

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Deputy Mayor Patricia Cregar, and Committee members Linda Lenox, Tim Mathews, and Dart Sageser. Mayor Peter Kneski was absent. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny and Attorney Richard Cushing were also in attendance.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Municipal Clerk Teresa R. Stahl announced that this is a regularly scheduled meeting, pursuant to the resolution adopted on January 1, 2012, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 5, 2012. 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 11, 2012.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Two items of correspondence were added: 9/11/12 Letter from Attorney Cushing re: Appeal to Zoning Board of Adjustment/Stoney Brook Meadows and Press Release from the Hunterdon County Planning Board for the October 4, 2012, program on Shared Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Environmental Commission is working with Raritan Headwaters Association to provide well test kits for various parameters. Kits will be available at the municipal building beginning September 10th for return on October 9th between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Check the Township website for list of available tests.

B. The Grit-yard is now open the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. for residents to bring branches/brush for chipping and to pick up mulch. This will continue for the next couple of months.

C. Goodwill will have a collection truck at the October 6, 2012, Recycling Depot from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. on the municipal lot.

D. Municipal Offices will be closed on October 8, 2012, in observance of Columbus Day.

E. Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold an electronics collection day on Saturday, October 13th, and a hazardous waste clean-up day on Saturday, November 10th. For more information, email hcu@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call 908-788-1110.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 9, 2012, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously with corrections on page nine, first paragraph, change sentence to read, Mr. Mathews asked that the last sentence be changed, as follows: “Mr. Mathews commented that we might want to approach the donor to see if there was any synergy between the work required for the paths we were discussing, the upgrades to the paths, and any synergy with a dog park, connecting to the paths. I am not recommending money toward the creation of paths.” Ms. Lenox asked to add that “other issues, besides the need to have a dog park, such as insurance and fencing, etc., were also discussed.”

August 9, 2012, Executive Minutes (COAH Contracts, Personnel, Litigation, Attorney Advice): were approved on a motion by Mr. Mathews and seconded by Ms. Lenox. Mr. Mathews asked to make a correction in executive session. For the record, the motion was passed to approve the minutes with one correction at 11:55 p.m.

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

Tom Bartlett, Hart Lane, was opposed to a dog park at Clawson Park as a nuisance and noise problem, it would not serve the people of East Amwell, and the County has a dog park on Route 12. He appreciated the resident's generous offer, but felt the Township did not need one.

Richard Ginman, 125 Mountain Road, spoke about tracking power outages and experience outages eight times since May, expressing his annoyance.

John Anderson, a representative of JCP&L, was identified as being in the audience and asked to comment. He said that he would provide a brief update, commenting on his quarterly meetings with township officials. He mentioned "lots of improvements," including an outage map by tax, not zip, code; systems were also rebuilt for better functionality with smart phones, synced with real time information and improved communication with customers; faxed communication with township officials has been replaced with email communication; a new software system is being utilized for more real time information to be provided on the website, including more information, the interactive map, and pictures; social media, including Facebook and Twitter, are being used; the 800 numbers are still in operation; there is a better communication effort being made, including communicating with the Mayor and the Township Administrator during events to provide real time information.

Mr. Anderson will be updating the Township in a month with further information on what JCP&L is working on. He also mentioned "ramping up" in preparation for the recent storm, which was predicted to have tornadoes. He mentioned a large tree on Dutch Lane and Wertsville Road, which snapped four poles; clean up is still going on and 400 customers were without power for 12 hours. The outage today was caused by squirrel contact, blowing a fuse in the Linvale and Snyderstown area. Engineers are working on animal guards and fuse coordination, which can cause larger outages. Mr. Anderson reminded everyone that improvements are on-going, not a "one year blitz." The sheer volume of trees on some roads, e.g., Linvale, Mountain, Lindbergh, etc., is a difficulty. He concluded that the company will "continue to fight the fight."

Mr. Sageser asked if there were computers in the repair trucks. Mr. Anderson explained that drivers are beginning to get laptops with all systems mapped electronically and a switch from radio communications to computers with GPS access (i.e., better dispatch capabilities, seeing where outages occur and where trucks are located). The intent is greater efficiency, and all trucks should be outfitted by the second quarter of 2013, noting that there is significant training involved and retrofitting with new software and hardware. Mr. Anderson said that residents should still call in outages, noting that the calls will be entered into the system and will help in determining whether it is a fuse, breaker, or re-grader operation, and crews will be given directions on repairs. Mr. Sageser asked about the fuses and ability for automatic re-set. Mr. Anderson explained that re-closers are like "mini-breakers" and open to de-energize to clear a fault before closing; if there is something on the line that is down, they stay open. Fuses must physically be replaced on the lines.

John Fischer, Lindberg Road, noted better reliability than the storms last year. He was "surprised and impressed" with the work done this past Saturday. His biggest concern is prioritization of work, noting that he was out for 7 days during last year's events; he asked if there was any review or change to prioritizing outages. He mentioned some discussion last year regarding areas on well and septic being a bigger concern than city water.

Mr. Anderson appreciated the positive comments, saying that he, too, lives in Hunterdon County and he "takes his job seriously." He commented on being an advocate for East Amwell Township, noting the short outage this past Saturday night. He mentioned that residents didn't see JCP&L people in the town last year since they were working upstream on devices and transmission lines, the Ringoes substation was under water and de-energized. Teams worked to get power to substations and energize them and restore power in a logical order. Mr. Anderson said that the BPU did receive feedback about restoration to areas with wells and septic. JCP&L is working on customer outage restoration by size; the Ringoes substation is part of an operating district, and they are part of a group of similar geographic municipalities. He concluded that JCP&L crews give fair representation to all. Mr. Sageser spoke about a suggestion that First Energy does not support JCP&L like PSE&G is supported, which may be a corporate level issue.

Mr. Anderson said that they do have positive response, but JCP&L is only one of ten operating companies with many workers going to Eastern Pennsylvania and to the shore area as a first step. He did note that during the October storm, Northern Jersey was hit worse than during the hurricane, and more crews were sent to the area.

Mr. Sageser agreed with the logic of addressing upstream problems first but hoped that the computers would help in assessing areas hit and fix areas that are down.

John Hyland, Mountain Road, asked about getting monthly reports of outages and numbers of impacted households. Mr. Mathews has already requested this information from Mr. Anderson, and they will be available for their next quarterly meeting.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, spoke about the storm on Saturday with a downed tree near Dutch and Wertsville Roads. She commented on quick response but not getting power back for twelve hours. She received good information from DPW Superintendent Kadezabek during the event. She called JCP&L about her medical situation and was told that she would get a call back, which she did not. The site map on the website was clear the next morning, but there were still six houses out that she was aware of in the area that did not return to power until mid-morning the next day.

Ms. Gavigan spoke about Wertsville Road, a major collecting road, being closed from Sunday to Friday during last year's storm. She asked where she should send her bill for the hotel. She spoke about witnesses who will support her statements. She asked if JCP&L was still working out of the Livingston Mall for emergency response. Mr. Anderson said that response is now from the Flemington area, working with 3M and Hunterdon Central High School for staging areas for crews; materials will still be in Livingston. He spoke about Ms. Gavigan's remarks, commenting on restoration by 1 a.m. and another outage coming at 5 a.m., i.e., the main line was in but there were some lateral issues. Broken poles belonged to the phone company, i.e., if they were JCP&L's, they were ready to reset them. He concluded that it was "an excellent restoration," and he could not answer why her house remained without power; he recommended submitting her claim to JCP&L.

Mr. Sageser felt that response was improved, but the pole ownership may have been an issue. Mr. Anderson noted that JCP&L will wait only so long before they fix a pole not owned by them.

A quarterly meeting with the Township Officials will be taking place soon.

The governing body thanked Mr. Anderson for his comments, and he left the meeting at this time.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that there were more robberies in Ringoes, including the Schiable House. She recommended that residents lock their doors. Deputy Mayor Cregar mentioned cars being broken into with money and keys being stolen in the Iron Horse Drive area. Ms. Gavigan recommended putting something on the website about this.

Ms. Gavigan complimented DPW Superintendent Bob Kadezabek for "an excellent job" – he was at the storm scene the whole time. She asked that something be put in his personnel file about this.

Ms. Gavigan will be commenting to the BPU and the Governor about the outages; she saw some improvement but she did not receive a call back from the company.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 02-13 Regarding the Organization of the Meeting to Add the Consent Agenda and Executive Session Items

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RESOLUTION #105 -12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Resolution 02-13 regarding the Order of Business of the Meeting, be amended to indicate that the conduct of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. Agenda Review by Township Clerk.
4. Announcements.
5. Presentation of Minutes.
6. Open to the Public/Topics Not on the Agenda.
7. **Consent Agenda Items.**
8. Introduction of Ordinances and/or Public Hearings and/or Special Presentations.
9. Special Committee Reports.
10. Standing Committee Reports.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. New Business.
13. Open to the Public.
14. **Executive Session.**
15. Administrative Reports.
16. Correspondence.
17. Adjournment.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – THOMAS DECKER OF VAN CLEEF ENGINEER

RESOLUTION #106-12

Professional *Conflict* Engineering Services Without Bids

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a PROFESSIONAL CONFLICT ENGINEER to assist the Township of East Amwell concerning engineering issues during the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available in the 2012 available through an escrow account set up to cover expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq, requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the East Amwell Township Committee, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Thomas R. Decker, P.E. of Van Cleef Engineering, 1128 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08844, for professional *conflict* engineering services during 2012, including signing a site plan and doing engineering inspections.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under the provisions of the Local Public contract Law because an engineer is a recognized professional who is licensed and regulated by the State of New Jersey and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

3. The notice of this action shall be published in the Township’s paper of general circulation as required by law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL FOR 4H AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSES

RESOLUTION #107-12

WHEREAS, South County Park, property belonging to the County of Hunterdon, is located in the Township of East Amwell, and

WHEREAS, South County Park is now the location of the annual Hunterdon County 4H Agricultural Fair, and amusement games play an important part in the entertainment at the Fair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell ratifies the approval by the Clerk for the following amusement game applications, which conform to local ordinances:

Applications AG #12-04; AG #12-05

Donna Cooke, 41 Jerome Place, Wayne, NJ 07478
Hunterdon County 4H Fair/South County Park/ 1207 Route 179,
Lambertville, NJ 08530
August 22-26, 2012 from 11 a.m. - Midnight
Two Water Race Games

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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AUTHORIZATION FOR MA 2013 NJ DOT GRANT

RESOLUTION #108-12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize Engineer Dennis O’Neal to prepare an application for the Municipal Aid 2013 NJ Department of Transportation Grant for Lindbergh and Stony Brook Roads, based on the application submitted to the State last year.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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AUTHORIZATION OF MAYOR’S SIGNATURE ON HC OSTF GRANT FOR CLAWSON HOUSE

RESOLUTION #109 -12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Historic Preservation Grant Agreement provided by Hunterdon County for the Hunterdon County Open Space Recreation, Farmland Preservation and Historic Trust Fund grant of \$19,000 for Phase 2 of the Clawson House Project.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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ABC SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT – THE RIDGE AT BACK BROOK

RESOLUTION #110-12

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 a Social Affairs Permit being granted to Health Research and Education Trust of New Jersey from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for an event to be held on October 9, 2012, at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Under the Professional Services Agreement, Mr. Mathews asked to clarify for the public that it was an engineer appointed because there was a conflict of interest, not a “conflict” engineer. Mr. Cushing noted that it was called a “conflict” engineer.

Under the Clawson Park grant, Mr. Mathews asked that an update be provided for Phases I and II for the next meeting.

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinances

RESOLUTION TO AMEND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

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RESOLUTION #111-12

(As Attached to the Original Set of Minutes)

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Clerk

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Mr. Mathews asked if the software could be hosted; Treasurer/CFO Karen Baldino in the audience said that the software is proprietary and has to be installed on users' computers.

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously by roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes.

ORDINANCE #12-08 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL
ORDINANCE 12-08

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1 The improvement described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of East Amwell, New Jersey. For the said improvements or purposes described in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$15,000.00 said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefore.

Section 2 The Township of East Amwell is hereby authorized to provide funding for the purchase of Computer Equipment and Software for the Finance Department.

Section 3 It is hereby determined and stated that the undertaking of the aforesaid work, acquisition or improvements is not a current expense of the Township of East Amwell, but rather a capital expense and the East Amwell Township's estimated cost of said work, acquisition or improvement is \$15,000.00.

Section 4 The sum of \$15,000.00 is hereby appropriated for said purpose. The funding is provided by appropriating \$15,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of East Amwell for said purpose as required by law and now available therefore in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 5. The 2012 Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. No debt of any kind is authorized for this undertaking.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor
on behalf of Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

Introduced: September 13, 2012

Adopted:

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Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve introduction of Ordinance 12-08.

The ordinance will be published in the September 20, 2012, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. at the next regular meeting on October 11, 2012.

ORDINANCE 12-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS 92-100 AND 92-101 OF CHAPTER 92 (LAND MANAGEMENT) OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CODE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL REGARDING SOLAR AND PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES.

Planner Joanna Slagle was present for this discussion. As background, she explained that the Township introduced a solar ordinance last year and made some minor revisions after 6 – 8 months, once real applications were received. The Planning Board agreed that the ordinance should be reviewed again, based on regional issues, new technology, and farmland issues. She also noted that subsidies have gone away and grants have slowed down, but there are still active applications she has seen. The revision makes some key changes and some language changes to address ambiguities and to protect the rural characteristic of the township. Ms. Slagle spoke about providing a tracked version of the ordinance to both the codified and non-codified ordinances. She highlighted some of the changes.

Attorney Dieterly reviewed and provided input to this revision. Some clarifications were made for protection of historic structures. Some of the larger changes involved berms and tree screening. Originally, berms were not allowed, but they are now considered appropriate in some areas, and a new subsection on berms was created. Another major change was the requirement for a landscape inspection prior to CO.

Mr. Mathews asked about the requirement in section 5(e) for 10% of the total number of trees as the additional requirement to address strategic areas. Ms. Slagle explained that this would be a rigorous and significant requirement, e.g., 10% of 2000 trees would be a great number. Having a set figure gives the applicant an idea of what he/she might have to do in terms of landscaping but within limit. Mr. Mathews asked if 10% was “good enough.” Mr. Sageser commented on the work of the Planning Board on landscape buffering, mentioning tools and standards for developers and applicants. The Planning Board felt that they were reasonable requirements, noting that some of them came about after the Stahl application. Mr. Mathews commented on complaints from residents on both solar applications, suggesting that 10% was an arbitrary figure. He asked if the goal was to be impenetrable, why a cap was being placed. Mr. Sageser said that the former definition may not be legally defensible. Mr. Cushing agreed that a standard must be in place. Mr. Mathews asked that this item be further considered.

Ms. Slagle spoke about reviewing activities in the Amwell Valley area, and the number one concern was maintaining the soils. The ordinance will cap the size of a lot to 50% for the solar facility, and developers must still take into account buffers, setbacks, placement, etc. A second concern was keeping soils viable for future agriculture, and no concrete footings will be allowed. Ms. Slagle explained that this was not an issue with the solar applications previously heard, but the Planning Board wanted this item clarified. Also to protect farmland, grading will be limited to gain access to the site and to construct equipment. Tracks greater than 40 acres will have guidelines on how to set up without sprawl and to retain agriculture on the site (not a donut hole type of installation). Decommissioning the site will also be required to return the land to agriculture.

Mr. Mathews asked about location of the facility in relation to adjoining properties with this type of installation (too close to the perimeter); Ms. Slagle explained that there are still setback and landscaping requirements in place, and the positioning of the operation is part of a guideline as part of a “best management” type of installation to protect agriculture and neighbors.

Mr. Mathews referenced section (6)(d)(ii) about “farm structures and not more than one residential dwelling supporting continuing farm operations on the restricted lands portion of the site shall be permitted....” He asked if this would have removed a variance requirement in an earlier application. Ms. Slagle explained that this would be more appropriate for agricultural uses, i.e., if the applicant/developer wants to continue to farm, they can keep the house and structures without a variance. The 50% gross for the site cannot include the acreage for these buildings. Mr. Mathews spoke about a split decision by the Board of Adjustment on the variance. Mr. Sageser said that the application was withdrawn from the Board of Adjustment and ended at the Planning Board. The second application submitted at that time showed that all buildings were removed, i.e., in essence, forcing removal of farm buildings and destroying an aspect of rural character. The new regulation would provide some protection. Mr. Mathews asked if there was a consensus of Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members being in agreement with these regulations. Mr. Sageser said that the Planning Board was in agreement. Mr. Cushing cautioned that the Board of Adjustment cannot decide on regulations; Mr. Mathews commented that he was thinking as a “general consensus of residents.” Mr. Sageser said that the rules were a good compromise that would allow owners to continue to farm yet allow solar installations. Ms. Slagle agreed that the ordinance would be beneficial for owners. Mr. Mathews spoke about simplifying applications as an added factor. Ms. Slagle said that this would be a use variance or a C variance. Ms. Slagle also added that deed restricted land, not part of the solar development, is restricted from no further development unless specific to agricultural needs or however it was deed restricted, e.g., recreation or natural resources, etc., but nothing else.

Ms. Slagle further stated that for large facilities there is a maintenance plan with added mowing requirements to control invasive species and planting requirements of warm weather native grasses for bird and wildlife habitat.

The new ordinance also includes a construction staging and sequencing plan.

Mr. Mathews asked about section 92-101, standards for ground mounted structures, item (3) regarding the need for additional landscaping. Ms. Slagle said this section was for residential homeowner use. A cap could be put on this section, but it hasn't been needed to date. The Zoning Officer and the Planner do site inspections of these systems, and there have been no problems. The Planning Board did not want to over burden the residents with requiring a landscape plan. Mr. Mathews mentioned the words “glare and screen,” suggesting that it may be more of a burden for homeowners than developers without a cap in place. Mr. Sageser spoke about Planning Board discussions on the issue, noting that glare is a perception issue. The intent is to state the requirements in a clear way without being onerous. Ms. Lenox spoke about one application where neighbors worked together on the glare and screen issue, noting that neighbors will not always work together.

Some discussion took place on placing a 10% limit for major installations with varying opinions being given, including whether or not a number should be in place; any urgency for introducing the ordinance; introducing and getting comments from the Planning Board prior to publication and public hearing, among other items. Based on his comments, Mr. Mathews felt that the ordinance “was leaning more to applicant than residents around it, and if true, [he] would be more comfortable if the Planning Board would consider the requirement in that context and see if it warrants any further discussion. [He] would like the Planning Board to consider in context any more comments on the differential on residential with unlimited burden and developments capped at 10% (a smaller burden) and almost requiring right up front the requirement to get a variance – a nice opportunity to negotiate.” He was leaning toward stronger controls on behalf of the residents.

Mr. Sageser explained the Planning Board's intent to tighten the ordinance, and they understand the need for variances for dual use. Given incentives with the money the property owners could earn, adding the 50% limitation on solar would preserve rural character and discourage tearing down farm buildings. Mr. Sageser did not see a problem with removing the 10% figure for major installations. This request will go back to the Planning Board for their consideration. Mr. Cushing agreed with Ms. Slagle that some type of number should be in the ordinance. Mr. Mathews suggested perhaps 15% or another figure. Mr. Cushing explained that the issue to be addressed is inadequate screening.

The other issue for the Planning Board to consider is under the standards for minor installations with a suggestion made in item B.(3) to end the sentence at "...to mitigate any resulting glare."

Ms. Slagle will bring the comments back to the Planning Board for their meeting in October, and the Township Committee will put the introduction of the ordinance on their October agenda thereafter.

The Committee thanked Ms. Slagle for her attendance tonight.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

QUARTERLY PRESENTATION FROM COMCAST

Molly Adams, Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager, was present at this time. She explained that her letter of August 17 indicated that the municipality cannot change their Designated Market Area (DMA). These areas were established a long time ago, set by Nilson Corporation when antennas were still in use, and they cannot be changed. East Amwell is in the New York DMA; therefore, they will get New York channels and not stations from Philadelphia. Mr. Mathews noted that sometimes, there is the same program on three different stations; Ms. Adams explained why this happens, i.e., regular channel, HD channel, sports channel, etc.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, is getting Comcast television and asked about Comcast phone and computer service. Ms. Adams spoke about wiring for internet exactly the same as in Union and Essex Counties, with recent upgrades being made for higher capacity than much of the state. She further spoke about fiber optics to the transmission nodes. Ms. Gavigan asked about transmission lines and sharing poles with phone and electric companies. Ms. Adams spoke about sharing poles and licensing agreements to do so. Comcast probably has fewer poles than the other utilities since they are the newest company. Licensing covers company trimming; the power company usually does the trimming since their employees have "higher skills" to do so, and Comcast will rent their crews.

Ms. Adams spoke about digital cable with a sophisticated monitoring system in Morristown and the ability to notify Hillsborough personnel when modems are down. Generators are also in use if there is a battery involved. Ms. Gavigan commented on a broken pole in a pasture; Ms. Adams explained that if there is power on the line, the electric company is first response, then other companies.

John Fischer, Lindbergh Road, spoke about a power outage for 12 hours, having a generator hook up in his house and losing cable after 5 or 6 hours. Ms. Adams would need more specific information to give him a better answer on why service stopped at that interval. He spoke about a pole with a green box on it; Ms. Adams said that was the transmission node she mentioned previously.

The Committee thanked Ms. Adams for her presentation this evening.

DISCUSSION ON PREPARATION OF BOND ORDINANCE FOR PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK AND MOWER CFO/Treasurer Karen Baldino was present for this discussion.

The purchase of a dump truck and mower are at issue. Ms. Baldino wanted to make the governing body aware of what money was in capital and to discuss options. She said that there were two "buckets" in the capital fund, the capital improvement fund could be used to fully fund a purchase or use for a down payment on a bond ordinance. The balance in this fund is \$157,000. There is also a capital surplus fund, used to fully fund an ordinance or which holds previous ordinance unused funds; that balance is \$211,000. She mentioned two ordinances that this money will be used for, i.e., Ordinance 10-21 Dutch Lane Improvements in the amount of \$135,000 and Ordinance 10-05, Back Brook Road, unfunded \$60,455. Over \$195,000 will go into fund. Some discussion took place on whether or not these two road projects were spent; Ms. Baldino will clarify this because the audit said that they were still unfunded.

Ms. Baldino continued that with \$157,000 in the capital improvement fund, the software and computer equipment ordinance could be fully funding, reducing it by \$15,000. There is also a resolution for preliminary expenses for Clawson Park in the amount of \$3,500, leaving \$138,000. The mower cost is around \$30,000, leaving \$108,000 if the project is fully funded. The dump truck would be around \$70,000, and if this fund is used, it would reduce it to \$38,000. It was Ms. Baldino's recommendation to do a bond ordinance for the dump truck and authorize debt. The Township does not have to borrow the money, but by adopting a bond ordinance, the Township would have more flexibility, should other projects come up that needed to be funded. If the debt is authorized, the Township could always fund the project anyway and never borrow. Ms. Baldino spoke with Ms. Lenox about her recommendations, and Ms. Lenox believed that the entire governing body should make the decision.

Mr. Mathews asked about citations in the audit and the effect on going out to bond. Ms. Baldino commented on it sometimes not being favorable if towns has recommendations, but she didn't think it would hurt us.

Mr. Matheny spoke about the philosophical thought of bonding for items such as a dump truck as "paying forward," i.e., paying for the equipment in the future when people making use of the equipment were using it. He also noted a limited discussion with the previous CFO about bonding for a number of items, not just one.

Mr. Mathews asked about the capital budget and did not remember approving a budget or purchase. Mr. Sageser recalled not seeing the total budget. Mr. Mathews recalled seeing spreadsheets during the budget process with very general information, noting that a capital budget was sent to the state. A comment in the audit stated that the budget was not submitted to the state in a timely manner. Ms. Baldino was asked to see what was approved in the budget. Ms. Baldino explained that the capital budget is a planning tool.

Mr. Sageser asked about closing the loop on the capital and surplus funds and whether money was spent or not. Ordinances would have had to be cancelled if they were completed. Mr. Sageser asked about whether it was a "pressing" item; Mr. Matheny explained the process of ordering a truck to be built and going out to bid.

Ms. Baldino will get information on capital and surplus funds, and justification for the purchases will be obtained for the next meeting.

Mr. Mathews asked about the bond ordinance listed in the audit recommendations; due to a clerical error (should have been two-thirds of the full membership voting), the ordinance will be reintroduced and a new supplemental debt statement will be prepared.

BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST REVIEW

Mr. Matheny spoke about completing the annual checklist with fifty questions. The Treasurer must certify the list, and it will be submitted to the state by their deadline. The matrix is such that the municipality will still get 100% funding if they have nine or less no answers. The draft currently reviewed to date showed seven no answers. Many of the questions are new ones, different than last year. A copy of the final report will be provided to the governing body for their information. One of the requirements is that the checklist be discussed at a Township Committee meeting, and this was being done tonight to meet that obligation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING BOARD

1) 8/28/12 Letter of Resignation from Michael Weis: Mr. Weis has moved to New Mexico. Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and it was carried unanimously to accept this resignation with regret.

2) Appointment of New Members: Mayor Kneski provided his recommendations for the Planning Board seats: Roger DeLay will move up to the Class IV seat vacated by Michael Weis; Edward Feinberg will move up to First Alternate seat; Gail Skupien will be appointed to the Alternate II position. Mr. Mathews asked about a conflict with one of the members with a legal situation. Mr. Cushing explained that he has a citizen's right to act, but he cannot participate in planning matters that he may be involved with.

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried to approve these appointments with one no vote, Mr. Mathews.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

1) Ringoes Sidewalks/DOT Grant: The 8/14 email from Engineer O'Neal on costs for the archeologist has not received a response yet from the County on who will be paying for it. The 8/6 NJ SHPO letter of receipt of the application for review indicates that the application is in process, including looking at the second set of comments (8/28 Hunterdon County Engineer). The intent is to have the County go out for bid by January 2013 (i.e., the date of the Township's extension of grant).

2) Response to West Amwell on Continuation of Shared Animal Control Services: The agreement with West Amwell requires notification by October 1 if the Township is interested in continuing with the shared service. Ms. Lenox recapped her difficulties in reaching the Animal Control Officer through the dispatch number provided by the Township, explaining her problems with a lost cat for five days. Mr. Matheny explained that the calls were routed through Hunterdon County Emergency Management and dispatchers were unclear about their responsibilities. ACO Nate Barson has now provided direct numbers to reach him for emergencies and non-emergencies. Mr. Matheny commented that "Nate is good and very conscientious," and the Township should look into continuing the contract. There was a consensus to continue the shared services agreement, and the Township Administrator was directed to pursue this with West Amwell.

3) Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment for Pam Dymek, Office Coverage from July 11 to June 8, 2012: There was no formal resolution in open session in July 2012, although this was discussed in executive session (and is part of the policy manual). Treasurer Baldino recommended a resolution to confirm payroll changes.

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RESOLUTION #112 -12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator, they hereby retroactively approve wages provided to Deputy Clerk Pamela Dymek to reflect the payment of \$28.00 per hour for up to 40 regular hours and time and a half based on that hourly salary beyond 40 hours for the period of June 11 through July 8, 2012.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve this resolution.

4) Raritan Township Police Report for August 2012: 20 Hours/47 Summonses: Mr. Matheny noted that officers are moving around high traffic areas, and Ms. Lenox suggested using hand held radar.

5) Proposal from Engineer for Clawson Park Improvements: Mr. Matheny reminded the governing body about the drainage problems at Clawson Park, including pitch being off near the driveway entrance and the request for proposals with colored paving. A proposal from Engineer O’Neal for engineering of the design was originally submitted at \$25,272, but subsequently reduced to \$22,339. Mr. Sageser commented on the proposal and the requirement for submission of as-builts, which may not be needed. Mr. Matheny also reminded the Township Committee that they requested the engineer to research the type of asphalt to be used and provide recommendations, which will also have to be paid for. All money for these services will come out the Open Space Trust Fund budget. Some discussion was held about the previous estimate that the Engineer already provided, but this work is additional, and it will be approved as a professional service to get bid specs read for early spring.

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RESOLUTION #113-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby accepts the proposal of Engineer Dennis O’Neal, dated August 27, 2012, for work done on Clawson Park, as follows:

Prepare construction bid documents for paving of stone paths and stone entrance drive	\$10,881.00
Prepare Hunterdon County Soil Conservation plans and application	\$814.00
Provide construction phase services, Hourly Budget Estimate	\$8,994.00
Prepare as-built plan of entrance drive area	\$1350.00
Reproduction costs, Budget Estimate	\$300.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Sageser and seconded by Ms. Lenox to approve the resolution, with Ms. Lenox questioning putting money into the park that was not done properly. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Matheny reminded the Township Committee that technically, the Township Committee doesn’t have to approve these types of awards because he can do a purchase order under his authority as QPA. He said, however, that these are the type of items that he brings forth to the governing body for their information.

Deputy Mayor Cregar advised that there would be a Clawson Park meeting in October, and she asked that if the Township Committee had anything to bring up with their committee, to let her know within the next few weeks.

6) Shared Municipal Court: Mr. Matheny said that word was received from the AOC that they approved the shared court agreement with Franklin Township with the current joint and shared court. There will be contract to vote on at the next meeting; Delaware Township and Franklin Township will also vote on the contract separately.

SUPPORT FOR 5/17 SENATOR PENNACCHIO LEGISLATION ON TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT – (See June, July, and August Minutes for Background)

Mr. Mathews asked for support for more transparency in government. Mr. Sageser did not contact the League of Municipalities, and he will do so for the next meeting; he was concerned with an extra layer of government being considered. Mr. Sageser will check with the League

about cost impacts at the local level. There was a consensus of some of the governing body to wait until the next month.

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE 2012 AUDIT

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RESOLUTION #114-12

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the annual Report of the Audit for the year 2011 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of East Amwell as per the requirements of NJSA 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of the Audit, and specifically the sections of the annual audit entitled Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 – to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 – “A local officer or member of a local governing body, who after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, of both, in addition shall forfeit his office.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

+++++ Motion by Mr. Sageser and seconded by Ms. Lenox to approve the resolution.

Mr. Mathews spoke about statements in the final paragraph of the audit letter, including non-conformities & concerns in the audit and the recommendations on the back on page 70-71, including inter-funds balance issues and the bond ordinance. He asked about the corrective action.

Ms. Baldino is working on a corrective action plan, including a re-adoption of the ordinance, and the inter-fund issue will be corrected by the end of 2012. Ms. Luhrs worked on getting the general ledger updated, which will result in the inter-funds being rectified.

Ms. Baldino also noted a bond note due in the capital fund for open space with annual pay downs. A new note was issued, and she will work on the plan for pay-downs in future budgets.

The motion to accept the audit was carried unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Cassie Qian, Iron Horse Road, was really impressed with the Township Committee's deliberations for three hours and was grateful for what they were doing for the future on behalf of children and grandchildren.

Ms. Qian spoke in detail about the following: Attending the Planning Board meeting about solar power, the future of it; getting rid of electronic equipment; email and Facebook over-use and lack of human communication and communications anymore; solar installations and visibility of large installations, including one located in Bridgewater; potential for small devices in the future and getting rid of (i.e., decommissioning) solar equipment when not use and the effect on landfills; saving money by hand-washing dishes; depressing news on television; unplugged energy still running; using solar to save money but not knowing the side effects of solar. Ms. Qian concluded that she was not in favor of solar now, but maybe in a few years, depending on what happens then.

Ms. Qian continued, as follows: farming is necessary, i.e., one can live without electricity or solar but not food, and there is a need for farmland; in China, people do not own land, and families are given a right to use land for gardens, etc., eliminating the need for large machines; she was in favor of smaller farms, i.e., rather than 100 acres, reduce it to 5 acre parcels – this would help families save at the market and give them fresh produce, not like “old” produce from markets; this would also provide exercise.

Ms. Qian felt that “East Amwell is a beautiful place” and questioned whether people take time to appreciate it. She commented on the following: people being very busy and not knowing neighbors; making friends; effects on children and grandchildren, etc. In summary, she concluded that she does not want solar; would like to see small farming parcels by smaller land owners; more committees formed to become friends and family with more people coming to meetings; having more sharing of ideas.

Mr. Mathews asked if she would be interested in the Recreation Committee or PTO. Ms. Qian does not want to communicate by email or phone; she does not have the time to volunteer right now, but felt that in four years, she may be able to do so. She will think about the Recreation Committee then, noting the importance of recreation in making people happy.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, welcomed Ms. Qian as “a new face.” She noted that all farmers need was five acres to farm, and she suggested the possibility of starting a community garden at Clawson Park or on a small piece of land in the village or around the railroad, near Margaret Case's land. She would donate and deliver manure.

Ms. Gavigan spoke about corrective actions in the audit, hoping that enough hours are given to Karen (Baldino) that future problems would not occur, such as procedure and process, hoping that resources in the township employees will be utilized, such as the Assistant Treasurer, and commenting all employees doing a good job.

Ms. Gavigan spoke of five years ago acting with the friends of the park, digging holes, she recalled that some of the engineering problems were changes when being made under the direction of the Township Engineer and the need to hire a conflict engineer, consider going out to bid for the engineering work. Regarding payment for the work, reducing work, including GPS or scaled drawings, should be eliminated, i.e., less spent, the less paid.

Ms. Gavigan thanked the governing body for opening the grit yard on first Saturday of the month.

Kendra Schroeder, Bowne Station Road, suggested traffic patrol by the police on Garboski and Boss Roads, near the cemetery walls and near the S curve. She walks in the morning, wearing a reflective vest, and she sometimes sees "airborne" cars traveling on these roads.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, also suggested patrol on Wertsville Road, noting that Mr. Whitehead has had some difficulties with speeders on that road also. She suggested asking the Freeholders to consider speed reductions to match those on Route 579 to 25 mph. Other areas she recommended for patrol were Wertsville Road at the Holcombe's and at Linvale Road and in the hamlets where houses were close to the road.

Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(For the record, Rice Notices were given to Assistant Treasurer Maria Andrews and Treasurer/CFO Karen Baldino.)

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RESOLUTION #115 - 12

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township Committee is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of East Amwell wishes to discuss COAH Contracts, acquisition of land (dog park); personnel (finance department); executive minutes; and advice from the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then minutes can be made public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public at 10:40 p.m.

There was a short recess and executive session began at 10:42 p.m. Mr. Cushing left the meeting during executive session at 11:10 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:55 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

August 9, 2012, Executive Minutes were approved unanimously (motion already made by Mr. Mathews and seconded by Ms. Lenox). One correction was offered.

BUSINESS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1) Treasurer’s Position: Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the October 11, 2012, meeting to add 6.5 hours to CFO/Treasurer Karen Baldino’s weekly hours at a rate of \$15,000 for these additional hours. Mr. Matheny said that this will begin on September 24, 2012. Mr. Sageser and Ms. Lenox amended their motion to include this date, which was carried unanimously.

3) Assistant Treasurer’s Salary:

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RESOLUTION #116 -12

BE IT RESOLVED by the East Amwell Township Committee that they hereby amend the 2012 Salary and Wage Resolution to reflect that effective on the date of adoption of the 2012 Salary and Wage Resolution on July 12, 2012, Maria Andrews will receive a 2% increase on her salary for the position of Assistant Treasurer.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

+++++ Motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ASSISTANT TREASURER ANDREWS presented the bills of the evening. Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the bills.

TREASURER BALDINO presented resolutions.

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RESOLUTION #117 – 12

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – NJS 40A:4-87

Township of East Amwell
Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Certified to Director of the Division of Local Government Services

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget or any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$19,000.00, which is now available from the Hunterdon

County Open Space & Historic Preservation Trust Programs – East Amwell Clawson House in the amount of \$19,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$19,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Miscellaneous Revenues-Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Hunterdon County Historic Preservation Grant-Clawson House.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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RESOLUTION #118 - 12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF PRELIMINARY EXPENSES FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF RINGOES FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Finance Board has authorized appropriations by resolution from municipal Capital Improvement Funds to finance certain preliminary expenses incident to a bondable project prior to adoption of an appropriate local ordinance in order to determine the wisdom, scope or cost of such bondable project, and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary to adopt such a Resolution to finance certain preliminary expenses for the capital improvement project hereafter more particularly described and hereby deemed bondable under the New Jersey Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that:

(1) The sum of \$3,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund to finance the necessary costs, including engineering fees, to determine the wisdom, scope or cost of the following project hereby deemed bondable under the New Jersey Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.):

Pedestrian Improvements in the Village of Ringoes

2) The foregoing charge against the Capital Improvement Fund need not be deemed a part of the cost of any improvement which may subsequently be financed under the said Local Bond Law, since it has not as yet been determined whether to introduce a Bond Ordinance applicable to said bondable project.

(3) The Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and other appropriate fiscal officers of the Township be and the same are hereby authorized to implement and effectuate the terms of this Resolution without additional authority, subject, however, to compliance in each instance with required authorization for contracting of professional services without public bidding pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.).

By Order of the Township Committee,

Patricia A. Cregar, Deputy Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

All other reports were noted without comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were not comments on correspondence. The Clerk pointed out the August DEP guidance on “No Idling Pledge,” stating that the Mayor and Administrator addressed this in email. The 8/15 BPU Response regarding Verizon Build Out was mentioned – the communication indicated that East Amwell’s location in two service areas would not qualify it to demand build out. The 8/29 Planning Board correspondence on the County WQMP (Phase I) will be addressed at the October Township Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk