

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:16 p.m. Present were Mayor C. Larry Tatsch, Deputy Mayor Patricia Cregar, and Committee members Tim Mathews, and Linda Lenox (arriving during the interview). Committee member Peter Kneski was absent.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Municipal Clerk Teresa R. Stahl announced that this is a special meeting, and a copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, and Star Ledger posted on the bulletin board, and filed in the Clerk's Office on March 16, 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to interview a candidate for a position on a Township board/committee. Action may or may not be taken, and the public is invited to attend and comment.

Recycling Chairman Will Harrison was also in attendance.

Janelle Wilkinson, 171 Cider Mill Road, was interviewed for a position on the Recycling Committee, and she provided her strong beliefs in recycling as a lifetime commitment. She and her husband are teachers (i.e., she teaches French and Math at Princeton High School), and she commented on making a difference in the community, schools, and businesses by encouraging recycling.

Mr. Harrison was delighted to hear about Ms. Wilkinson's opinion on recycling and noted that there are two vacancies on the Recycling Committee. There are already two new members appointed, and Mr. Mathews is now serving as a Township Committee Liaison Member. Mr. Harrison provided specifics about the responsibilities of members, including participating and running the depots.

Ms. Wilkinson spoke about the differences in recycling in East Amwell as opposed to Princeton Township, where Mercer County had a county wide program with more options. There was some discussion about the new program with RVD with single stream recycling and participation in the Recycle Bank program. Mr. Harrison provided an explanation on how the Recycle Bank program works and how RVD attributes participation.

Mayor Tatsch spoke about the appointment process; the Clerk reminded the governing body that this meeting was advertised for action, and it would be up to the Township Committee to decide whether to appoint tonight. The Committee recognized that Ms. Wilkinson had the key qualification of "passion for the job," and they agreed to appoint this evening.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to appoint Janelle Wilkinson to a two year term on the Recycling Committee.

Mr. Harrison will provide information to Ms. Wilkinson by email.

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk