

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Patricia Cregar, and Committee members Linda Lenox, Tim Mathews, and Dart Sageser. 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 December 11, 2012.

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

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

For the record, a revised agenda (one in white) shows the correct name of Ordinance 12-19 pertaining to municipal court. A shared services resolution for the Joint Court to be adopted in conjunction with the ordinance is also added to this agenda. Under Special Discussions, the Treasurer will add a discussion on two emergency resolutions for FEMA and for reassessment expenses. Additional correspondence was a letter from NJ DOT extending the Sidewalks Grant award of project until February 28, 2013.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. 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.
- B. There is a second Township Committee meeting in December on December 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.
- C. Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25, for Winter Holidays and December 31 for New Year's Eve.
- D. Contrary to previous discussions with the East Amwell Township Mayor, JCP&L has recently notified the Township that they will not be attending any municipal meetings to discuss power outages until they have responded to meeting requests from the BPU and the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Kneski also commented on special meetings for Mayors in two locations (Morristown and South Jersey) in January. He was not surprised that there were no representatives at tonight's meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried with one abstention, Mrs. Cregar, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2012, with two corrections: on page five, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, strike the sentence "causing numbers to be askew." On page 10, paragraph 2, remove wording "took pause with feedback"; on page 22, seconded paragraph, line 1, change "contingency" to "constituency." On page 4, paragraph 2, include Mayor in meeting with Mr. Soos; in fourth paragraph, line 9, same page, include that the Mayor also spoke with BPU.

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

Casey Dienes identified himself as the Asst. Station Commander at Kingwood State Police Barracks, working there since June and having 24 years in the State Police. He is also a resident of West Amwell and is concerned with citizen complaints. He spoke about burglaries in the area of Somerset, Warren, and Hunterdon, with three reports in the last two weeks (Rainbow Hill, Back Brook, and Boss Road. Many occur between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and are rear entries. He

asked the public to be alert in their neighborhoods, and report suspicious activities, including unknown cars parked on the road, contractors, public services that are suspicious, etc. He said that troopers are patrolling the area. He spoke about meetings with Hopewell Township (another robbery there today), Somerset County, and Hillsborough going on. Commander Dienes also reminded the residents to use a "commonsense" approach, including locking cars, personal security measures, activating alarm systems to "hopefully stop action." He spoke about supplying information to newspapers about incidents, but some papers do not post everything. He suggested using nj.com as a resource to find out what's going on.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, was happy to hear that the State Police Activities list would be made available to the public. Commander Dienes said not everything would be listed, e.g., a recent report showed 54 accidents, with 24 of them deer related.

Mayor Kneski thanked Lt. Dienes for coming to the meeting tonight, and he asked him to come when there are incidents in the township to provide more clear information to residents. Lt. Dienes said that his intention is to come every month. He was assigned back to the local barracks on June 30th, previously in Alexandria. He spoke about keeping in contact with the Township Administrator and wanted to come tonight in light of nj.com reports of East Amwell burglaries. He will continue to get information out and "be more vigilant on my end." He advised residents not to hesitate to call State Police, and the "troopers are here and want to be here."

Mayor Kneski suggested that Lt. Dienes coordinate with the Administrator so that his attendance can be put on the agenda to get the word out to the residents.

Dick Ginman, Mountain Road, asked for phone numbers to contact the police. The following numbers were provided: 911 for emergencies; 908-996-2864 for the Kingwood Barracks; 908-996-3404 for dispatch.

Mr. Matheny commended Lt. Dienes for his cooperation, stating he "always takes his call," and commented on an incident on Boss Road where State Police were on the scene. Lt. Dienes commented on crime suppression, State Police techniques and their "high alert to stop criminal activity." Lt. Dienes concluded that he was upset when he hears about activity close to his home and takes it personally too.

Mr. Mathews commented on reports of a couple of abduction attempts, i.e., West Amwell or Princeton child on Province Line Road and one in New Hope. Another one in Alexandria Township was an unfounded report.

Lt. Dienes was thanked for his appearance, and he said that he would try to come back next month.

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

Mayor Kneski invited Township Committee Member Elect David Wang-Iverson to join the governing body on the dais.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

BINGO APPLICATION BA12-01 – EAST AMWELL SCHOOL PTO FOR APRIL 6, 2013 EVENT

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**RESOLUTION #134-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the fund-raising efforts of the East Amwell Township School PTO, 43 Wertsville Road, P O BOX 680, Ringoes, NJ 08551; and

WHEREAS, the PTO has made application to hold Bingo on April 6, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the East Amwell Township School, 43 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that Bingo License #BL-12-01 be approved and processed.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – FREEHOLDER RON SWORN – SIX YEARS OF SERVICE  
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**RESOLUTION #135-12**

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Sworen is a long time resident of the Borough of Frenchtown having resided in the Borough since 1977; and

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Sworen began serving the Borough of Frenchtown as a Councilman in 1979 through 1995 and serving as Mayor from 1996 through 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Sworen has served the County of Hunterdon as a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders since 2007 with his term ending on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a member of the Freeholder Board, Ronald M. Sworen has been a member to the Planning Board and served as Liaison to: the Vocational Board of Education (Polytech), the Department of Public Safety/Emergency Management, the Division of Information Technology, the Library Commission, the Parks and Recreation Division, the Open Space Advisory Board and the Health Services Division; and

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Sworen has served the residents of the County of Hunterdon through his activity with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Business and Government Committee; Co-Founder of the Delaware Valley Municipal Alliance; Trustee and Elder for the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church; Hunterdon County Municipal Officers Association; Hunterdon Economic Partnership; New Jersey Department of Transportation Coordinator Management Committee for Route 29; New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLOM) COAH Task Force Committee and Conference; NJLOM Land Use and Environmental Committee; NJLOM Hometown Security Task Force; NJLOM Heavy Truck Task Force; Executive Board of the NJLOM; Board of Directors for the New Jersey Association of Counties; New Jersey Conference of Mayors President and Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ronald M. Sworen has held the titles of New Jersey Mayor of the Year; Frenchtown Lions Club Citizen of the Year; New Jersey League of Municipalities Elected Officials Hall of Fame and the New Jersey League of Municipalities Mayor’s Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of East Amwell in the County of Hunterdon hereby recognizes Ronald M. Sworen for his outstanding contributions to the County of Hunterdon and his many accomplishments while in office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell wishes Ronald M. Sworen much success in all his future endeavors.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FINAL EXTENSION FOR MA 2011 NJDOT GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS IN RINGOES (See 11-30-12 Letter from Administrator to NJ DOT)  
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**RESOLUTION #136-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize action to be taken to request that the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation allow another extension from a previously set deadline of January 18, 2013, to February 28, 2013, for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Municipal Aid - Fiscal Year 2011 Grant, awarded in February 2011, in the amount of \$180,000, in order to allow Hunterdon County to award the contract for construction being done in the Historic Village of Ringoes.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION FOR RELEASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

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**RESOLUTION #137-12**

A RESOLUTION OF THE EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell has determined that the property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell intends to utilize the online auction services of US Govbid, 1 Industrial Way West Building A, P. O. Box 1216, Eatontown, NJ 07724 and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2008-9,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the East Amwell Township Committee, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Township is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated on Schedule A on an online auction website entitled usgovbid.com, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into between US Govbid and the Township of East Amwell will be available at 1 Industrial Way West Building A, Eatontown, NJ 07724 and in the Township Clerk's office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following:

US Govbid, 1 Industrial Way West, Bldg., A, Eatontown, NJ 07724

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Schedule A

2003 New Holland TS 100 with 2003 US Mower

2000 hours on tractor and mower; 4x4; a/c; am/fm radio; food and hand throttle; 3 point

hitch; 111.2-24 R4 Front Tires; 16.9-30 R1 Rear Tires; air ride seat; remote hydraulic points; 20' boom mower with 50" flail head

1996 Ford F-350 Mason Dump

Dual rear wheel; 4 x 4; manual locking hbus; 11,000 lbs GVW; automatic transmission; 7.3L power stroke diesel; LT235/R85/16E Tires; XL Package; 3 yard Crysteel dump Body with electric hoist; 2 yard Swenson Gas Powered Stainless Steel V-Box Salt Spreader; 9' Meyers Power Angle Snow Plow; 67,000 miles

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items.

Mayor Kneski moved the Comcast presentation up on the agenda.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

QUARTERLY PRESENTATION BY COMCAST REPRESENTATIVES      Director of Government Affairs Rob Clifton was present at this time.

Mr. Clifton explained that crews from all around, including Florida, Alabama, and Pennsylvania were called in to assist during Sandy. There were 39 breaks in infrastructure in East Amwell, and all lost service was repaired by November 18. Mr. Clifton had been in communication with the Mayor about some customer complaints with most of them back on line within 2-3 days of being notified. Mr. Clifton explained that Comcast does not own the poles, that Comcast is third on the line (power, telephone, cable); once power was handled and debris removed, Comcast was there. Comcast was up within three days after given access to the area, and in some instances, individuals received same or next day service unless there was extensive damage (trees, poles, etc. and/or several breaks in the line).

Mr. Mathews spoke about debris on Linvale Road, including black cables; he asked about clean up procedures. Mr. Clifton will look into the matter, stating that their crews usually restore sites to existing conditions. Mr. Mathews provided specific locations to have the crews check. Dick Ginman also provided information about wires hanging on poles in the area. Mr. Clifton reiterated that they do not own poles, and it was unclear if the wire was Comcast's, but he will send crews out. Mayor Kneski also noted wires on Welisewitz and Wertsville.

Mr. Clifton spoke about the outage credit policy, i.e., if cable is out over 6 hours, the company will establish credit if the customer calls within 30 days. Mr. Clifton mentioned a "liberal" policy now, with the company trying to accommodate its customers during recent events.

Mayor Kneski commended Mr. Clifton's service during the recent events, particularly highlighting an incident with an elderly resident and assistance he offered. Mr. Clifton spoke about technician responses to public concerns.

Mr. Mathews asked about getting Philadelphia sports; Mr. Clifton said that the arbitrarily set federal lines put East Amwell in the NY area.

Mr. Sageser spoke about the issue of lack of electricity in the township, and Mr. Clifton commented on the unprecedented damage in New Jersey, citing specific barrier island towns. He commented on "inconveniences" for some residents with the company doing its best to restore power.

Mr. Clifton spoke about a program being offered to school children who qualify for reduced/free lunches, i.e., for \$9.95 a month they will be provided with "Internet Essentials." He provided copies of brochures for the governing body. Some discussion took place on whether it was being marketed to schools, on the fact that some other providers are offering similar programs, and the potential for people to cancel their current cable subscriptions and waiting 90 days before applying for the reduced rate program. On a suggestion to post the information on the internet, Mr. Cushing advised that the website is not used for marketing or commercial. Some discussion took place on a better venue being targeting the school boards; Mr. Clifton said that they have

been meeting with school boards, especially in large districts. Mayor Kneski suggested leaving information on the office counter. Mr. Clifton further explained to the attorney that the program is offered through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party so that Comcast representatives do not have information on the families who would qualify for this program.

Richard Thayer, 18 Mountain Road, spoke about difficulties with communications with Comcast technicians and representatives in determining lines down and repair issues. Mr. Clifton explained the process for dispatching technicians, high volumes of calls, and occasional issue of whether an outside or inside technician should respond.

Christine Wiedemer, 101 Rocktown Road, spoke about being placed on hold for 25 minutes about a billing adjustment. Mr. Clifton noted the recent high volume of calls due to the storm, and he offered his assistance to get her answers. He noted that the call center is open 24 hours a day, there are three large call centers, and 1.5 Billion customers.

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, commented on red flags on her road that were marked "Comcast." Mr. Clifton will check on this and respond to her.

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

Mr. Clifton was thanked for his attendance tonight.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **Public Hearings:**

ORDINANCE 12-15 A. ORDINANCE #12-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT SOUTH HILL ROAD (BLOCK 35, LOTS 51 & 52), COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "POLHEMUS PROPERTIES," A JOINT FUNDING PROJECT WITH D&R GREENWAY, AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE

Proof of publication from the November 15, 2012, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was provided; the ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on November 8, 2012.

The meeting was open to the public for comments on funding purchase of the properties. There being no comments made, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

The clerk noted that there would be a correction for this ordinance, adding the correct reference in the ordinance should have been Ordinance 12-17 (not 2012-xxx).

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 12-15 with the corrected ordinance reference noted above. Roll call vote: : Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

ORDINANCE #12-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROCKTOWN ROAD & 256 MOUNTAIN ROAD (BLOCK 31, LOTS 1 & 14.01), COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "WIEDEMER PROPERTIES," AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE

Proof of publication from the November 15, 2012, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was provided; the ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on November 8, 2012.

The meeting was open to the public for comments on funding purchase of the properties. There being no comments made, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

The clerk noted that there would be a correction for this ordinance, adding the correct reference in the ordinance should have been Ordinance 12-18 (not 2012-xxx).

Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 12-16 with the corrected ordinance reference noted above. Roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**ORDINANCE #12-17 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF, OR THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 35, LOTS 51 and 52 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$24,600.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TAX TRUST FUND.**

Proof of publication from the November 15, 2012, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was provided; the ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on November 8, 2012.

The meeting was open to the public for comments on funding purchase of the property. There being no comments made, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 12-17 by roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**ORDINANCE #12-18 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF, OR THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 31 LOTS 1 and 14.01 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$185,000.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TAX TRUST FUND.**

Proof of publication from the November 15, 2012, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was provided; the ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on November 8, 2012.

The meeting was open to the public for comments on funding purchase of the property. There being no comments made, motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 12-17 by roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

### **Introduction of Ordinances:**

**ORDINANCE 12-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST AMWELL AND DELAWARE, EFFECTIVE 2013 (Revised Title)**

Mr. Cushing provided background information on Franklin Court now coming on board as a shared court with the existing joint court of East Amwell and Delaware Townships. Two or more courts can join and become an independent entity. The shared court (Franklin Township) remains as a separate court but physically joins East Amwell and Delaware. Mr. Cushing said

that when looking at Franklin as a shared court, they looked at the joint court structure, with ordinances going back to 1949. He mentioned that there may be certain minor inconsistencies about the structure of the court and some legal requirements, and the ordinance has language to make it more consistent with court laws and operations of the court. The court will continue to operate with the "same good staff...same operation." Mr. Mathews asked whether it would change business; Mr. Cushing said no, it would only bring matters into consistence with statutory requirements, adding "that everything is working well and the same will continue." The intent of introducing tonight is to have the ordinance in place for January 1, 2013. The Clerk noted that the ordinance, if introduced tonight, would be published in the Times of Trenton in order to make publication deadlines in order to adopt at the regular meeting on December 27, 2013.

Mayor Kneski thanked Mr. Matheny and Mr. Cushing for working on this matter "to get it where it is ... going to the heart of shared services." He again offered both of them thanks. He asked if this is the first case of three courts together; Mr. Cushing explained that North Hunterdon Court had about 12-13 courts, and they are in the process of disbanding.

Mr. Mathews asked about salary adjustments listed in the ordinance. It was explained that the Franklin Township is paying a fee to share services, including the Judge, Administrator, and other staff members. The salary and wage ordinance will also be adjusted but court staff know that the increase is based on Franklin Court participating. The salary and wage ordinance will be amended at the beginning of the New Year, i.e., coming from part of the stipend provided by Franklin Court.

Some discussion took place about the negotiations to have the shared court, including the division of fees between Delaware Township and East Amwell Township. This included a start up fee of \$65,000 from Franklin Township and \$5,000 start up fees. The \$65,000 was shared between Delaware and East Amwell Townships, with East Amwell getting more for rent, part going for salaries and other money being used for tickets, letterhead, etc.

Discussion took place about including the salary adjustments in the Joint Court Ordinance, with Mr. Mathews asking about potential for adjusting the figure with cost of living increases. Mr. Cushing explained that the extra salary for the court staff was for extra work involved with the shared court. The ordinance was created so that the two towns and the employees were on notice that if Franklin leaves, the full amount (e.g., \$8,000 for the Judge, etc.) would come out proportionately from each town.

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**ORDINANCE 12-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL,  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL  
COURT OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST AND AMWELL  
DELAWARE EFFECTIVE 2013**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delaware ("Delaware") and the Township of East Amwell ("East Amwell") have been members of a joint municipal court known as the Municipal Court of the Townships of East Amwell and Delaware ("Joint Court") since 1949; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware and East Amwell, wish to amend the terms of their participation in the Joint Court; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Shared Services Agreement is required; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Shared Services Agreement effective January 1, 2013 has been drafted for Delaware and East Amwell governing participation by each of the municipalities in the Joint Court; and;

**WHEREAS**, Delaware and East Amwell now desire to adopt this Ordinance authorizing their participation in the new Shared Services Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to amend the Code to reflect the Joint Court in existence between East Amwell and Delaware.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. **Continuation of Court:** The Municipal Court of the Townships of East Amwell and Delaware was created in 1949 between the Township of Delaware and the Township of East Amwell, both located in Hunterdon County, as members. It has continued in effect since that time. The current terms for the operation of the Joint Court will be set forth in a Shared Services Agreement effective January 1, 2013 between the municipalities.
2. **Name of Court:** The name of the Joint Municipal Court is the "**THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST AMWELL AND DELAWARE**"
3. **Jurisdiction:** The jurisdiction of the Joint Court shall be coextensive with the territory of the Townships of Delaware and East Amwell.
4. **Municipal Court Judge - Powers, Duties and Qualifications:** There shall be a Municipal Court Judge appointed as provided by law in the case of a joint municipal court. The Municipal Court Judge shall serve for a term of three (3) years from the date of appointment and until a successor shall be appointed and qualified. The Municipal Court Judge shall have and possess the qualifications and shall have, possess and exercise all the functions, duties, powers and jurisdiction conferred by law or ordinance. He/she shall be an attorney-at-law of the State of New Jersey. Whenever the Municipal Court Judge is unable to sit as such, he may designate any other Judge of any Municipal Court to sit for him/her temporarily and hold the Municipal Court. Any such judge shall possess all of the powers of the Municipal Court Judge. The Municipal Court Judge shall have full management authority of the judicial operations of the Court.
5. **Municipal Prosecutor** Delaware and East Amwell each shall appoint a Municipal Court Prosecutor for a one (1) year term who may be the same person and who shall prosecute cases in the Joint Court. The compensation of any Municipal Prosecutor shall be determined by Delaware and East Amwell. When a Municipal Prosecutor is unable to serve at a particular court session or in particular cases, Delaware and East Amwell may appoint another attorney(s) to serve in his/her absence.
6. **Public Defender:** Delaware and East Amwell each shall appoint a Municipal Court Public Defender for a one (1) year term who may be the same person and who shall represent those Defendants assigned by the Municipal Court Judge. The compensation of any Municipal Court Public Defender shall be determined by Delaware and East Amwell. When a Municipal Court Public Defender is unable to serve at a particular court session or in particular cases, Delaware and East Amwell may appoint another attorney(s) to serve in his/her absence.
7. **Joint Court Administrator:** There shall be an Administrator of the Joint Court who shall perform the functions and duties prescribed for the Administrator by law, by the rules applicable to Municipal Courts and by the Municipal Court Judge. The Administrator shall be appointed by Delaware and East Amwell for a term of one (1) year. The Administrator's duties shall include, but not limited to:
  - (a) Carrying out the rules, regulations, policies and procedures relating to the operations of the Joint Court.
  - (b) Interviewing and speaking to persons wishing to file criminal complaints or quasi-criminal complaints or wishing information in this regard.
  - (c) Receiving complaints and dispensing information relating to Joint Court matters.
  - (d) Maintaining the financial records of the Joint Court including, receiving and accounting for fines and costs.
  - (e) Attending Court; recording pleas, judgments and dispositions; arranging trial calendars; signing Court documents; preparing and issuing warrants and commitments and other Court related documents.

- (f) Maintaining and classifying records and files of the Joint Court;
- (g) Maintaining, forwarding, receiving and reporting such records, reports and files as required by the appropriate agencies.
- (h) Carrying out such additional duties as may be required in order to fulfill the duties of Court Administrator.

8. **Deputy Municipal Court Administrator:** There may be one or more Deputy Court Administrators of the Joint Court who shall be appointed by Delaware and East Amwell provided that funds are provided for such purpose in the Joint Court budget. Deputy Municipal Court Administrators shall perform the functions assigned to them by the Municipal Court Judge and the Municipal Court Administrator.

9. **Necessary Clerical and Other Assistance:** There may be appointed by Delaware and East Amwell such other necessary clerical and other assistance for the Municipal Court as is necessary for the efficient operation of the Municipal Court.

10. **Auditor:** Delaware and East Amwell shall appoint an auditor for the Joint Court who shall be a registered municipal accountant. The auditor shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The auditor shall perform a yearly audit of the Joint Court, which audit shall be prepared generally in accordance with the requirements of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1, et. seq.* A copy of the completed audit shall be supplied to Delaware and East Amwell by September 1 of each year.

11. **Withdrawal by Member:** Any member of the Joint Court may withdraw at the end of a calendar year, provided, however, that the member has given the Joint Court and each member thereof six (6) months written notice of its intention to withdraw.

12. **Joint Court Liaison Committee:** There is hereby established a Joint Court Liaison Committee consisting of up to two (2) representatives of each member of the Joint Court as designated by the respective governing bodies. The Committee shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary, but not less than annually, and shall be responsible for acting as liaison between the Shared Court and the governing bodies for issues related to the operation of the Joint Court. Each member shall notify the other of the name(s) of its Committee representative(s) annually within 15 days of their respective governing body's reorganization meeting.

13. **Annual Budget:** The Court Administrator, in consultation with the Joint Court Liaison Committee if necessary, shall prepare or have prepared a proposed for the Joint Court which shall be submitted to the governing body of each member in December of each year. The budget shall set forth an estimate of all expenses for the upcoming calendar year. If either municipality requests a change to the Municipal Court budget, then a meeting or meetings shall be held between the Joint Court Liaison Committee and the Court Administrator to resolve the differences.

14. **Insurance:** Insurance coverage and/or bonds shall be obtained that protect the Municipal Court and its personnel from claims against them arising out of worker's compensation, bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, or civil rights violations, defalcations by Court personnel and such other coverage as may be necessary. The coverage may be provided either through policies issued to the members and/or through separate policies issued to the Court.

15. **Contribution Requirements; Surplus or Deficit:** The members of the Joint Court shall be responsible for and contribute to the Joint Court's operating budget and expenses as follows:

- (a) The members of the Joint Court shall contribute to the overall budget and expenses of the Joint Court in the following proportions:
  - East Amwell: 50%
  - Delaware: 50% plus rent of \$2500.00

- (b) Delaware shall pay its share of the operating expenses of the Joint Court in accordance with subparagraph (a) above and shall submit to East Amwell payments of its annual financial obligation under this agreement
- (c) There shall be an annual accounting of revenues and expenses for the period ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the month of December each year and any surplus shall be allocated in accordance with the percentages set forth in subparagraph (a) above. In the event a deficit is anticipated, it is the responsibility of East Amwell to notify Delaware of said deficiency and demonstrate the reason therefore. Additional funds may be allocated by resolution of each member of the Joint Court, with each member contributing to the eradication of the deficit in accordance with the percentages set forth in subparagraph (a) above.
- (d) In consideration of the creation of a Shared Court between the Joint Court and Franklin Township, and based upon the financial contribution to the Joint Court to be made by Franklin Township pursuant to the Shared Court Agreement, the following salary adjustments shall be made to the existing salaries of those positions identified below which adjustments shall remain in place for so long as the Shared Court Agreement remains in effect. If the Shared Court Agreement is terminated for any reason, the salary adjustments identified below would be automatically rescinded.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Increase to salary effective 1-1-2013</u>
Judge	\$ 8,000.00
Prosecutor	\$ 8,000.00
Court Administrator	\$10,000.00
Public Defender	\$ 1,000.00

The cost to the Joint Court of the increase in salaries identified above shall be borne equally by East Amwell and Delaware and reflected in each municipality's salary ordinance while the Shared Court Agreement with Franklin remains in effect.

16. **Revenue:** The members of the Joint Court shall share in costs and revenues received by the Joint Court as follows:

- (a) Each participating municipality shall be entitled to a fifty percent (50%) share of the court costs and public defender fees received by the Joint Court.
- (b) All revenues received by the Municipal Court from fines and costs shall be allocated in accordance with State law and the terms hereof. Fines collected by the Joint Court shall be payable to the municipality whose cases resulted in the fines.
- (c) To the extent that financial contributions to the Joint Court by any municipality participating with the Joint Court in a Shared Court Agreement results in a surplus for the Joint Court, the surplus shall be apportioned equally between the members of the Joint Court.

17. **Court Security:** Court security is provided by the Delaware Township Police Department. Delaware and East Awmell will each be responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the cost of court security.

18. **Shared Services Act:** The governing body of the Township of East Amwell is hereby authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement embodying the provisions of this Ordinance pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.*, and in accordance with the terms of that Act. In the event of any discrepancy between this Ordinance and that of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act and any amendments thereto, the Act shall take precedence.

19. **Term of Agreement; Renewal:** The term of the Shared Services Agreement shall be four years for the period commencing January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016.

20. **Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions.** All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

21. **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication in accordance with law, and the passage of an ordinance similar to this one by the other member municipalities designated above.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

Introduced:

Adopted:

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Motion to introduce Ordinance 12-19 was made by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance will be published in the December 19, 2012, issue of the Times of Trenton, and the public hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Committee on December 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

A shared services resolution will be considered at the December 27, 2012, meeting, once the ordinance has been adopted.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS, Continued**

**DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE BONDING FOR TRUCK REPAIR OR PURCHASE**  
CFO/Treasurer Karen Baldino was present for this discussion.

Mr. Matheny explained the vehicles, including the boom mower and tractor, are out for repair. Both of these were purchased in New Holland, but parts are no longer available, some previously obtained from the state of Washington and now parts being re-fabricated specifically for the equipment.

Mrs. Baldino added that the tractor needs brakes and tires, and it was about \$10,000 for repairs at this time, noting a new vehicle would be around \$115,000 - 125,000. She prepared an amortization schedule for a ten year period, suggesting the possibility of short term bonds and acquiring from local banks at interest rates less than 2%, although rates could be higher in 10 years. The Township would need 5% from the capital improvement fund for down and would have to authorize the debt.

Mr. Matheny spoke about discussions tonight, noting that an ordinance could not be introduced tonight because it is the end of the year. He spoke about factors to consider on whether to fix old equipment and incur repair costs or consider going out to bid for new equipment. Mayor Kneski tried to ascertain which piece of equipment they were discussing, requesting an equipment plan with recommendations for replacement. DPW Employee (referred to as "Acting Superintendent) Jay Silverthorn is working on the list at the present time. Some discussion about the equipment list, including age, logistics for replacement, etc. was held.

Mr. Wang-Iverson asked about the condition of the tractor/mower; Mr. Matheny spoke about problems with tires, hydraulics, ignition, and "lots of nickel and dime" issues. Mrs. Baldino added that the tractor itself needed \$3,000 in repairs.

Mr. Sageser asked if costs associated with each piece of equipment was tracked; Mrs. Baldino said no, it is just captioned under Road Equipment, OE. Mr. Sageser felt that individual tracking on equipment should be considered going forth. It was noted that the Township Committee recently approved purchase of a Mason Dump Truck and a mower, which was going to be installed on an existing tractor so that it could also be used for road edges.

Further discussion took place, including finding a replacement mower with boom or getting a used model (not feasible), the maintenance issues with the existing boom mower (getting "teeth" for the mower from out of state), etc.

Mrs. Baldino provided information on purchasing a tractor for \$115,000 and including \$7,000 for costs, selling notes in the amount of \$122,000 and using 5% down payment from the capital improvement fund, authorizing about \$115,900 in debt. She spoke about having the debt amortize over ten years, selling a note each year without going to the bond market, paying one tenth of the note back with interest each year at \$13,900, and the end the final principal payment would be \$11,800. Her schedule showed interest rate at 2% although it would probably be less, e.g., 1.1%, this year.

Mr. Mathews asked about adding the Dump Truck and mower to the bonds, and Deputy Mayor Cregar asked if there was sufficient cash on hand. Mrs. Baldino said that the Dump Truck and mower were already funded, and using existing cash "would wipe it out." Mr. Mathews asked about funding a larger note by canceling the Dump Truck and mower funding; Mrs. Baldino said it would still not be enough for the bond market. Mr. Mathews asked for another spreadsheet with that option. Mr. Sageser had Mrs. Baldino confirm that there was no penalty for paying the notes off earlier. Mr. Mathews spoke about "a gamble on the percentage rate exposure," but Mrs. Baldino mentioned East Amwell's good credit rating if rates go up. Mr. Matheny spoke about the fleet "not in great shape," suggesting additional capital purchasing and going out for bond. Mrs. Baldino said that she would not recommend a bond for less than \$1,000,000. She also commented on debt service not in the capital budget and payments would affect the tax rate, but it is also not subject to the caps. Mr. Mathews commented on the statement "not affecting the tax rate" - Mrs. Baldino mentioned .25% of a penny as the debt service amount. Mr. Sageser commented on using \$10,000 out of the same budget for repairs anyway, and he asked about equipment value for an auction. Mayor Kneski commented on equipment use and "break down," noting that the equipment is "critical to the community," and Mr. Sageser commented on time involved waiting for parts to be manufactured and having employees putting equipment back together.

Further comments were made about a bond ordinance, with Mr. Mathews again suggesting canceling the truck and mower ordinances previously approved and adding them to the bond ordinance. Mrs. Baldino reiterated that it was not cost effective to bond for less than \$1,000,000. Mr. Sageser asked about paying interest and spending over a period of time; Mrs. Baldino gave as an example bonding for x number of projects selling notes until the last authorization, and selling a bond at that time.

Mr. Cushing commented on funding with notes at a low interest through 2014 and then the Township may want to consider purchase of additional equipment and extending the note to cover that as well. He spoke briefly about the length of time that the short term bonds could be issued for. Mrs. Baldino spoke about the more economical cost for notes than bonds.

Mr. Silverthorn will be asked to have his list of equipment ready for budget discussions.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to start the bond process for the DPW equipment consideration at the first meeting in January, i.e., the CFO is authorized to move forward to authorize bonding for a tractor and boom mower.

Mr. Mathews took a phone call for a family emergency, with a brief recess. He returned to the dais and left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS FOR REASSESSMENT AND STORM EXPENSES** Mrs. Baldino added a small discussion on reassessment expenses. She was doing a surplus project, noting that the Township's surplus would be less than what they had last year. She recapped that \$100,000 was used in the 2011 budget, but last year the Treasurer used \$161,000 of the surplus

for the 2012 budget. There were County Tax Appeals resulting in \$31,000 less in tax payments and there was a \$13,830 refund for a State Tax Appeal case from 2009, along with some miscellaneous use of the fund of \$3,600. Based on her calculations, Mrs. Baldino said that the balance at the beginning of the year was \$351,000, and she projects the balance to be \$284,000 by the end of the year. She spoke about the reassessment expenses being a five year deferred charge as a "non-cash surplus" and the \$40,000 for storm removal costs also as a deferred, non-cash surplus. Mrs. Baldino was asking the Township Committee to approve a resolution to borrow the funds for both these items to increase cash surplus again. She explained that the \$50,000 (reassessment) could be borrowed locally at a 1.1% rate with \$550 in interest to be budget next year; the same would hold true for the \$40,000 storm expense with a projected \$400+ interest next year. She explained that if she didn't borrow for these items, and there was a tight budget, there is no excess surplus since she cannot use the non-cash surplus.

Mr. Sageser asked about FEMA payback for the \$40,000; Mayor Kneski said that the state is considering 75% but may extend to 100% - no information is available yet. Mrs. Baldino noted that the Township would not have the cash by the end of the year to address the low surplus.

Mr. Matheny said that he emailed the Committee about roadside pick-up, stating that Rutgers/Jim Brophy has been contacted about doing the pickup. His estimate is \$1,000 per day for approximately 20 days. Mr. Matheny mentioned that there would be limitations on what would be picked up, that many residents have already gone to the grit yard with their brush, a temporary DEP permit to store brush has been applied for, a tub grinder will have to be used to get rid of debris, and chips may be taken away by Sweet Valley or Rutgers.

Some discussion took place on starting the work before the New Year and probably after Christmas. Mr. Sageser commented on brush by the curb already on the public right of way. Mr. Matheny spoke about a meeting with FEMA representatives with the current reimbursement figure at 75% but maybe 90-100% will be granted. The collection would have to be monitored to make sure that only storm related material is being picked up. Mayor Kneski said it was important to notify the public what will or will not be picked up. It was also noted that larger pieces of wood have been picked up on the side of roads, presumably for firewood.

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**RESOLUTION #138-12**  
**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**  
(Under 3% Limitation)

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Brush Debris due to Hurricane Sandy, and, no adequate provision was made in the 2012 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$40,000 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2011 is \$49,782 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for DPW-Streets & Roads-Other Expenses in the amount of ~~\$40,000~~\$30,000.00
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2013 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40A:4-53.3c(1)
3. That an Emergency Note not in excess of the above amount be authorized pursuant to NJS 40A:4-51
4. That such note may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals shall be payable on or before December 31, 2013
5. That 2 certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Sageser to approve the resolution. Mrs. Baldino spoke about borrowing the \$40,000 for a shorter period and the FEMA reimbursement, once received, would go into surplus. Some discussion took place about reducing the amount to \$30,000, and Mr. Sageser amended the motion. Deputy Mayor Cregar seconded by motion, which was carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION 139-12**  
**TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL**  
**COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF NOTES - SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, an ordinance 12-05 has been adopted creating a special emergency appropriation of \$50,000 to undertake a reassessment of real property within the Township of East Amwell and NJSA 40A:4-53 provides for the creation of a special emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members, thereof, affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55:

1. That an emergency note or notes be authorized not in excess of \$50,000 for Ordinance 12-05.
2. That said note or notes shall be issued in fiscal 2012 and may be renewed from time to time and at least 1/5 of all such notes and renewals, thereof, shall mature and be paid in each fiscal year thereafter until all are paid.
3. This resolution constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Township of East Amwell reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the improvements prior to the date that the Township of East Amwell issues debt obligations under the Resolution. The Township of East Amwell reasonably expects to reimburse expenditures paid by the Township of East Amwell within sixty (60) days prior to the date of adoption of this resolution and after the date of adoption of this resolution. The Township of East Amwell reasonably expects to make this reimbursement with the proceeds of the debt to be incurred by the Township of East Amwell under this Resolution. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the item described above is \$50,000.
4. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution by roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

FARMLAND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE Vice Chair Dick Ginman was present for this discussion.

1) Memorandum of Understanding - Rambling Pine Trails (See October 2012 Minutes for background): Mr. Ginman asked about attorney comments and highlighting the intent to build trails on a state held easement on specifically defined space on the property. The memorandum is requested by the state and is modeled on a version used by Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) with the Farmland/Open Space Committee replacing their name in the draft. Mr. Ginman explained that the State has not accepted the HLT agreement and "were dragging their feet." He said that the key was to confirm the description of the property and what was being undertaken. He spoke about insurance obligations, indicating that the intent is not to take obligation for the entire easement but only a defined premise, i.e., the trail easement. Mr. Ginman will reword the document. Mr. Cushing suggested a survey would be ideal. Mr. Cushing also spoke about liability, i.e., immunity for unimproved land under the tort claims act, suggesting that no structures, bridges, or rocks should be used - clearing a path was "not a huge liability." Some discussion took place about adding an addendum to the memorandum, i.e., a map that is referenced in the document, with wording that says sets the limits of the trail and width.

Mr. Ginman said that there was no financial exposure for the Township, and volunteers would be doing the clearing. There was a consensus of the governing body that the language, with revisions suggested tonight, was acceptable.

Mr. Sageser mentioned a mailing from NJCF, with Bob Wolfe named as a Trustee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION #140-12**

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 personnel and receive advice from the Township Attorney on land acquisition; and

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

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

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution. Mr. Wang-Iverson was invited to stay for executive session.

Executive session began at 9:57 p.m. Attorney Cushing left the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:14 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

1) Department of Public Works:

a) Hiring of Temporary Worker:

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**RESOLUTION #141 -12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of East Amwell that they hereby ratify the Township’s Administrator’s action to hire David Barrick as a Temporary Department of Public Works Employee for an interim period, as outlined in a memorandum of understanding dated 12/4/12;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2012 Salary and Wage Resolution be amended as follows, with an effective date of hire on 12/3/12:

Add:

DPW Temporary Employee Barrick                    \$17.00/Hr.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

b) Pay for DPW Employee Jason Silverthorn (for the record, he was signed a Rice Notice to have discussions in Executive Session): Mr. Matheny said that the plan was to pay Jason Silverthorn for filling in the DPW Superintendent position in the absence of Mr. Kadezabek, in compliance with the policy manual. Mr. Silverthorn will be paid \$69,109 plus overtime.

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**RESOLUTION # 142-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the salary and wage resolution to authorize Jason Silverthorn to be paid the minimum amount in the salary range of the DPW Superintendent position (\$69,109) plus overtime, retroactively to November 2, 2012, during the absence of the DPW Superintendent.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously.

c) Resolution to Purchase a Mason Dump Truck via State Bid: Mr. Matheny explained that the Township Committee had to approve a resolution to purchase the truck, mentioning specifics about cost and purchase orders for the truck at Ditschman Ford (on state bid).

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**RESOLUTION #143-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby approve the purchase of the following equipment from DFFLM, LLC T/A Ditschman/Flemington Ford, 215 Routes 202/31, Flemington, NJ 08822:

2013 FORD F550 Chassis Cab and Options - \$37,800.00  
2013 FORD F550 Factory Options - \$29,436.00  
(as listed in Bid Specs to be attached to Purchase Orders  
#28727 and #28728 on file in Treasurer's Office)

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the resolution: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

2) 11/8 Letter from Inspector Izzo re: Snack Shack Inspection (See October 2012 minutes for background): Mr. Matheny explained that the Raritan Township Construction Official inspected the property, based on complaints that there may have been some safety issues. The letter explains that the property meets code, and it also passed an insurance inspection earlier in the year.

3) Curbside Tree/Branch Removal (See November 2012 minutes for background): Deputy Mayor Cregar spoke about an inquiry from a resident about whether or not there would be a collection. Some discussion took place, noting the resolution passed earlier in the evening and the intent to have Rutgers collect with DPW monitoring; many municipalities are not collecting, although Princeton Township paid a company from Florida \$100,000 for clean up.

4) Public Availability of NJ State Police Reports (See October 2012 minutes for background): Mr. Matheny has been advised that Lt. Dienes checked with command, and the report can be made available to the public or published.

5) Payment of Outstanding November JCP&L Bills (See November 2012 minutes for background): Committee members asked whether the bills were actual or estimate, and this item will be on the December 27th agenda.

6) Raritan Township Police Activity Report for October (13 hours/32 summonses) and November (11 hours/36 summonses): Mr. Matheny spoke about discussions with the Raritan Township Police Chief and the Administrator, and it was unclear whether the contract would be extended for the full year 2013 although services will be rendered for at least the first quarter of 2013. It was also unclear if costs would go up. Mr. Matheny will pursue other options, if necessary, but he comments on "service (with Raritan Township) is good, there are no issues, there is low maintenance...."

7) Reassessment: Inspections are continuing with the inspectors going back multiple times in some instances. It was ascertained with the appraiser's office that all inspectors are wearing badges. There have not been "lots of complaints," according to Mr. Matheny.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REORGANIZATION DATE AND TIME FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Clerk checked with the attorney, and he is available on January 1, 2013, at 1 p.m. Township Committee members agreed that reorganization would be held at that time.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Kendra Schroeder, Bowne Station Road, thanked the Township Committee for all their work and "for a great job," comparing the workload of the Board of Adjustment.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

TREASURER BALDINO provided resolutions:

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**RESOLUTION # 144-12**

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following sums be transferred as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>FROM:</b>		
26-310-2	Buildings & Grounds OE	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>TO:</b>		
20-150-2	Tax Assessment OE	1,500.00
25-265-2	Fire Prevention OE	<u>500.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

ASSISTANT TREASURER ANDREWS provided the bills of the evening and a statement of cash on hand. Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and it was carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills of the evening.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided her November 2012 report.

Tax Collector's Resolutions:

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**RESOLUTION #145-12**

WHEREAS, there has been a redemption made for Tax Sale Certificate #201205, Block 32, Lot 1.05, sold on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 to Tadeusz Dabrowski, and

WHEREAS the amount of \$151.38 has been collected from John Chigounis, owner of this property for the redemption of this certificate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a check in the amount of \$151.38 be prepared by the Tax Collector and mailed to Tadeusz Dabrowski, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a check for the premium paid for Tax Sale Certificate #201205 in the amount of \$100.00 be prepared by the Treasurer and that the Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer be authorized to sign this check and that it also be returned to Tadeusz Dabrowski.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION #146-12**

WHEREAS, there has been an overpayment of 2012 taxes, and

WHEREAS, the following homeowners have requested that these amount be refunded to them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following amounts be returned to the homeowners:

Homeowner	Block/Lot	Amount
Michael Baldorossi	30/19	1434.02
David & Darlene Tylor	5/3.04 Added	2083.26

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

+++++ Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to approve the Tax Collector's Resolutions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted without comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

