

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor C. Larry Tatsch, Deputy Mayor Patricia Cregar, and Committee members Linda Lenox, Peter Kneski, and Tim Mathews. 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 2, 2011, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 6, 2011. 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 September 6, 2011.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Under Special Discussions, representatives from Jersey Central Power & Light Company will not be present tonight.

Under Township Administrator's Update, add item 8, the 9/7 request from Engineer O'Neal for support of an NJ DOT Municipal Aid Application for 2012 for East Amwell Road Improvements.

Under Correspondence, a proclamation from Governor Christie designating 9/11 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance (there is a copy on the back table for the public to see), and a copy of the 9/2 Handex Biennial Certification Monitoring Report for the East Amwell Municipal Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For information on Hurricane Irene aftermath and resources, please check the East Amwell Township website at www.eastamwelltownship.com. Township Committee member Tim Mathews is revising content of the hurricane information for the website.

In memory of the 10th year anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, East Amwell Township asks residents to keep a moment of remembrance at 1 p.m. on 9/11/11, sounding bells, whistles, or sirens.

Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a computer and electronics collection day on Saturday, October 8, 2011, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Route 12, Flemington. Contact hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us for more information.

Municipal Offices will be closed on October 10, 2011, for Columbus Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2011, Special Minutes (Resolution to Enter Executive Session) were approved on a motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Kneski, and carried unanimously.

August 11, 2011, Executive Minutes (Meet Candidate for CFO Position) were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried with one abstention, Mr. Kneski.

August 11, 2011, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and carried unanimously with the following corrections: page 2, paragraph 2, line 5, change "trails" to "rights of way" and on paragraph 7, line 5, remove the word "place" add the word "could" before "run adjacent"; page 5, paragraph 8, line 1, change "concurrence" to "consensus"; two minor typos on page 9; page 10, paragraph 3, line 8, change

"ordinance" to "committee." Mayor Tatsch mentioned Mr. Mathews abstaining from the vote on Resolution #125 and asked to clarify if this was because of a conflict of interest. Mr. Mathews preferred not to discuss this. Mayor Tatsch said that a smoother way to handle such a vote was for a member to recuse from the dais and discussion; Mr. Mathews said that the abstention was not due to a conflict of interest.

August 11, 2011, Executive Minutes (Land Acquisition, Attorney Advice) were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Tatsch said that power issues and the recent storm is the primary agenda item, immediately after open to public, under special discussion. He asked that any storm related items be held for that time, and there would be opportunity for the public to speak.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, asked about police presence this night, stating that there have never been state police at previous Township Committee meetings. Mayor Tatsch felt that they could provide additional information about what happened during the storm.

Iлона English, 9 Runyon Mill Road, asked that the tape of tonight's meeting be preserved in perpetuity. Mr. Cushing explained that records are kept according to specific procedures. Ms. English also said that every check written by the Township should be available on line, stating that she would pay for the cost of a program to do so; she believed that this should be done as part of open government.

Dart Sageser, 15 Welisewitz Road, recently obtained a building permit at Raritan Township, noting a "smooth and professional process," including extended business hours and receiving a permit in one week, which he felt was "outstanding."

Joan McGee, Lindbergh Road, thought it was "a terrific idea" to consider Frances Gavigan's prior recommendation to look for a new auditor, noting that the position is not discretionary, auditors follow specific rules, and finding another auditor with municipal experience may save the township thousands of dollars. Ms. McGee asked the Township Committee to mandate that the Board of Adjustment recite the Pledge of Allegiance at each of their meetings, whether members choose to say it or not. Ms. McGee spoke about the preservation of Scibilia property, mentioning a previous request she made for a cost benefit analysis, stating thousands upon thousand of dollars have been spent on a property where the owner violated zoning regulations and fees have been waived for him. She provided a history on the purchase, including the former township attorney not mandating a survey, a ten year process, zoning violations on site, the law firm billing over the course of time, and taxpayers paying in many ways.

Nancy Cunningham, 14 Welisewitz Road, said that the Board of Adjustment does recite the Pledge of Allegiance at their meetings.

Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION WITH A VERIZON REPRESENTATIVE ON HURRICANE IRENE AND POWER RESTORATION Anna Lustenberg, Verizon's Director of External Affairs, was present during this discussion.

As stated during the agenda review, Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) was unable to send a representative tonight.

Mayor Tatsch said he asked both Verizon and JCP&L to be present tonight to discuss issues and coordination of services. He appreciated Ms. Lustenberg's attendance. He read the 9/7/11 email from John Anderson, Area Manager of JCP&L, into the record: "...Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting tomorrow night. Initially, I was adamant that I would attend so I could meet with your residents and get feedback while it is fresh in everyone's mind. However, given the extensive damage to our infrastructure, I have been asked to stay focused on storm restoration efforts for the rest of the week. I will reach out to you next week to set another date for our meeting. Thank you for your understanding." The Mayor and Mr. Anderson exchanged 40-50 calls during the outage. Mayor Tatsch said that JCP&L would be attending a future meeting (perhaps a special one), and it will be open to the public. Mr. Mathews asked about a follow up email he sent asking if another representative, besides Mr. Anderson, could attend; Mayor Tatsch said that the response was that no one would be present.

Mayor Tatsch outlined the forum of the meeting, i.e., Ms. Lustenberg would speak and then answer the public's questions. He included the issue of wires and cables down on Lindbergh Road and Rileyville Road and poor communication between Verizon and JCP&L. There was a Verizon pole on Rileyville Road that was reported a year ago about a danger of collapsing, and nothing was done.

Ms. Lustenberg provided information on the pole and downed wires, apologizing for inconvenience to residents. The pole is jointly used, and the agreement between the companies shows that they share equal responsibility. She will email the agreement to the municipality, if she is able. She further explained the joint use of the pole regarding how lines are installed or removed from the pole to address safety issues; she explained that they could not touch the pole until electric wires were removed. Ms. Lustenberg checked records and could not find a report of a complaint about the pole; if she is provided further information, she will continue to check. She also stated that "she was the front line between municipalities and counties, reporting directly to the President of Verizon," and she should be contacted with concerns to escalate them. She mentioned the recent storm, which resulted in lots of equipment under water in many towns; she asked to be notified of any leaning poles, and she will have them checked immediately. She expressed willingness to work with towns and report back as needed.

Mayor Tatsch mentioned issues, including Verizon cables left on Lindbergh Road after JCP&L replaced a pole and made temporary repairs and a pole on Rileyville Road, which was replaced by Verizon on Sunday, but JCP&L was not advised - this resulted in a two day delay in power restoration and a delayed road opening. Mayor Tatsch provided an in-depth narrative of events, including no action on a reported problematic pole, a 20 gallon transformer oil spill, detour on Saddle Shop and Orchard Road yielding a traffic accident and bicycle accident, and property damage on the detour roads. He stated that he would be able to get pictures and a description of events, and he believed that Verizon and JCP&L were negligent.

Mayor Tatsch asked the governing body if they had any comments before he opened to the public.

Mr. Kneski asked about coordination between Verizon and JCP&L, i.e., some internal communication. Ms. Lustenberg said there was a standard operating procedure to notify the other utility when work is being done on the pole (under BPU guidelines); there is a heightened awareness in storm conditions, and exercises were run prior to the recent event. There are colleagues in each utility to escalate issues; she is in such a position for Verizon, and she reiterated the need to call her so that something like this would not be repeated.

Mr. Mathews proposed a plan to have Verizon survey their equipment and poles in the Township and provide recommendations on how the company will address any issues, including looking at all the trees and building a proactive plan. Ms. Lustenberg commented on saturated ground at this time. Mr. Mathews reiterated his request for a plan of attack, including when and what, with a report on how issues will be fixed.

Mayor Tatsch opened the meeting to the public for comments to Verizon.

Steve Anasiewicz, 235 Rileyville Road, said poles were 50 years old and should have been changed 20 years ago since they were stripped. As an electrician, he gave his opinion that poles should not fall down unless there is a tornado. He said poles are not maintained with lost

service for days at a time with no explanation. He implored the Committee to penalize the phone company for loss of service, and he was "furious" with the phone company, electric company, and "Council."

John Collins, 15 Snyderstown Road, was the last house on PSE&G in the municipality. He mentioned problems with his Verizon phone service, including poles and wire in poor shape. He mentioned cell phone service from Verizon, asking for credit to be applied for outages. Verizon indicates that wireless service is a separate entity and credit cannot be switched, although Verizon owns 51% of the wireless network. He concluded that service is "difficult ... and poor," the old wires are a problem, and no one shows up to repair for days at a time.

Ms. Lustenberg agreed to provide business cards to residents, who should send their complaints directly to her to escalate to the next level. She recommended residents use their car chargers for cell phones during power outages. Mr. Collins mentioned his year of birth and the fact that he is a senior citizen on medicare.

John Fisher, 109 Lindbergh Road, mentioned the downed pole on Lindbergh Road with "very little coordination between Verizon and JCP&L." The pole belonged to JCP&L and was replaced yesterday. He mentioned wires on the side of the road held up with ropes tonight. He believed that there was no communication between JCP&L and Verizon when the pole fell on Saturday night, a week ago, mentioning power out but phones in service. He also believed that there was no communication to let Verizon know that power was restored and phone lines could be restrung. The pole is located between 131 and 140 Lindbergh Road.

Iлона English, 9 Runyon Mill Road, believed that it was important to know who owns all the wires in the municipality and have their locations mapped on the roads to tell whose wires were down. She mentioned Lewis tree trimmers (four men, two trucks) who sat without working at Saddle Shop and Rileyville Road for six hours because JCP&L did not call Verizon. She concluded that "these people do not talk at all." Ms. English spoke about calling JCP&L about trucks in the area; about installing solar on her property several years ago and being told by linemen then that JCP&L will not fix anything "out here" because there are no new customers because of farmland preservation. She believed that there should be a list of leaning poles, taking pictures of them for documentation, and that will bring "folks here, given the evidence." She provided anecdotal information about watching a bowed tree fall during the recent storm.

Mayor Tatsch agreed that there were coordination issues between Verizon and JCP&L.

Beth Kais, 131 Mountain Road, commented on two wires down, being told by JCP&L and Comcast that they were not theirs when she made previous calls about them 2.5 weeks earlier, before the storm. She commented on the lack of coordination between the companies.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, mentioned confusion about ownership of poles, commenting on a discussion she had with JCP&L representatives last Friday, who confirmed the confusion. Mrs. Bonette believed that a system should be in place to identify lines. She said that Verizon service never went out, which she appreciated, but she felt that some coordination between companies was necessary.

Ms. Lustenberg stated that she wanted to help with the coordination, and she asked residents to make her aware of any problem areas.

Joan McGee, Lindbergh Road, thanked Verizon for 28 years of service, which "always works even when my cell phone doesn't work." She wanted to "second" the comments from the gentleman about the Township Committee's responsibility to lead, i.e., to know what services exist and take an active approach to address leaning trees and notify the utility companies. Ms. Lustenberg said residents should contact her, and her number is posted on the Township's website.

Mayor Tatsch said that the DPW removes trees along the road on a routine basis; if the trees are on lines, they have to call the utility company to do the work.

Mr. Anasiewicz commented, "Whose pole is it, JCP&L or Verizon?" He would like to see an ordinance to mandate that JCP&L fix a pole and charge back to Verizon, if necessary. He

spoke about it taking days in coordinating repairs; he needs electricity and phone service, and he is being put at risk, living where he lives, i.e., no one would have been able to get to him since Hopewell Road is closed. He wants to live in East Amwell, and his quality of life should not change because of rural living. He asked that the Township Committee consider an ordinance.

Mr. Collins spoke about trying to get through to the utilities on the phone and only reaching recordings.

Mayor Tatsch said that utility companies cannot be regulated by ordinance. Mr. Cushing suggested that residents speak with their legislators, noting that Verizon and JCP&L write their rules. He suggested contacting Assemblyman Eric Peterson's Office.

Mr. Anasiewicz said that the governing body was elected to take care of the residents' business, and they were not helping. Power outages occur too many times; he is retired and cannot afford a generator.

Rich Spiegel, 1 Mountain Road, said that the power is out too many times on the mountain, mentioning downed poles on Ridge, Rileyville, and Mountain Roads and loss of power for five days. He mentioned years of issues and the relationship to commonly owned poles, further mentioning JCP&L, Verizon, and Comcast and the need to have someone watching over them. He spoke about changing tariffs by which the utilities are governed, stating that the BPU should be watching them. He mentioned his work in negotiating with Comcast and information on tariffs. He concluded that all municipalities in the state, including East Amwell, should start writing resolutions for change, noting that then the people would have power. He did not think anything would happen at the local level, noting less than 30 people in attendance tonight. Mr. Spiegel said that there were 14 different out of state contractors here during the recent outage, and "they were tired of standing around and working while JCP&L did nothing." The contractors, some from Kentucky, Ohio, and Florida, said that they "never worked on anything so ancient, and... they didn't know how to look at them (lines/equipment)." Mr. Spiegel suggested a resolution to change the power.

Jim Kais, 131 Mountain Road, suggested that the Township Committee contact Dan Caffery of the Morristown Committee to coordinate efforts.

Mayor Tatsch agreed with Mr. Spiegel, mentioning a congressman in Maine developing a bill to have power companies provide their services at a savings of twice the daily rate for days residents are without power. He explained further that while not much of an incentive, it is still ground-breaking legislation.

Iiona English suggested fill-in-the-blank complaint sheets be put on the website to send to the NJ Bureau of Public Utilities (BPU), noting that Commissioner Solomon "is going after" JCP&L and having formal hearings on their service.

Greg Lee, 156 Lindbergh Road, spoke about complaints to the BPU, noting that he made complaints there several years ago. He felt that Commissioner Solomon was helpful and provided emails to him. He asked to have a copy of the letter that the governing body received from JCP&L reneging on attending tonight's meeting; it will be emailed to him tomorrow.

John Collins asked about Comcast's attendance at the meeting. Mayor Tatsch explained that there were limited issues with that company and he did not hear any complaints about them during the hurricane. He further explained that BPU does accept complaints about Comcast services. Mayor Tatsch also reminded the public that Comcast appears at quarterly meetings as part of their agreement with East Amwell, commenting on their company rating at the time the agreement was reached. While they were to be scheduled for tonight, he asked Comcast to wait until the October meeting since Verizon and JCP&L were on the agenda for tonight.

Beth Kais commented on her agreement when she signed on with Comcast, i.e., there was supposed to be a priority for 911 response when power was out. She commented on not being able to contact anyone at Comcast about this. She mentioned not being able to charge her cell phone unless her car was running, which is problematic. Mayor Tatsch said that there should be a modem with a battery back up for internet and phone service, and while it would not last eight days, it would be beneficial; he suggested Ms. Kais get one if she doesn't already have one.

Mr. Mathews commented on the location of Mountain and Linvale Roads where they strung a generator to the poles, so a battery would not help.

John Kelly, 270 Wertsville Road, has been in construction for 40 years, when there were teams of workers who stayed on top of problems. He commented on now having "a couple of repair people the following day, looking and writing things up." He suggested residents "keep calling JCP&L and ... antagonize them...to make things happen."

Mayor Tatsch stated that he was in contact with JCP&L at their field office in Morristown, speaking with four office managers, making about 40 phone calls and reporting areas of concern, including the Wertsville Road outage. He mentioned working with John Anderson and others, and while cooperative, he was not sure that the calls helped at all since there was no one to send out. He spoke about a special line set up for officials only, which he used, and even he "didn't have clout." Mr. Kelly said that he knew "who to needle," and it was important to keep pestering, especially in an emergency, i.e., he had 25 horses without water.

Darlis Maksymovich, 258 Rileyville Road, was without power for 8.5 days. She spoke with a repair person from Ohio, pointing out a charred phone pole with a metal box hanging, and the repair person said that the pole was not on his report. Her neighbor, Mr. Miller, called twice about the pole, and she felt that it was criminal that the problem was not on a report. She had to share a generator with her 90 year old father-in-law, which was wrong. She believed that the elected officials have the responsibility of getting the township up and running, mentioning a pole in the area which has been leaning for 10-15 years and which she reported 2 years ago.

Mayor Tatsch agreed that it was frustrating, including having JCP&L making calls to homes stating that power was restored even when it was not.

Fred Gardner, 46 North Hill Road, said that their power went out on Friday morning before the storm, and he still has no idea why. He was without power for 10 days. Ms. Lustenberg's comment about the "unusual" storm puzzled him since it was highly anticipated and tracked on the internet well before the storm itself. He mentioned record keepers reporting 10 inches of rain before the storm hit, and having soils saturated with 17 inches of rain resulting in trees blowing down "is not a surprise to anyone."

Mayor Tatsch was surprised that it wasn't stronger than it was, commenting on tracking the storm on line, that winds were between 27 and 35 mph and much less than winds during a storm a year ago in March, resulting in power failures and restoration in a day or so.

Nancy Cunningham, 14 Wertsville Road, spoke about setting up communications for residents, noting that she had power the entire time, and if there was a way to know, people would be able to reach out to people. She suggested coordinating a central email repository as something to think about.

Ilona English suggested that block captains be set up, find out where people live and whether they want to be contacted, then report back to the governing body, who would provide information. She believed most people have cell phones at this time. She commented on providing more information to be more responsible.

Mr. Kneski spoke about a system that they have in Princeton, i.e., the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has a centralized calling system and broadcasts across lines to residents through regular and cell phones.

Nancy Cunningham thought that was nice, but different than what was needed here, i.e., this is a more individualized situation, i.e., establishing needs and what can be offered. She spoke about Les Hamilton trying to set up something like that when he was Mayor.

Les Hamilton recalled that during the 90's before Y-T-K (Year Two Thousand), there was an effort to reach out to the public in the event of electric power failure; however, residents did not want the township to know their business and wanted to take care of themselves.

Andrea Bonette seconded Mr. Hamilton's comments, stating that she was chair of the Y-T-K committee through 1999, mentioning other citizens who also participated. Residents were very

protective of their privacy. Mrs. Bonette commented on a resident who died at the hospital this morning, saying that the 90 year old would have been stuck in his house. She believed that it was important to have residents register with JCP&L and with LifeLine for medical emergencies.

Mayor Tatsch spoke about arranging for water at Clawson Park and showers at Retro Fitness Gym, stating that information was put on the website, and many people picked up the information since they have 3G devices.

Barbara Hay, 11 Rainbow Hill Road, said that the Township should think about farmers with livestock; she has 25 horses and each requires 10-12 gallons of water per day. She had to truck in water, since she called the fire company and they were unable to assist.

Marty Alexander, Chief of the Amwell Valley Fire Company (AVFC), said that they would have provided water from ponds and streams. He and Mrs. Hay exchanged comments about attempts to communicate with each other. Mayor Tatsch recommended the purchase of a generator, mentioning loss of power at different times in a year.

Iлона English mentioned JCP&L having a priority list, and an insider told her that rural communities are at the bottom of the list. She made many calls during the hurricane, including to breeders in West Virginia. Millions of dollars are used to preserve farmland, everyone in the area is on wells and septic, which is a public health issue. She was upset that the area was not prioritized, and she called Assemblyman Eric Peterson about her concerns of taking care of agricultural land. She commented that "Everything is in Ohio, and there is no one in New Jersey in charge of logistics; how do we have a power company who operates in 2/3 of the state and there are no logistics here in NJ?" She suggested that everyone call their legislators and make things happen. She said that Ohio did not come [to New Jersey] until they knew it was bad and there was federal funding eligibility. She believed that "hammering Trenton" about the public health issue was important. She commented that golf courses use more water than agriculture, that agriculture is the biggest industry in the municipality, and that the Township fight for agriculture. She believed that JCP&L should provide water tanks, not send people to Shoprite, commenting on her ability to provide water for people by using a water tank.

John Collins commented on sitting on his porch during the ordeal and never seeing any utility truck, either PSE&G, Verizon, or Comcast.

Beth Kais commented on unexplained issues with power, mentioning a recent issue when lights went out on Route 202/31 during a heavy traffic time of day. She commented on a transformer issue and downed lines in July. Mayor Tatsch provided a brief explanation on why power went down in the summer, i.e., main feeder line was down for maintenance and second line went down because of heat. Mr. Kais spoke about "squirrel sneeze" power outages, i.e., power goes out for no reason, which take place frequently.

Carl Maffei, 107 Lindbergh Road, wanted to invite JCP&L here. He mentioned tree trimming to be done and notices sent to resident mailboxes before the storm. He spoke about problems he has had with trees falling on lines and causing power outages, and he was happy that trimming would be taking place. However, trees were not trimmed before the storm hit, and he wanted to know why. Mr. Maffei was advised that the company did trim on Runyon Mill today.

Aileen Egan, Assemblyman Peterson's Assistant, was present, and she suggested using the County 211 system for information on emergency assistance, e.g., phone charging services, water issues, United Way, etc. Senior with medical attention and disabilities should register with local and county OEM offices and with JCP&L.

Ms. Egan mentioned BPU hearings that would be taking place at the end of the month, and she suggested residents look at the BPU website for updated information. She recommended registering complaints about all the issues with JCP&L during the storm and at other times, noting that BPU wants to be "on top of it" and is looking for anecdotal information. He commented that power outages affect all levels, including Congressman Lance, who was without power too.

Mr. Cushing asked Ms. Egan about having BPU hearings at different parts of the state to hear testimony. Ms. Egan agreed to bring the request back to the office, but she did not know how

the request would be handled. She will provide the Township with information on the upcoming BPU public hearings, noting that written testimony would be taken; the information will be put on the East Amwell Township website.

Mayor Tatsch also mentioned calls to Congressman Holt's office, whose staff was helpful in taking information and would be working with the BPU also. He suggested that residents may also want to call Matt Hall at Congressman Holt's office to offer comments to be sent to the BPU.

Steve Anasiewicz spoke about being without power for a week last Friday, and he came to the municipal offices and "no one was here." Mayor Tatsch reminded Mr. Anasiewicz that he did call him back. Mr. Anasiewicz said that he called the Deputy Mayor at home, and she hung up on him, commenting angrily about this. He and Deputy Mayor Cregar exchanged words about the phone conversation.

Jim Kais asked about petitioning a release from JCP&L since the lines are close to PSE&G, who has a better success rate and better equipment.

John Collins felt that "PSE&G service was not worth the effort."

Ilna English commented that the Township Administrator and Township Committee should be embarrassed since they didn't have more information. She felt that the Township should have a generator here and at the school, that residents felt like prisoners here, that emails were not answered, that there was no leadership, that the governing body failed and "should have been here," and that residents were spending nights alone at home. She believed that the Deputy Mayor should not have hung up on a resident, and she concluded that all of the governing body should resign.

Motion by Mr. Kneski and it was seconded by Ms. Lenox to close to the public at 9:30 p.m. However, more public comment was offered.

John Kelly, Wertsville Road, commented on speeding on Wertsville Road, from Rileyville Road to the Golf Course with traffic going 70-80 mph. Mr. Kelly suggested using cameras in poles to register vehicles going at a certain speed. Mayor Tatsch said that it was a County road, and the Township has no control over it or installations of signs. He spoke about trying to lower limit, that the speed trailer registered speeds up to 78 mph, and Raritan was asked for enforcement in the area. The Mayor also mentioned asking for enforcement on Lindbergh Road because of the closure on Rileyville Road, and Raritan Township only provides coverage four hours per week.

Mr. Cushing explained that the request for camera patrol is not allowed for speeding tickets in New Jersey at this time. The system is used throughout various parts of the state, including Newark, for running red lights. Mr. Kelly said that he would be an advocate to allow the cameras for speeding tickets, commenting that someone would get hurt by the speeding on Wertsville. Mayor Tatsch commented on accidents that have taken place in the vicinity. A woman sitting next to Mr. Kelly mentioned the school on Wertsville Road. A suggestion was made to Mr. Kelly to visit the Court Administrator to see the Raritan Township issued tickets for the Wertsville Road area, if he was interested. Mr. Kneski suggested that Raritan Township Police be asked to focus on Wertsville Road and Lindbergh Roads.

Heather Stehlin, Rainbow Hill Road, spoke about calling the State Police for a dangerous situation on her road, and being told that they could not help since they did not have enough manpower.

Gary Myers said that this pertained to the bridge out at Amwell and Wertsville Roads, which resulted in increased traffic on Rainbow Hill Road until it was open. Mayor Tatsch explained this was one of the reasons that the Township decided to contract with Raritan Township Police, i.e., the state police are very busy.

A second motion to close to the public was made by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Kneski, and it was carried unanimously at 9:45 p.m.

DISCUSSION WITH OEM COORDINATOR GARY MYERS AND DEPUTY COORDINATOR CHARLIE SOOS ON RECENT HURRICNE IRENE AND OEM RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Soos explained that he is in charge of operations, and he provided a summary of responsibilities, with the following highlights: OEM is an executive branch established by statute and exists in every municipality with a local emergency planning committee (LEPC) designed to come together in an emergency to coordinate efforts. Gary Myers is the Coordinator, Tim Mathews is Coordinator of the LEPC and Liaison to the Township Committee, and Mr. Soos is in charge of day to day operations; the OEM Coordinator reports to the Mayor and no one else during disasters; the structure of the LEPC includes volunteers and employees, such as law enforcement agents, first aid, health department, public works, etc.; during an emergency, OEM is the emergency response unit and does not leave the building until the emergency is over and then looks at damage.

Mr. Soos further explained that the recent hurricane did not fit the classic level 1 emergency and did not reach the emergency threshold that would involve the LEPC (i.e., a large scale emergency). It was handled by local emergency services, the fire company, and state police. Mr. Soos recapped events beginning with the early cancellation of the 4-H Fair during the day when the hurricane hit that night and next morning. He immediately contacted the Mayor and Township Administrator.

Mr. Soos provided a print out about various power companies and their restoration time lines, which is attached to this set of minutes. He concluded that many JCP&L customers were out longer than PSE&G and that it was a power company issue, and not the responsibility of OEM, the Township Committee, or the government.

Mr. Soos commented on sheltering availability at JP Case Middle School as of 8/28/11. Statistics showed that 26 people took advantage of the shelter, when there were 6300 homeless in the state. He provided more statistics: 8/29/11 - 11 people in the shelter and 5699 homeless in state; 8/30/11 - 42 people since Lambertville ordered an evacuation; 9/2/11 no one at the shelter, which closed, and 560 still homeless in the state.

Mr. Soos said that the County demobilized their OEM on Tuesday (9/6). While an inconvenience with some risks and problems, the hurricane did not meet what the law describes as a disaster, and given the statutory description, it did not meet the level of a life safety situation. He did note that the ambulance squad and the fire company handled many responses, including 8 areas with wires down, 21 pump outs, 5 poles down, 1 tree which struck a house, smoke in another house, etc. Someone from the audience commented on a large number of animals in the township without water.

Marty Alexander, AVFC Chief, mentioned the CART team, which specializes in response to animal welfare. He stated that on the Monday after the storm, there was one call in East Amwell to provide water to horses. CART brought tanks and the fire company was ready to respond by 5 p.m. in the afternoon. However, the resident did not want the water where it would come from, i.e., streams and ponds, preferring bottled water, and the tanks were removed. To contact CART in the future, residents should call 911 for response.

John Kelly, Wertsville Road, explained that his horses are valued at \$50,000 - 70,000 and cannot use pond/stream water. He mentioned his displeasure with the recent event, stating that there is a group of people talking about it. He is looking at land elsewhere to "get out of here." The horses are insured twice what he paid for them, he does not have a generator, and horse owners will be "trickling away" leaving hay from farmers that no one will buy.

Mr. Soos explained that after 911, all levels of government have prioritized to follow specific protocol, including life as the first priority; this process will not change. He spoke about the website www.ready.gov with important information, and the fact that after any emergency, during the first 48 hours all residents are responsible for themselves since there is no way to effect resources to everything. He again stressed that people should be self-sufficient in the first 48 hours, mentioning the availability of literature to assist in planning.

Mr. Soos stated that there is an emergency action plan, submitted to the County every third year, speaking about rumors being spread on email. He emphasized the fact the OEM is doing its job, and also suggested that residents advising other residents that they start trimming trees near power lines is not appropriate. Mayor Tatsch anecdotally relayed a story about a PSE&G line on Route 518 that appeared to be dead but caught fire.

Marty Alexander also cautioned residents about back feed circuits being a problem with generators; he said to never assume that wires are dead.

Gary Myers suggested planning for emergencies, noting that he was without power for 8.5 days. He commented on being ready, including examples of filling up bathtubs for water, having portable battery operated radios, having bottled water on hand, etc.

Charlie Soos mentioned "disaster recovery mode," including having damage assessments from the DPW. There is a meeting in Lawrenceville on September 13 to go over emergency responses. The State is looking for damage figures, and there is one road washout at a cost of about \$25,000.

Gary Myers and Tim Mathews attended a County OEM meeting last night, and it was announced that FEMA reports should be made within 60 days. The process is fairly simple, and residents should contact FEMA. Mr. Mathews commented on filing claims, which may include mold remediation after a flood. The process may also involve applying for a SBA (Small Business Association) loan to qualify for a grant, i.e., FEMA paperwork only pays up to a maximum of \$30,000 while a SBA loan raises the amount to \$2,000,000. Loans are for damaged dwellings and life safety issues only.

Andrea Bonette suggested putting a flyer in next year's tax bill mailing with emergency recommendations so that residents can be prepared. Mr. Soos recommended visiting the website, www.ready.gov. Mr. Mathews recommended putting a link on the website to the Red Cross also.

Darlis Maksymovich thanked Mr. Myers and Mr. Soos for enlightening the public and providing the rating of the power companies; she stated that it cleared her mind about the problem.

Mayor Tatsch reiterated the thanks to OEM for their quick, hard work.

Mr. Fisher asked about statistics for power about the number of miles of transmission by company and number of crews out; Mr. Soos stated that the information was for response purposes only and didn't include that breakdown.

Mayor Tatsch mentioned BPU information in the future, commenting on PSE&G policy of providing service to densely populated areas as a first step. Some JCP&L representatives advised him that this was the greatest challenge in their 25-30 year careers, but he believed that they should have been prepared for the magnitude while instead, they were clearly overwhelmed.

Dart Sageser said that PSE&G had 6,000 crews out while JCP&L have 1,600.

Mr. Kneski stated that certain areas lost power not because of lines but because certain grids were shut down, mentioning banks on the Delaware that overflowed. Mr. Soos agreed that PSE&G did shut down for that reason, and he "wouldn't be surprised if JCP&L did it too." Mr. Soos commented on other areas of the state that were devastated, and power shut downs were done for the protection of citizens and towns; he did not believe it happened in East Amwell.

Mr. Myers spoke about a conference with the County OEM for Coordinators, and information was disseminated as quickly as possible, i.e., JCP&L spend the first few days "cutting and slashing" before sending repair crews from Wednesday through Saturday last week.

Mr. Mathews commented on the situation becoming a disaster if it occurred in January with cold, frigid temperatures. He believed that the definition has to be subjective, including the potential effects in different conditions, e.g., no water or shelters available, a greater magnitude of lives in danger, no heat, etc. He mentioned some places of the state which were disaster areas and also mentioned statewide resources.

Mr. Alexander mentioned that the firehouse has a generator, and when storms come, the Company mans the station. If residents are dealing with a heat issue, they can go there until the Red Cross sets up housing.

Mr. Mathews thought that an ice storm could be a real possibility. He recommended that residents be prepared. He mentioned JCP&L and the lists they maintain. If power was lost, residents would be in serious peril and if nothing can be done about changing priorities, he wondered why they ask about those in real trouble. Mayor Tatsch told JCP&L that the municipality was on septic and well, and Morristown representatives told him that they do not set the criteria staging of who gets power first.

Some discussion took place about sheltering, noting that the County facilitates shelters for the area. There is a small generator at the rescue squad and the fire company too. Mr. Mathews asked to have money for a study of the building so that the office can still function along with the DPW. Using the school as a shelter may not be feasible since all showers have been removed from the school. Using the municipal building or school as a staging area and using the Link for transportation to the County may be a consideration.

John Collins suggested that East Amwell work with Mercer County since they are in the vicinity.

Mayor Tatsch stated that all residents, including those with Hopewell addresses, should call police offices and ask about sheltering.

Mr. Myers mentioned that Home Depot and Lowes have generators, and Walt's was open. He mentioned various restaurants he visited during the power outage, stating his needs could be met.

Mayor Tatsch thanked Mr. Myers and Mr. Soos for attending the meeting tonight. He also thanked all the residents for the good information they provided to be forwarded to JCP&L and for remaining calm and managing during the storm. He had about 100 calls and many of them were repeats; he calculated about 30-40 callers and emails, many providing helpful information. He commented on the resiliency of the residents and efforts to try to help each other. He thanked the public for coming to the meeting tonight and would let them know when JCP&L would be in attendance. Notice of the JCP&L meeting will be posted on the website.

Chief Alexander announced that this evening a decision was made to cancel the annual Harvest Fest.

Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to recess the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Mr. Cushing left the meeting at 10:45 p.m. when the meeting resumed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

CFO/Treasurer Office Update:

- a) Resolution to Appoint Kathryn Monzo as PERS Officer:

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RESOLUTION #133-11

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #102-11 be amended to change the name of the Certifying Officer P.E.R.S. to CFO/Treasurer Kathryn Monzo.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

b) Resolution to Add Kathryn Monzo as Authorized Signature on Banking:

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RESOLUTION #134-11

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolutions #95-11, #40-11, and #36-11 amending Resolution #16-11 to authorize bank signatures be further amended to remove the name Deborah Smith and to include the name of Kathryn Monzo, CFO/Treasurer, as an authorized signature on certain Township checks.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Kneski, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

c) 8/16/11 Letter to Tewksbury Township re: Shared Service Agreement: The letter to Tewksbury thanked them for participating in the Shared Service Agreement to have their CFO/Treasurer work in an interim position until the new CFO/Treasurer was hired. The agreement was ended effective August 31 (a month earlier than the original agreement), and both the interim and new CFO/Treasurers had a chance to transition. The former CFO/Treasurer may also be helpful in bringing Ms. Monzo "up to speed."

2) Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment for DPW: The 2011 Salary and Wage Resolution omitted the statement that the DPW Superintendent qualifies for overtime for any work in excess of 300 hours; the statement has been in all previous salary and wage resolutions. The DPW Superintendent just reached the goal this month. Mayor Tatsch commented positively about the need to adjust the resolution.

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RESOLUTION #135-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the 2011 Salary and Wage Resolution to include the following:

After DPW Superintendent Kadezabek, \$70,946, add "eligible for overtime after 300 Hours, retroactive to January 2011"

By Order of the Township of East Amwell,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

3) Handex Update: The 6/22/11 DEP letter re: Conditional No Further Action with Requirements for Biennial Certifications was noted. If continued sampling shows no further

contamination of benzene by 2012, there will be a final no further action letter. A copy of the Handex 9/2 Monitoring Report was also noted for filing.

4) 8/12 Letter from NJ Clean Energy re: Allocations of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants for East Amwell Township School: Mr. Matheny reminded the governing body that while the Township qualified for the funding, all municipal building work was already done. The money was transferred to the School for their use.

5) 8/14 Email String from F. Gardner, T. Carluccio, and S. Katz re: Salt Usage on North Hill Road: Mayor Tatsch mentioned past discussions on the issue noting concerns that there are a number of residents on the road and access was a matter of concern. In response to the email from these three residents, the DPW will be directed to eliminate the use of salt on this road and use cinders as was done in the past. However, if there is a safety issue, lack of access, complaints from the Post Office or other access issue, the DPW will return to a minimal use of salt. Mr. Mathews said that the apron on North Hill could be salted. Mayor Tatsch spoke about logistics in applying separate treatments using multiple trucks; however, the DPW could try. Mr. Kneski said that there was a bus stop at the apron of North Hill, and sliding is a concern. Mayor Tatsch concluded that the DPW should be notified to spread salt on the first 100 feet of the road and no more.

6) 8/12 Wells Fargo Letter re: Options to Continue with PAIC Insurance Fund by October 1: The letter will reserve the Township’s right to look at other providers for the three year insurance commitment. Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to send the options letter.

7) Raritan Township Police Report for August 2011: There were 16.5 hours of patrol with 35 summonses and 1 criminal arrest.

8) NJ DOT Grant Submission for Municipal Aid Grant for 2012: Engineer O’Neal just notified the Township that the 2012 grant application must be submitted by September 23, 2011. In reviewing roads with DPW Superintendent Kadezabek, it was determined that an application could be submitted for some roads on the five year plan, i.e., some portions of Stony Brook between Snyderstown & Mountain Church Road and a portion of Lindbergh from Peacocks to the crested top of the hill by Thompson property. The engineering cost for submission of the application is \$1,500.

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RESOLUTION #136-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize Engineer Dennis O’Neal of Ferriero Engineering to prepare and submit an application for the NJ Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant for 2012, based on his memo dated 9/8/11 designating Stony Brook and Lindbergh Roads for repair, at a cost of \$1,500 for preparation of the application.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

+++++ Motion by Mr. Kneski and seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar to approve the resolution and submission of the application.

Mr. Mathews asked how the Township knows that the costs are fair and reasonable charges for the work. Mr. Kneski noted his experience elsewhere that it was a reasonable amount of money for work to be done in house or by a professional and is based on an estimate of cost. Mr. Matheny reminded the governing body that he provided a comparative table of engineering costs from other municipalities last year, and “this was reasonable, going on that basis.”

The motion to approve the resolution was carried unanimously.

9) Historic Preservation Secretarial Service: Mr. Matheny explained that the secretarial line item in the budget was exceeded a few meetings ago. The Chair advises that there is \$400 in a different line not being utilized although transfers cannot be made until November 1. The Township would have to give the Historic Preservation Committee authority to exceed the secretarial line. The CFO advises that while not best to exceed a line item, the governing body could make a policy decision to pay the secretary from another salary and wage line and transfer funds in November to "make it whole." Some discussion took place, and it was agreed that this would only be done for the Historic Preservation Committee since they still have unused funds in their budget to cover expenses. This is not the case with another board whose secretarial line was exceeded; there is no additional money in their budget. No action was required from the Township Committee, and it will be handled administratively.

UPDATE ON TREE HARVESTING COMPLAINT (See August 11, 2011 Minutes for Background) Mayor Tatsch was not able to make the complaint in court on behalf of the Township, although one of the neighbors did proceed to make a formal complaint. The hearing was on August 22, 2011, and the Judge accepted the complaint. Mayor Tatsch said that he received an email from Michael Weis on the Planning Board about the tree harvesting ordinance, and he will talk with him about various issues, including a clear and better enforcement process and how to deal with farms.

UPDATE ON SICK DEER (See August 11, 2011 Minutes for Background) The 8/24 DEP Press Release and the 8/19 Hopewell Township Press Release explain that an Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, which is viral in nature, is affecting the deer population in various parts of the state. Once the midges die off (source of virus), the disease should "run its course."

UPDATE ON RAIL TRAILS (See August 11, 2011 Minutes for Background) Mayor Tatsch sent letters to three neighboring municipalities (Delaware, West Amwell Township, and Lambertville) to determine their interest in a future development. He believed that the Mayors' involvement with the hurricane aftermath is taking precedence over a response about the trails. He will contact the Mayors again in a few weeks if he does not hear from them.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SUMMER PLAYGROUND (See June 29, 2011, Minutes for Background) A notice was sent to all residents with the tax bill mailing, and an email blast was sent through the School asking for volunteers for this committee, which will look at the future of summer playground. Three residents volunteered: Kathy Veith, Mary Anne Egan, and Andy Beck. Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to appoint these three volunteers, along with Mr. Mathews and Mr. Matheny, to serve on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

RAFFLE LICENSES FOR EVENT TO BE HELD AT UNIONVILLE VINEYARD ON 10/16/11 BY GREYHOUND FRIENDS OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

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RESOLUTION #137-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the fund-raising efforts of Greyhound Friends of New Jersey, Inc., P. O. Box 4416, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034; and

WHEREAS, the organization has made application to hold two raffles at the Unionville Vineyard, 9 Rocktown Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, on Sunday, October 16, 2011, drawing for a 50-50 raffle at 3 p.m. and the basket raffle, beginning at 3:40 p.m.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Raffle Licenses #11-04 and #11-05 be approved and processed.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Kneski, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE RIDGE AT BACK BROOK ON 10-11-11

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RESOLUTION #138-11

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 at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, for Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543 on October 11, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, noted that the closure of the bridge on Greenwood Avenue in Hopewell may be completed by October, noting that trains had to be in operation and a walkway open during construction.

Mrs. Bonette asked why the State Trooper, present earlier, did not report. She was advised that he had been called out of the meeting since the river is rising and there have been orders to evacuate in Lambertville.

Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

TREASURER MONZO provided the bills of the evening and statement of cash on hand. Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the bills of the evening.

The Clerk suggested that the bills might be put on line to answer some of the public’s concerns this evening about seeing what is being paid. Some comments were exchanged with the governing body, and she was directed to post them on the website.

Treasurer’s Resolutions: None

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided her August 2011 report but no resolutions.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN provided her August 2011 report.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK provided his August 2011 report. Mr. Mathews asked about the repair to a truck for an oil pan replacement due to conditions in the pole barn. Mayor Tatsch did not believe the deterioration was due to the condensation, providing his reasoning. Some discussion took place about the unheated pole barn, and a suggestion was made to apply for an energy grant; however, these grants are not for new buildings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Tatsch asked the governing body to consider a resolution from Union Township for reduction in diesel muffler noise (see 8/15 letter from the Environmental Commission). Some discussion took place about the issue, including enforcement of illegal ordinances to handle the situation. Supporting a resolution may be a better method, asking for summonses to be issued and increased fines for modified mufflers.

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RESOLUTION #139-11

NEW JERSEY UNMUFFLED ENGINE BRAKING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, un-muffled engine braking noise from diesel trucks is extremely loud and travels for long distances throughout the day and night, disturbing the repose and well being of taxpayers, and adversely affects the quality of life of many New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the USA and therefore has many residents living within close proximity to highways; and

WHEREAS, truck traffic (and resulting noise) on highways in NJ has greatly increased over the past 10 years and is expected to continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, new trucks are required to be equipped with effective mufflers when first sold, but many truck owners have purposefully and illegally modified or removed them resulting in increased noise; and

WHEREAS, truck, engine and equipment manufacturer studies have consistently proven that improperly muffled vehicles are the root cause of the loud noise, and that about 5% of all trucks have illegal mufflers; and

WHEREAS, un-muffled truck engine braking is illegal in New Jersey where State law forbids the use of ineffective muffler systems on any motor vehicle, including trucks; and

WHEREAS, the law has in many instances not been enforced for trucks in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Federal (EPA) regulations specifically prohibit tampering with, removing or rendering inoperative any truck noise control device, and allows states to enforce their own anti-tampering (effective muffler) laws on trucks engaged in interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, Federal noise regulations require trucks to meet specific noise emission standards; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Effective Muffler Law, N.J.S.A. §39:3-70 has recently been updated to clarify the language and make it easier to enforce violations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Police have recently promised to purchase sound meters and begin an unspecified level of enforcement this summer at only two locations; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Effective Muffler Law carries only a \$25 fine and therefore does not create an effective deterrent; and

WHEREAS, many states have passed laws banning un-muffled engine braking with an increased fine of \$500 (*see*, e.g., Colorado Rev. Stat. 42-4-255); and

WHEREAS, Trucks are “self-inspected” and such inspections do not specifically include noise testing or the presence of and effective of the muffler; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Police-staffed truck weigh/inspection stations on Interstate Highways such as Route 295 and Route 78 are often closed, especially in the middle of the night when the noise is most disturbing to residents trying to sleep; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a very active truck lobby that contributes substantial amounts of money to the campaigns of elected officials, (including the Transportation Committee chairs) that support their interests; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey taxpayers must rely on their elected representatives to also represent the public interest including their right to undisturbed repose; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey League of Municipalities adopted Conference Resolution 2008-04 “Un-muffled Engine Braking” specifically calling for actions similar to those called for in this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Assembly and Senate Transportation Committees shall bring out of committee a bill that will raise the fines for un-muffled engine braking to \$500 (see Bill Number A3341 and other similar bills that have been introduced over the past four years); and it is further

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State Police shall be encouraged to more aggressively enforce the noise and muffler laws for trucks in New Jersey, incorporating creative approaches such as state-wide “zero tolerance” days, conducted at random, as an effective deterrent at an economical cost to taxpayers during these times of budgetary constraints; and it is further

RESOLVED, that truck weigh and inspection stations on New Jersey interstate highways shall be funded, opened and staffed at times that are most appropriate to enforce these laws for the benefit of the public; and it is further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to the East Amwell elected state Senate and Assembly representatives, to Senate Transportation Chair Nicholas J. Sacco and Assembly Transportation Chair John S. Wisniewski, and to New Jersey State Police Col. Fuentes.

By Order of the Township Committee,

C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Kneski, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Kneski, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

