

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, C. Larry Tatsch, and Timothy Martin. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny and Attorney Lorraine Staples 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 July 6, 2010.

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

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

The Tree Ordinance is once again being tabled. The expected introduction date is August 12.

Add the following correspondence: June 29, 2010 SWAC Report from Will Harrison; League of Municipalities Advisories as follows – 7/6 Christie/Sweeney Cap Agreement; 7/6 Heat Safety, 7/7 Sustainable Jersey Offers Water Conservation Workshops, 7/7 Assembly Budget Committee Takes Testimony on Property Tax Caps, 7/8 Governor Signs Bills for Various Categories; Hillsborough Twp., Planning Board Master Plan amendment public hearing on 7/22; HART Annual Meeting on 7/29 – let Clerk know by 7/20 if you are interested in attending.

Under Township Administrator's Update: item 7, Resolution for Bid Threshold Increase, will change from \$29,000 to "State Approved Bid Threshold Currently in Effect"; item 10, Policy Revisions will also include a policy on rehiring employees.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Municipal Offices will be closed for business on Fridays, July 9 and 16.

Summer Playground will be held at the East Amwell Township School from June 28 – July 30, 2010, from 9 a.m. – Noon. The program is for East Amwell children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 8. Contact the Clerk for details.

Hunterdon County Utilities will hold a household hazardous waste cleanup day on Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex. Contact [hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us) for further information.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 10, 2010, Regular Minutes were approved by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

June 10, 2010, Executive Minutes (Litigation; Potential Litigation; Personnel; Contracts; Attorney Advice) were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously.

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

Tim Mathews, 72 Linvale Road, thanked the governing body for draft minutes on line.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing:**

ORDINANCE #10-12: REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, DATED MARCH 1, 1998, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,600,000, AND ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2001, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000, APPROPRIATING \$2,650,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,650,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of June 17, 2010, was provided. The ordinance has been available to the public since introduction on June 10, 2010.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to open to the public for comments. There being no comments, motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

Treasurer Luhrs updated the governing body on activities. Bond Counsel has made an application to the Local Finance Board for Wednesday, July 14; if their application is on a consent agenda, the application will be approved without comment; interest rates are extremely low now, i.e., in 1998, 5% was “amazingly low” and in 2001 4.7% was also considered a low rate – calculating rates at .93% now for ten years up to 3.58% will result in a value savings of \$126,000 and will help over the long run. If the state approves the application, the next step is to ask Moody’s for a rating with a plan for a September refunding of the 1998 bonds and a February 2011 refund of the 2001 bonds. Mrs. Luhrs concluded that the reinvestment was profitable.

Motion to open to the public by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch. There being no comments, motion to close to the public by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Cregar to adopt Ordinance 10-12, and it was seconded by Mr. Tatsch. The motion to adopt was carried unanimously by roll call vote: Mr. Martin; yes; Mr. Tatsch, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Ms. Lenox, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**Introduction of Ordinances:**

ORDINANCE 10-13: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, TO AMEND CHAPTER 24 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES), ARTICLE IV, TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID BALANCE OF SALARY UPON REMOVAL

The ordinance will bring the Administrator’s contract and the ordinance into conformity and has been reviewed by the attorney. Mr. Tatsch noted that it will take specifics out of the ordinance and put them into future contracts and will preclude the need for any changes on a regular basis.

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Be It Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that Chapter 24 of The Code of the Township of East Amwell be hereby amended:

1. Section 24.17 Removal.

Remove existing section, and replace with the following language:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-138 the Township Administrator may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Township Committee. The resolution of removal shall be in accordance with the terms of the Township Administrator’s contract, Section 4, “Termination,” in effect at the time the resolution of removal is adopted. The Township Committee may provide that the resolution shall have immediate effect; provided, however, that the Committee shall cause to be paid to the Township Administrator forthwith following adoption of the resolution any unpaid balance of his/her salary and his/her salary for the time specified in the Administrator’s contract.

2. This ordinance will take effect upon publication, 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: July 8, 2010  
Adopted:

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 10-13. The ordinance will be published in the July 15, 2010, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing is set for August 12, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALS**

Mayor Kneski read the following resolution into the record.

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**RESOLUTION #102-10**  
**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township has entered a shared services agreement with the Township of Raritan to designate that municipality as the Construction Code Enforcement Authority, effective July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, effective June 30, 2010, Construction Official and Plumbing Subcode Official Stewart Doddy, Electrical Subcode Official Peter Buchanan, and Fire Subcode Official Peter Ball, along with Substitute Subcode Officials Philip Izzo and Mark Forniciari, will no longer be East Amwell Township employees; and

WHEREAS, the East Amwell Township Construction Officials have served the municipality and its citizens remarkably over the course of their terms, noting of particular importance that Stewart Doddy has served the Township admirably above and beyond the call of duty since his initial appointment as Construction Official in 1988 and as Plumbing Sub-code Official since 2004;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, that they hereby extend their heartfelt appreciation to Stewart Doddy for his years of service and contribution to the Township, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee also extends their appreciation to Peter Ball for sixteen years of service, Peter Buchanan for his eight years of service, Mark Forniciari for his six years of service and Philip Izzo of his five years of service; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Committee wish all of these individuals continued success in their future endeavors.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

**DISCUSSION ON WINTER ROAD TREATMENT WITH DPW SUPERINTENDENT BOB KADEZABEK AND MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND BOARD OF HEALTH (See 2/223, 3/11, 4/8, 6/10 Minutes for background).**

DPW Superintendent Kadezabek, Environmental Commission Members Joe Angelone (21 Saddle Shop Road) and Dart Sageser (15 Welisewitz Road), and Board of Health Chair Tracy Carluccio (81 North Hill Road) were present for discussion.

Mayor Kneski explained that there was a limited basis of salt being used with a request to expand the use to include additional areas. There have been numerous discussions with the Township Committee on the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Lenox explained that where she works in Trenton, side roads are never plowed and eventually, the snow disappears. Mayor Kneski also mentioned complaints from residents about cinders on their lawns, problems with safety with cinders on the road, and the need to spend money on sweeping at the end of the season. Mr. Martin did not think that complaints about cinders on lawns were a reason to switch to salt.

Deputy Lenox mentioned a plan to do away with cinders, and Mr. Tatsch reminded the governing body that they approved a limited salt application mixed with cinders. The DPW noted that the grit does not work, and there was a consensus of the governing body that the DPW use the same amount of salt as they do now without the cinders to save clean up costs. Last year there was an unusual amount of precipitation; Snyderstown, Mountain and Zion saw areas where grit was packed into the snow and iced over, causing dangerous situations, and the request to add additional roads for salt application was made. Mr. Martin thought that fixing poor drainage areas would alleviate some of the ice problems.

Mr. Angelone felt that it was premature to change the application process because of one bad winter in fifteen years. He also felt that people have to take responsibility for actions and should change their expectations and drive cautiously for road conditions. He provided anecdotal information on roads in Buffalo and in Vermont (no salt is used in Vermont), and the ability of people to maneuver during winter road conditions. Mr. Martin supported Mr. Angelone's stories about Buffalo and Vermont, noting that in New Hampshire streams have been polluted and vegetation is dead – this took place over a matter of time, and salt damage would not be seen right away.

Further debate took place, with the following highlights: Deputy Mayor felt that the DPW was conservative in their use and recommendations; Mr. Kadezabek explained that they contracted for 300 tons of salt used over 50 miles last year, and nothing in Salt Institute Literature prohibits use of salt. Mr. Angelone spoke about state highways that have storm drainage and the long term effect salt would have on trees and farmers' fields.

Mr. Kadezabek stated that discussions have been going on since winter. Some discussion took place on using salt for specific areas where school bus drivers and mail carriers have had

problems. Mr. Sageser asked about just plowing roads without any treatment; he was advised that this was not a good option. Mr. Martin suggested more effective plowing, i.e., going back after roads are plowed to plow off further material. Mr. Kadezabek commented on phone calls from the Mayor and his advice was to use salt to fix some road problems last year. He explained that the DPW does things in moderation, i.e., from November to February, 100 tons of salt were used on 56 miles while 585 tons of grit were used. He further explained that the DPW spent a day last winter cutting back grit five inches thick on Snyderstown Road.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Kadezabek spoke about the miles of road that receive salt applications and the amount used, i.e., 100 tons for 11 roads, intersections, and trouble spots.

Mr. Angelone commented on the use of grit to give traction, not melt ice. Some comments were made about problems with compressed grit and traffic issues.

Ms. Carluccio explained that the Board of Health has been involved in the issue, researching and looking at the same references as the Environmental Commission. She agreed that years ago school bus drivers and mail carriers had safety concerns, especially in sharp turn areas, hills, etc. The Board of Health did a memo at that time on the balancing act of using salt and cost. She explained that 35 years ago, former Environmental Commission member Ed LaPorte convinced previous road departments to quit using salt; Mr. Kadezabek did not agree with this statement. Ms. Carluccio said that North Hill Road gets plowed and grit and she sees no problem in traveling the road; Mr. Kadezabek reminded her that the road is not heavily used.

Ms. Carluccio spoke about use of grit in terms of stormwater regulations; the state was concerned about proper sweeping and the potential for pond pollution; she gave the location of the Snyderstown Road bridge as one possible pollutant area. She stated that salt has multiple bad impacts on plants and aquatic life metabolism; she noted that she has been studying streams for chloride levels in Pennsylvania as part of her job.

Ms. Carluccio offered another point of research done when they were working on the stormwater management regulations, i.e., looking at state analyses of biological monitoring in areas near state highways. Although it was noted that hydrocarbons and other pollutants were also cause of the effect, the state did say that winterizing their roads had an effect on the streams and salt was found in the run-off from the road. She noted that the Board of Health will continue monitoring wells for sodium levels, and there is only one other municipality in the state that does so. She has been in touch with Dr. Spayd at the NJ DEP and there may be funding for future well tests.

Ms. Carluccio concluded by mentioning the expense of buying and handling salt, commenting on the institution of a proper handling procedure when the stormwater management regulations came into effect. She mentioned well contamination in West Amwell due to improper storage. While mentioning that Mr. Kadezabek and the DPW staff do work under good management practices, expansion of salt use will only expand risks and problems.

Ms. Carluccio concluded by stating that the Board of Health has concerns with the environmental impacts and will continue to monitor groundwater. As an individual, she encouraged the governing body not to expand salt use. She recommended a modest use of grit for roads.

Mr. Martin quoted from a reference that one ton of salt (which cost \$52.00 last year) would be applicable to \$750.00 in damage to steel, concrete and structures. Mr. Kadezabek said that he was unable to locate any articles in New Jersey on salt use. Mr. Tatsch asked if there was a source of grit for next year; Mr. Kadezabek said that it was getting harder to find and would cost around \$98.00 per ton.

Mrs. Cregar concluded that it was a matter of Mr. Kadezabek wanting to use more salt and the others wanting no more salt to be used.

Mr. Matheny read the literature provided earlier by Mr. Martin and found the studies in Sweden and Canada very interesting. He believed that the studies were done in different, non-rural areas, and none said not to use salt at all. He felt that the issues were as follows: 1) application; 2) storage (met locally by complying with Tier 4 stormwater requirements), 3)

disposal snow – this is not a problem in our area. Mr. Matheny continued to speak about the application, stating that the DPW members are reasonable with applications; using salt reduces the number of hours for the 4 DPW members (noting that they are required by law to be locked into a specific number of hours of work); the cost for cinders and sweeping was over \$17,000; he mentioned the public's expectations and whether or not they will slow down; he mentioned insurance issues of "doing what is standard of industry" in maintaining safe roads; he concluded that the DPW uses salt judiciously.

Ms. Carluccio mentioned salt and chloride levels in Pennsylvania, which the EPA has determined is from winterized roads. Mr. Martin reminded the governing body of the application problem on his road; Mr. Kadezabek explained that it was an equipment problem.

Mayor Kneski opened the meeting to the public.

Maria Andrews, an East Amwell co-worker, was here tonight to support Mr. Kadezabek and the DPW. She quipped about Mr. Kadezabek's personality, stating, however, that "he knows what works, let him keep the roads safe, put your faith in him as the DPW Superintendent, and let him do his job." She stated that Mr. Kadezabek would take all complaints and calls from the public.

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

Mr. Angelone reminded everyone that East Amwell is headwaters of a number of streams in the area, that watersheds would support the resistance to the use of salt, and farmland preservation representatives would also want less salt. The intent is to keep the environment clean, not just keeping the road clear. He reminded Mr. Matheny that calcium chloride is a form of salt too (referencing bullet points provided by the Administrator last month), and he questioned if the statement that getting rid of grit as a hazardous waste was accurate.

Mr. Angelone spoke about the responsibilities of the Environmental Commission to comment on environmental concerns, including locating sheds on property locations; he was "disheartened" when the Board of Health and Environmental Commission were not called in for previous discussions this year. Mayor Kneski reminded everyone that this is not a new topic of discussion, that salt has been used for a few years, and the request was for a change in policy, that no decision has been made, and the intent all along was to include the Board of Health and Environmental Commission in discussions. Ms. Carluccio said that the Board of Health reads all the Township Committee minutes and was aware of the recent discussions; she believed that the governing body was "making an honest effort" to engage in conversation.

Mr. Tatsch asked Mr. Kadezabek to choose one road to salt instead of grit; Mr. Kadezabek said it would be High Mowing and Meadow Lark roads; some comments were exchanged about this. Mr. Martin concluded that drivers need better tires and should be aware of conditions. Mr. Martin asked if all roads currently being salted need it; Mr. Kadezabek said yes.

Mayor Kneski agreed that the issues were that the roads which get a salt/grit combination application will continue to get only a salt (no grit) application at the existing rate of salt application. Mr. Martin wanted better figures for monitoring exactly how much salt is used per road and location, and Mr. Kadezabek will get this information. Expansion of salt used is still up for discussion, and there will be a future meeting of all groups to discuss this topic.

The governing body thanked Mr. Kadezabek, Ms. Carluccio, Mr. Angelone, and Mr. Sageser for attending the meeting this evening.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE ON BRIDGES UPDATE, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR CHARITABLE DONATION INFORMATION TO BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITE**

Mr. Tatsch provided a brief update on a meeting last month with Hunterdon County representatives, Dr. Shenoda (engineer for the Friends of Wertsville Road), members of the ad hoc bridge committee and interested members of the public. The County has asked their

consultant to come back three times with design changes, with the last one changing the elevation from 6.8 feet to 3 feet and some minor alignment changes – this will have less impact on residents. Dr. Shenoda provided assumptions that could reduce the figures more and still comply with regulations.

Mr. Tatsch explained that speed limit reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph was also discussed; Mr. Tatsch felt that there was good justification to request the reduction.

Dr. Shenoda will have informal discussions with the County and their consultant about the plan, and Mr. Tatsch felt that progress was being made.

Mayor Kneski spoke about forming two ad hoc bridge committees on Wertsville Road projects, which were a major benefit for the Township Committee. He wanted the Township Committee to think about establishing a more permanent “ad hoc” committee to review county projects to keep some connections.

Mr. Tatsch reminded the governing body that the Township Attorney previously advised that the ad hoc bridge committee could not be involved with fund raising for the private consultant. The Friends of Wertsville Road group was formed to pay for the consultant. Frances Gavigan worked with The College of New Jersey to set up a fund to support Dr. Shenoda under a college foundation; it is a 501C3, donations are tax deductible, and money sent to them will be funneled to this charitable project, which is being used as a teaching tool. A request was made to place a notice about this on the Township website to “get the word out.” Ms. Staples felt that it would be an issue to solicit for a private organization on the public site since it is not a township function. Some discussion took place about this, with committee members offering different possibilities. The final determination is that it is a private group and not township sponsored, and information will not be put on the website. A member of the audience suggested using the VIP to get information out to the public.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE**

1) Motion to Post Draft Minutes: The governing body approved a motion not to post draft minutes in September 2009. A motion approving posting was necessary. Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously to post draft minutes of the Township Committee meetings.

2) 6/23 Letter from Jane Luhrs re: Intent to Retire: Mr. Matheny explained that the Treasurer was following the policy manual, which requires six months’ notice of retirement. She has the right to withdraw her notice at any time. Committee members joked about refusing the letter. Mr. Matheny explained that a process would have to be determined, including the possibility of getting a part time employee with a shared service agreement. He further mentioned that West Amwell pays part of Mrs. Luhrs’ health benefits at the current time. Mrs. Cregar and Deputy Mayor Lenox agreed that Mrs. Luhrs “can’t be replaced.”

3) Construction Office and Zoning Office Update: Information on the Construction Office computer was switch to Raritan Township on June 25. The Zoning Officer retired and will be away from the position for 30 days; the Temporary (Alternate) Zoning Officer is filling in and things are going well. A policy to address rehiring will be discussed later.

4) Amendment to Salary and Wage Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION #103 -10**

**AMENDMENT TO 2010 SALARY AND WAGE RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the 2010 Salary and Wage Resolution, Number 67A-10:

Following Employees are paid from January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010:

Construction Official Doddy	\$26,283/year, prorated
Plumbing Sub-code Official Doddy	\$ 8,045/year, prorated
Electrical Sub-code Official Buchanan	\$11,616/year, prorated
Fire Sub-code Official Ball	\$5,871/year, prorated

Remove as of June 30, 2010:

Acting Construction Secretary Dymek	\$18.71/hour
Substitute Construction Official Ball	\$24.00/hour
Substitute Electrical Inspector Buchanan	\$24.00/hour
Substitute Mechanical Inspector Fornaciari	\$24.00/hour
Substitute Fire Code, Mechanical, Construction, and Plumbing Inspector Izzo	\$24.00/hour

Temporarily Remove from July 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010:

Zoning Officer McManus	\$11,955/year, prorated
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By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

5) Raritan Township May 2010 Traffic Enforcement Monthly Report: Mr. Matheny said that the overview is that over 60 summonses were written in May and about the same amount of tickets were noted in the June 2010 report he just received. Some areas that the police have been located include Route 179, Route 579, Manners Road, etc. Revenues are up, and the police “are doing what they said that they would do.”

6) 6/14 Hopewell Valley Engineering Clawson Park Drainage Study Proposal for Pathway and Parking Area Paving: This work would be for the drainage and paving around the flag pole to the tennis court and the pavilion. The area is heavily rutted and hard to maintain. There is a potential for additional paths, including areas where there have been erosion. Mr. Matheny explained that the initial plan for the park called for pervious coverage, and if additional coverage was added, detention basin calculations would have to be adjusted to compensate. The proposal from the engineer was \$18,000 for planning and expanding the basin could make the costs go further. Mr. Matheny felt that the proposal was cost prohibitive at this time, and he explained that he is looking at pervious blacktop. This material is used in playgrounds, and an estimate for the two playgrounds at the park of approximately \$80,000 was recently obtained. The base under the material is stone, which will allow runoff. Further research and estimates will be obtained.

7) 6/9 DLGL Local Finance Notice on Adjustment of Public Bidding Threshold as of July 1, 2010: The recent change to legislation will adjust the bid threshold for qualified purchasing agents from \$29,000 to \$36,000; quotes will increase to \$5,400. Mr. Matheny commented on the missed opportunity to purchase a truck on state contract; with the increase in threshold, he may be able to acquire a truck. He also mentioned the ability to purchase a sign for the front of the building through quotes.

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**RESOLUTION #104-10**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approved Resolution 75-10 on May 13, 2010, thereafter submitting it to the Division of Local Government Services appointing Timothy L. Matheny as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Township of East Amwell and adjusting the bid threshold to \$29,000; and

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Christie has exercised his authority to adjust the bid thresholds effective July 1, 2010, from \$29,000 to \$36,000 if municipalities have Qualified Purchasing Agents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of East Amwell supports the increase in bid threshold to the state approved bid threshold currently in effect and hereby authorize Timothy L. Matheny, Qualified Purchasing Agent, to use this new threshold, effective July 1, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Division of Local Government Services for their records.

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. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

8) NJ DOT Grant Application for Sidewalks in the Village Area: The Township will be submitting an on-line application through the SAGE program.

9) Bordering Road Agreement Amendments with Hopewell Township, Hillsborough Township, and West Amwell Township (See 7/1 Email from Attorney Lorraine Staples): The bordering road agreement with Delaware Township was changed within the past few months to allow for driveway permits to be issued by the municipality in which the driveway is located. The remaining agreements will have this update, except for the Raritan Township agreement since the Raritan Township agreement already has this language.

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**RESOLUTION #105-10**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amendments to the agreement to maintain roads, originally dated January 23, 1995.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

10) East Amwell Policy Revisions: The zoning and construction process policy involved input from Zoning Officer McManus to provide staff guidance in handling applications.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to approve the adoption of the policy.

The second policy is Policy 5.3, which will be amended to handle retiring employees who come back to work.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and it was carried unanimously to approve Policy 5.3.

The third issue involved the current Benefits Resolution with a matrix pertaining to sick, vacation, and personal days. Mr. Matheny explained that the matrix penalizes a part-time employee who works five days a week; he proposed new language, which will give five day a

week employee benefits on working five days a week while only being paid for the number of hours worked.

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**RESOLUTION #106-10**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the 2010 Benefits resolution to include the following language in Section 11, as the third and fourth sentences: "Part time employees who are regularly scheduled and work in-office every workday will use '5' as the number of days worked for vacation, sick and personal purposes within the matrix. Reimbursement for these benefit days will only be for the number of hours regularly scheduled on a workday."

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

11) Shared Service Agreement with East Amwell School: Mr. Matheny added an update on the status. He met with school representatives on Tuesday, and they are anxious to proceed with the agreement. Ms. Staples is putting together a contract for the August meeting; items of shared services include mowing, plowing, janitorial work, truck and trailer use, a nurse at the summer playground, and IT assistance.

Ms. Staples left the meeting at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

RAFFLE LICENSE #10-03 FOR ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TO BE HELD AT THE RIDGE AT BACK BROOK ON AUGUST 9, 2010 AT 7:00 PM

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**RESOLUTION #107-10**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the fund-raising efforts of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Foundation, 10 Plum Street Suite 910, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has made application to hold a raffle on August 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, that raffle license number #RA-10-03 be approved and processed.

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. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

4H GAME LICENSES, IF APPLICABLE There were no applications submitted for this evening.

RECEIPT OF THE 2009 AUDIT PREPARED BY WITHUMSMITH & BROWN

The Township Committee was provided with copies of the audit, hand-delivered by the auditor late this afternoon. The resolution to accept the audit will be on the August agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Lora Olsen, 1123 Old York Road, asked about police coverage and tickets, inquiring whether the State Police are still in town. She was advised that the State Police are still all over the municipality.

Mrs. Olsen asked about the bordering road agreement with West Amwell; she was told that a copy would be sent to West Amwell next week.

Mrs. Olsen compared East Amwell to a "hole in a donut," i.e., the municipality is surrounded by state roads which "are white all the time" with salt. She felt that the County and State should also try to use moderation in application, mentioning deterioration and disintegration she has seen with the use of too much salt. She also reminded the governing body that not only West Amwell has salt problems; the State has a major pollution problem on Route 179.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer Luhrs provided the bills of the evening and statement of cash on hand. Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the bills of the evening.

Mrs. Luhrs also provided the June 2010 Revenues Report and an Appropriations Summary of June 30, 2010.

Treasurer's Resolutions:

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**RESOLUTION #108-10**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Planning Board of the Township of East Amwell that the following escrow fee can be refunded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following amount to the applicant:

Applicant	Amount Refunded
John Fischer II	\$200.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION #109-10**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township of East Amwell that the following dog license overpayment can be refunded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following amount to the applicant:

Applicant	Amount Refunded
Barbara Lytwyn	\$25.00

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 resolutions.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided her June 2010 Report.

Tax Collector's Resolution:

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**RESOLUTION #110-10**

WHEREAS, there has been a redemption made for Tax Sale Certificate #200901, Block 17, Lot 14.02, 66 Old York Road, assessed to Steven Bruno held by Tad Dabrowski and;

WHEREAS, the amount of \$42,022.25 has been collected from SN Servicing Corp. for this property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this amount of \$42, 022.25 be prepared by the Tax Collector and mailed to Tad Dabrowski, holder of Tax Sale Certificate #200901.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

All other administrative reports were noted without comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no comments made on correspondence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk