussed the issue with Mr. DiBianco, but he was unable to reach Mr. Reid. Mr. Cushing believed that it was better to have the attorneys discuss the matter rather than going to the County to resolve language issues.

Mrs. Robbi stated that there was a CADB meeting tonight, and she believed that the County was getting ready to send option letters to all property owners on their list, including Mr. Thompson (number 1 on the County ranking list) and the Zuegners (number 7 on the list).

Mr. Cushing will have an answer for the March meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1) Construction Secretary and Board of Health Administrative Officer Positions: Mr. Matheny explained that both positions were posted on the bulletin board and website, and some applications were received. Board of Health Chair Tracy Carluccio would like to sit in on the Board of Health candidate interviews, and they were delayed slightly due to a death in her

family. Board of Health candidates will be interviewed on February 18, and the Construction Secretary position will be handled thereafter.

2) 2009 Audit (see undated letter from Auditor Charles Case): Mr. Matheny noted that the auditor has been in the office recently beginning the audit. The Mayor will sign the agreement.

3) Direct Install Grant Application: Mr. Matheny mentioned that he submitted a grant application for the energy program (i.e., the 80%-20% match). The program is brand new, and the vendor is HT Lyons. The state has not yet formalized the bid process yet; however, East Amwell Township's needs are well below the bid threshold, and the application was forwarded for consideration at this time.

4) Resolution for Executive Session to Discuss Traffic Enforcement: This will be discussed in executive session.

5) Volunteer Memo for 2010: Earlier in the day the Clerk emailed a copy of the volunteer memo to the Township Committee. The only change made from the 2009 version was to include state statute language about missing meetings and vacancy. The governing body was asked to provide comments to the Clerk as soon as possible so that the memo could be distributed as soon as possible.

6) Snow Closing: Mr. Matheny mentioned that the offices were closed on Wednesday, February 10, due to severe winter weather conditions, but the offices were open on time this morning.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELIMINATION OF 4% TAX LEVY CAP (See 1/29 NJ League of Municipalities "e-let" and copy of 1/29/10 letter from Mayor Kneski to Governor Christie.)

Mayor Kneski suggested that the Township Committee move on this resolution to ask the Governor to reconsider the 4% levy cap, which adversely affects municipalities.

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**RESOLUTION #31-10**

**RESOLUTION URGING THE ELIMINATION OF 4% CAP ON LOCAL TAX LEVY**

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2006 Legislature's Special Session on Property Tax, P.L. 2007, c. 62 implemented the Joint Committee's recommendations of establishing homestead credits to reduce property taxes, imposing a 4% cap on local tax levies and permits the Local Finance Board to define capital and non-bondable current expenses; and

WHEREAS, in the preamble of the law it states that the "...Joint Committee found that property tax levy caps have been shown to hold down rising property taxes, and therefore, the Legislature should develop a property tax levy cap that accomplishes this goal but does not lead to unintended, adverse consequences"; and

WHEREAS, in the face of its own budget problems, the state eliminated the availability of the homestead relief to all but seniors and the disabled, yet failed to adjust the levy cap, which continues to cause problems in local budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the 4% cap on local tax levies was touted as crucial to controlling government spending and would force governments to "live within their means and encourage public officials to elevate the public interest" has adversely impacted not only municipal budgets but the ability of local officials to make sound decisions that meet the needs of their town and the demands of the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the 4% tax levy cap has proven to be counterproductive to sound fiscal policies forcing municipalities to draw down fund balances and reserves during good economic times and increase taxes during bad economic times; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy cap has forced municipalities to postpone infrastructure maintenance, eliminate programs and services for the needy and defer statutory expenses; and

WHEREAS, the 4% cap does not take into consideration expenses outside the control of local officials such as tax appeals, utility and other energy costs, state mandates, library appropriations or arbitrator's decisions; and

WHEREAS, prior to the levy cap municipalities could reduce their debt, realize savings and use that savings to implement new programs without increasing taxes; with the levy cap municipalities must reduce their levy by the savings; and

WHEREAS, after several budget cycles municipalities have attempted to make short-term and long-term structural changes to their budget to bring down long term cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of East Amwell Township in the county of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby urge the Legislature to eliminate the arbitrary 4% tax levy cap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Michael Doherty, Assemblyman Erik Peterson, and Assemblyman John DiMaio, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Office of the Governor.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel, Contracts, Litigation, Potential Litigation, Attorney Advice) This item will be held until after Open to the Public.

FISCOR COMPLAINT ON MOUNTAIN ROAD: 2/2 Attorney-Client Privilege Letter to Planner Banisch - This item will be discussed in executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPDATE FROM MAYOR ON FEBRUARY 1, 2010, MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT**

Mayor Kneski spoke about the annual meeting with area Mayors, including West Amwell and Lambertville Mayors. Congressional earmarks for various categories were discussed. A recommendation was made to submit an application for the rehabilitation of Clawson House and funding to build a barn. It was a very productive meeting, and congressional staff will review applications submitted to see if there are other sources of funding as well.

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**RESOLUTION #32-10**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that they hereby authorize the submission of a Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Application for the Rehabilitation of Historic Clawson House in East Amwell Township.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was open to the public for comments. There being no comments from the public, motion was made by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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**RESOLUTION #33-10**

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, contracts, litigation, potential litigation, and to receive advice from the 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,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

Executive session began at 8:55 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Matheny stated that he had one more item to mention in executive session.

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**RESOLUTION #34-10**

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 contracts; 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,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

Executive session began at 9:46 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:47 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

TREASURER LUHRS presented a transfer resolution.

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**RESOLUTION #35-10**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the first three months of the succeeding fiscal year between line items of the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain line items are in excess of the sums needed and certain line items have insufficient funds to complete the operation of the fiscal year;

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 sums be transferred as follows:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Planning Board:		
Other expenses	\$ 500.00	
Employee Group Insurance:		
Other expenses	\$ 1,500.00	
Streets & Roads:		
Other expenses	\$ 4,000.00	
Public Buildings & Grounds:		
Other expenses	\$ 4,000.00	
Public Health:		
Other expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Telephone:		
Other expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Fuel Oil:		
Other expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Gasoline:		
Other expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Legal Services:		
Other expenses		\$12,000.00
Engineering:		
Other expenses		\$ 1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other expenses		\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and it was carried unanimously.

Bills of the evening were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Resolutions:

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**RESOLUTION #36-10**

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides for appropriation transfers to be made in the temporary budget within the first thirty days of January;

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2010-2 has extended that time period to February 27, 2010;

WHEREAS, it has been determined certain line items are in excess of the sums needed and certain line items have insufficient funds in the 2010 Temporary Budget;

WHEREAS, it has been determined certain line items are in excess of the sums needed and certain line items have insufficient funds in the 2010 Temporary Budget;

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 sums be transferred as follows:

	From	To
Workers Compensation		
Other Expenses	\$2,000.00	
Employee Group Insurance:		
Other Expenses		\$2,000.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION #37-10**

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 canceled:

	Amount	Cancel to:
Ordinance 07-11 Roadside Mower	\$ 17,959.95	Capital Improvement Fund
Ordinance 08-17 Dump Truck	\$139,958.26	Capital Improvement Fund

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND presented the January 2010 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report along with her 2009 Annual Report.

Tax Collector's Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION #38-10**

WHEREAS, there has been a redemption made for Tax Sale Certificate #200803, Block 18, Lot 22.01, sold on October 24, 2008, and held by US Bank-Cust/SASS Muni V DTR and,

WHEREAS, the amount of \$10,951.84 has been collected from HSBC Bank for Dave and Margaret Korinchock, owners of this property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a check in the amount of \$10,951.84 be prepared by the Tax Collector and mailed to US Bank-Cust/SASS Muni V DTR, holder of Tax Sale Certificate #200803, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the premium paid in the amount of \$3,000.00 also be prepared by the Treasurer and returned to US Bank-Cust/SASS Muni V DTR.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

All other reports were noted without comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No comments were made about correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk