

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 21, 2012.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Added Correspondence was a string of emails 12-21 to 12-23 between CFO Baldino and the governing body on Moody's Rating. Under Administrative Reports, add the 12/27 Certification of Determination and Award of \$80,000 in notes. Under Standing Committee reports, add Planning Board 12/25 resignation email from Edward Feinberg and Environmental Commission 12/25 resignation email from Edward Feinberg and 12/19 resignation from Frank Clair. Under Township Administrator's Report, add request from Trap Rock Industries to authorize continued contract under the name of Trap Rock Industries, LLC (rather than Inc.).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grit-yard is now open the first Saturday of the month from 8 – 11 a.m. for residents to bring branches/brush for chipping and to pick up mulch.

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2012 and Tuesday, January 1, 2013, for New Year's.

The Township Committee Reorganization Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, at 1 p.m.

Dates for all other Township Board and Committee Reorganization Meetings are posted on the bulletin board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – none

SHORT RECESS

Mayor Kneski stated that the governing body would be taking a short recess in recognition of the last meeting for Committee member Linda Lenox, who will be stepping off Committee after a six year period. He offered her thanks for all of her efforts over the course of years; he was honored to have worked with her and get feedback from her; and he offered his deepest appreciation, along with that of all the Township Committee members for all her work. Mr. Sageser quipped about representation from Welisewitz Road dropping. Ms. Lenox commented that she'll be attending the Township Committee meetings as a resident "and stay until the end!"

A round of applause was offered to Ms. Lenox for all her efforts. Mayor Kneski asked the residents to join in for a brief reception in honor of Ms. Lenox.

Ms. Lenox said that it was an honor to serve the Township, and she loved all of it, especially performing weddings (including that of a friend who is now expecting her second child). She also will miss the farmers driving up her driveway at different times for assistance. Mayor Kneski reminded the public that Ms. Lenox served as Deputy Mayor for some of the years on Township Committee and performed her services perfectly.

A short recess was taken for refreshments and mingling.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:05 p.m.

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

Peter Miller, 42 Manners Road, asked to speak about a sensitive topic, i.e., school security, mentioning that there was a group of concerned parents being formed in the community to address security with the Board of Education (at East Amwell Township School) in light of the recent events in Newton, Connecticut. The intent is to increase security for the children, and the thought is that the Township Committee could assist. Mr. Miller mentioned "tragedy" and "many parents scared to death to send their children to school the next day." He reiterated the plan for a parent group to work with the Board of Education, the Township Committee, and law enforcement to help with security at the school. He stated that there are a number of concerns and noted that it would take time "to get them under control." He stated that there were procedural and physical site issues to consider, and the parents are working with the Board of Education. He suggested that the Township Committee can "deal" with law enforcement response time, which is critical. Mr. Miller distributed four copies of a 45 minute DVD from Colonel David Grossman regarding "threats to children," prepared in June 2012. He asked the governing body to review the movie and bring their thoughts back to the next governing body meeting. Committee member Mathews already saw the DVD. Mr. Miller felt that the DVD provided significant information, including the fact that violence exists, and as concerned parents, the group would like the Township Committee and Board of Education to work with law enforcement agencies, particularly in quicker response times. He suggested that when the traffic patrol contract is negotiated, perhaps the officers could be present during school hours (M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m) and stop by the school - they believed that increased visibility would be a deterrent. The parents would be willing to work with the Township on this issue. Mr. Miller summed it up as "increased police presence, ... and broadened duties ... would decrease response time." Mr. Miller noted that current state police response time is about 20 minutes.

Mr. Miller continued by saying that securing the school to deter criminal activity is important. He believed that the Township "is a unique community and rural," many people love it, and the intent is to balance the township. The parent group wants to work with the Township Committee to find resources to protect the students, such as the Sheriff's Office, State Police, and Shared Service agreements. The parents would like to discuss what else they can do, realizing that there will be costs involved and would look at finding ways to cover costs, such as security fees, which would not burden the whole community.

Mr. Miller asked Mayor Kneski and Deputy Mayor Cregar (who is the Liaison to the School) to watch the DVD and talk to the police and the School officials.

Ms. Lenox asked if East Amwell Township School had security such as iris readers; Mr. Miller said no. He said that the parents are working with the Board of Education on security, noting that the School is wide open now and parent pick up procedures are bad. He said that there are a lot of folks in the community, including retired or active law enforcement people and other experts who may be able to see what can be done.

Mayor Kneski thanked Mr. Miller for this comments, saying that they would look at the material presented tonight. He suggested getting more feedback from the school and the parent group to see what they are offering and putting this item on the agenda at an appropriate future time with a joint meeting with the School Board.

Glorianne Robbi, 144 Lambertville-Hopewell Turnpike, said that the Wiedemer and Polhemus properties closed today, with the Wiedemer closing taking place at the municipal building. D & R Greenway is drafting management plans for the properties.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, suggested that the parent group speak with George Wagner at the County Office of Emergency Management and also attend the next County Freeholders' Meeting when Sheriff Brown may be in attendance. She commented on a "central services plan" for schools, including Coppermine School and the potential for lockdowns.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS - Eagle Scout Kenneth Rosario for Signage on the Black River and Western Railroad

Mayor Kneski explained that the request from Kenneth was to acknowledge his work on the signs for the Black River and Western Railroad, which originates here in East Amwell. The signs are located in Flemington.

A letter of congratulations was prepared for Kevin and read into the minutes: "On behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, congratulations on completing your Eagle Scout Project of refurbishing two older signs for the Black River and Western Railroad. We are pleased that the Railroad is a "centerpiece" of our community, and we appreciate the history behind the steam railroad. Having the newly created signs will increase the visibility of part of America's heritage that runs throughout portions of our state. The Township Committee also recognizes your long journey in becoming an Eagle Scout. The years of commitment and dedication to the Boy Scouts of America and your determination in reaching the summit are admirable! We wish you all the best in continued success in your future ahead!"

Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the letter of congratulations to be sent to Kenneth Rosario.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Public Hearing:

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

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the December 19, 2012, issue of the Times of Trenton was provided. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on December 13, 2012.

Mayor Kneski opened to the public for comments on the ordinance pertaining to the Joint Court between East Amwell and Delaware Townships.

There being no comments, motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 12-19 was made by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously by roll call vote: Ms. Lenox, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

SHARED SERVICES RESOLUTION: CONTINUING JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE.

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RESOLUTION # 147-12

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTINUING JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL AND THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE

THIS AGREEMENT made by and between the

TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, County of Hunterdon, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, 1070 Route 202, Ringoes, New Jersey 08551,

and the

TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE, County of Hunterdon, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road, PO Box 500, Sergeantsville, New Jersey 08557,

amending and supplementing a certain Agreement between the parties dated the 1st day of January 2012 (“2012 Joint Court Agreement”).

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell (“East Amwell”) and the Township of Delaware (“Delaware”) participate in a Joint Municipal Court known as “The Municipal Court of the Townships of East Amwell and Delaware” (“Joint Court”); and

WHEREAS, East Amwell and Delaware wish to restate the terms of their agreement with respect to operation of the Joint Court and to address issues raised by a shared services agreement between the Joint Court and the Township of Franklin, Hunterdon County (“Franklin”) creating a shared court (“Shared Court Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, do hereby agree as follows:

1. **Continuation of Court:** The Municipal Court of the Townships of Delaware and East Amwell 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** There shall be a Municipal Court Prosecutor of the Joint Court who shall prosecute all cases in the Joint Court. The Municipal Court Prosecutor shall be selected and appointed for a one (1) year term by Delaware and East Amwell. The compensation of the Municipal Prosecutor shall be determined by Delaware and East Amwell. When the 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:** There shall be a Municipal Court Public Defender who shall represent those Defendants assigned by the Municipal Court Judge. The Municipal Public Defender shall be selected and appointed for a one (1) year term by Delaware and East Amwell. The compensation of the Municipal Court Public Defender shall be determined by Delaware and East Amwell. When the 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 and Appointments:** The Court Administrator, in consultation with the Joint Court Liaison Committee, shall prepare or have prepared a proposed budget and list of proposed professional appointments for the Joint Court which shall be submitted to the governing body of each member by November 1 of each year. The budget shall set forth an estimate of all expenses and projected revenues for the upcoming calendar year and shall be in a form that is consistent with municipal budgets. By November 30 of each year, Delaware and East Amwell shall notify the Court Administrator of any changes required in the budget or proposed professional appointments. If either municipality requests a change to the budget or proposed professional appointments, then a meeting or meetings shall be held between the Joint Court Liaison Committee and the Court Administrator and a budget and appointment list agreeable to both municipalities shall be submitted to each municipality by December 31.

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 31st 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>2013</u>	<u>Increase to salary effective 1-1-</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:

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.

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.

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.

21. **Ordinance:** The Joint Court shall conduct its operations in accordance with an Ordinance to be adopted by the Township of East Amwell and the Township of Delaware entitled "**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST AMWELL AND DELAWARE EFFECTIVE 2013**" and any amendment thereof.

22. This Agreement contains the complete understanding as to the operation of the Municipal Court of the Townships of Delaware and East Amwell between the Township of Delaware and the Township of East Amwell and no other promises or agreements shall be binding unless signed by the parties thereto. In signing this Agreement, the parties are not relying on any fact, statement or assumption not set forth in this Agreement. By signing below, the Townships of Delaware and East Amwell indicate that they have carefully read and understood the terms of this Agreement, enter into this Agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of their own free will, understand its terms and significance and intend to abide by its provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed and sealed this Shared Services Agreement.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

SPECIAL DISCUSSION - None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) Resignation of Jim Rosso, Effective December 18, 2012: Mr. Rosso notified the Board of Health secretary on 12-18 that he would not be able to continue his term on the Board. Motion by Mr. Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation with regret.

B. PLANNING BOARD AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESIGNATIONS:

1) Planning Board and Environmental Commission: A 12/25/12 email from Edward Feinberg was received, resigning from his position on both the Planning Board and Environmental Commission. Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation with regret.

2) Environmental Commission: On 12/19/12 member Frank Clair notified the Clerk that he would be resigning from his position on the Commission. Motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cregar, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation with regret.

C. BOARD OF HEALTH, Continued:

2) Appointment of Member to Fill Unexpired Term: Earlier in the evening, the Township Committee interviewed Bogdan Slecza for the Board of Health, and Mayor Kneski would like to see him appointed to the seat vacated by Mr. Rosso, since "his qualifications fit into the nature of the work of the Board of Health." Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried to appoint Mr. Slecza to the vacated seat (a two year unexpired term). Ms. Lenox questioned whether she should abstain since she did not attend the interview, but decided to also vote favorably on the appointment.

Mr. Slecza, in the audience, was invited to attend the reorganization meeting to sign his Oath of Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1) Payment of JCP&L Bills: At the November 8 meeting, some bills for JCP&L were approved for payment but were held until the Township Committee was satisfied with power service. At the December 13 meeting, either the Clerk or Administrator were directed to find out if the bills were estimate or actual; the Clerk found out that they were actual bills. There was a consensus of the members to release the payment at this time.

2) Curbside Brush Pick-up: Mr. Matheny said the Acting Superintendent of Public Works reported that Jim Brophy of Rutgers Nursery would be starting work on December 26. Mr. Sageser explained that brush on Welisewitz Road was picked up yesterday. The expectation is that the work will take about 20 days. DPW members will have to monitor the work in order to qualify for FEMA reimbursement, which may be 75%. If there isn't any snow, the DPW may also be able to help with collection to reduce the scope of the contractor's work and cost.

Deputy Mayor Cregar mentioned the news article in the Hunterdon County Democrat that the collection is not for yard clean up; Mr. Matheny explained it was only for storm debris. Deputy Mayor Cregar asked how the contractor could tell the difference, citing two separate piles on her own road. Mr. Matheny explained that it would be a case-by-case decision being made on the road, with some leeway being given but following regulations; he concluded that "the DPW knows what's out there and has a good handle on it with a vast majority of the residents complying."

3) Animal Control Officer (ACO) Contract for 2013: West Amwell Township, as lead municipality, prepared the 2013 version of the contract. Other municipalities are also participating, including Delaware. Mr. Matheny said that Nate Barson is the ACO and "is doing a very good job...with no cost overruns, ... has a very good rapport with the public... and the contract is working well for us."

Mr. Mathews commented that "Nate does a great job," noting his familiarity with three situations which Nate handled, adding "[he is]...very professional, fast, gives great service, ... folks are happy."

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RESOLUTION #148-12

ACO SHARED SERVICES RESOLUTION
As attached to original set of minutes

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution to continue the shared service for the Animal Control Officer.

4) Draft Agreement with Raritan Township for 2013 Police Coverage: Mr. Matheny looked at other departments, mentioning that it was unclear whether Raritan Township would continue for the full year, but they would agree to assist for the first quarter of the year "month-by-month." Mr. Mathews previously recommended looking at West Amwell Township for coverage. Mr. Matheny said that they may be capable, but he explained that police departments will not challenge other departments already doing the work.

Ms. Lenox asked why Raritan Township may not do the work; Mr. Matheny explained that there may be a manpower issue (attrition loss), and there "was a disconnect between the Administrator and Police Chief."

Mayor Kneski spoke about the comments from the parents earlier this evening about service. Mr. Matheny reminded the governing body that the State Police are the primary police department, and their Commander was at the last meeting. Mr. Matheny did not believe it was appropriate to address supplemental coverage at this time. He also noted a call from the

Prosecutor's Office earlier in the month, and the officials, including the Sheriff, are aware of the concerns, including having the state police on patrol at the school immediately after the incident in Connecticut. Mayor Kneski asked about having the State Police "beef up" patrols; Mr. Matheny explained that the police will not make their patrols public information. A suggestion was made to have the State Police Commander and someone from the County Prosecutor's Office attend the meeting between the Township Committee and East Amwell Township School when it is scheduled.

5) Request from Trap Rock for Assignment of Contract from an Inc. to LLC:

Mr. Matheny explained that the Township purchases stone as part of the contract awarded to Trap Rock this year. The issue involves a business designation change by the company but does not affect materials purchased.

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RESOLUTION #149 - 12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell has no objection to the assignment of the 2012 Road Maintenance and Repair Contract from Trap Rock Industries, Inc. to Trap Rock Industries LLC., and the Township Committee authorizes the Mayor's signature on the letter from Trap Rock dated December 17, 2012.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

Mayor Kneski, referencing the earlier discussion on JCP&L, noted a Mayor's meeting with JCP&L on January 3; he will be attending the meeting in Morristown and there will be a second meeting that day in Southern NJ.

Dick Ginman, Mountain Road, advised the Clerk earlier today that JCP&L crews are doing pole inspections, including excavations, in the area. Mr. Mathews said they are also winding up slack in the wires.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that Flemington lost power in the whole area for two days and no food was available. She commented on the 3rd or 4th outage in fine weather. She spoke about "lots of work to be done," with downed trees on Losey and Wertsville, and a wind storm that twisted an old barn. She commented on trimming being emphasized.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ASSISTANT TREASURER ANDREWS presented the bills of the evening. The Clerk pointed out the addendum to the bill list including two closings in the amount of not to exceed \$185,000 for the Wiedemer property and \$24,600 for the Polhemus property. These will be included in approval of the bill list. Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Mr. Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the bills of the evening.

TREASURER BALDINO presented resolutions.

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RESOLUTION #150-12

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>
FROM:		
23-210-2	General Liability Insurance OE	<u>400.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$400.00
TO:		
20-175-1	Historic Sites S&W	100.00
27-330-1	Public Health Services S&W	100.00
27-345-2	Administration of Public Assistance OE	<u>200.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$400.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #151- 12

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus.

General Administration: OE	\$ 1,000.00
01-201-20-100-2-118	
Revenue Administration: OE	\$ 250.00
01-201-20-145-2-121	
Planning Board: OE	\$ 1,000.00
01-201-21-180-2-108	
Zoning Board: OE	\$ 500.00
01-201-21-185-2-027	
Employee Group Insurance: OE	\$ 6,000.00
01-201-23-220-2-012	1,000.00
01-201-23-220-2-093	1,000.00
01-201-23-220-2-094	4,000.00
Office of Emergency Management: OE	\$ 500.00
01-201-25-252-2-020	
Streets & Road Maintenance: OE	\$10,000.00
01-201-26-290-2-020	3,000.00

01-201-26-290-2-116	7,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds: OE		\$ 2,000.00
01-201-26-310-2-128		
Public Employees Retirement System OE		\$ 3,219.00
01-201-36-471-2-020		
Municipal Court OE		\$ 500.00
01-201-43-490-2-059		
Bond Interest		\$ 0.50
01-201-45-930-2-020		
Green Trust Loan		\$.04
01-201-45-936-2-020		
Total		\$24,969.54

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund be cancelled.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Cregar, seconded by Ms. Lenox to approve the resolutions. Mr. Mathews asked about the cancellation of PERS and employee insurance; it was unclear but speculated that it may have been for an employee who left. The motion was carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND presented resolutions:

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RESOLUTION #152- 12

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A:5-17.1 allows for amounts of \$5.00 or less of delinquent taxes to be canceled, and

WHEREAS the following amounts have been underpaid for 2012 taxes, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Tax Collector to clear these small delinquencies before the New Year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following debit amounts be canceled:

Block/Lot	Amount
8/24.02	.03
14.02/28.03	.01
17/35.09	.08
18/24	.05
18.01/24.02	.01
20/17.07Q0098	.48
23/7.10Q0314	1.00
23/7.11Q0314	.02
27/1.06	.01
34/5.01	.44
35.01/27	.63
39/1	.01
40/38	.02
40/41.06	.20
41/28	.60
42/12.01	.30
Total:	\$3.89

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #153-12

WHEREAS there has been an overpayment of 2012 taxes, and

WHEREAS the following property owners have requested that these amounts be refunded to them,

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

Owner	Block/Lot	Amount
The Kohane Family Investment	16.01/33Q0054	1648.79
Henry & Katharina Catenacci	17/16.08	1901.93
Bryce Thompson Foundation	34/2.08	536.11
Lower Farm LLC	35.01/10Q0238	755.96

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #154-12

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A:5-17.1 allows for amounts of \$5.00 or less of overpaid taxes to be canceled, and

WHEREAS the following amounts have been overpaid for 2012 taxes, and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Tax Collector to clear these small overpayments before the New Year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following credit amounts be canceled and applied to Surplus.

Block/Lot	Amount
6/21.01	.41
14.02/28Q0053	.02
20/19	.01
21/9.01	.01
25/20	.08
27/1.05	.01
32/7.01	.54
33/32	.02
40.02/5Q0435	.40
Total:	\$1.50

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted without comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kneski thanked Ms. Lenox for all her efforts and service on Township Committee. Ms. Lenox sent a "group hug" to everyone.

There being no further business, motion by Ms. Lenox, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk