

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Dart Sageser, and Committee members Tim Mathews and David Wang-Iverson. Committee member Patricia Cregar was absent. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny and Attorney Lorraine Staples 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, 2013, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 10, 2013. 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 March 12, 2013.

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

### AGENDA REVIEW

Under Administrator's Update, add discussion on Brush at Grit Yard (see 3/14 memo from the Administrator). There will be an executive session at the end of the regular meeting, and the purpose of this meeting will be to discuss farmland preservation/Scibilia property, personnel (CFO/Treasurer's Office), GRC Complaint, and to receive advice from the Township attorney.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The Grit-yard is now open the first Saturday of the month (same day as recycling depot) from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. for residents to bring branches/brush for chipping and to pick up mulch.

B. 2013 Dog Licenses are now overdue. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged per dog licensed as of March 1, 2013.

C. The public is invited to GreenFest on Saturday, March 16, 2013, on 9:30 a.m. – noon at the East Amwell Municipal Building – Come and learn more about activities available in the community.

D. The annual Egg Hunt will take place at the East Amwell Township School on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 11 a.m. This is open to all children through Grade 5.

E. Municipal Offices will be closed on March 29, 2013, for Good Friday.

F. Hunterdon County Computer & Electronics Collection will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the County Complex. Email [hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us) for information.

G. Roadside Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Contact Blaine Hummel at 609-466-2907 to volunteer.

H. Annual Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. – noon on the municipal lot. You may purchase permits in advance at the Clerk's Office during normal business hours: \$15/car; \$25/SUV; \$35/truck

I. The Plant Swap is back this year with the location changed to the Clawson Park Pavilion from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 30, 2013, Special Minutes (Budget) were approved on a motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

February 7, 2013, Special Minutes (Budget) were approved on a motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously with one correction on page 3, full

paragraph 4, line 5, change sentence to read: "school taxes could go up 2% a year without a vote...."

February 14, 2013, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously.

February 14, 2013, Executive Minutes (Litigation, Acquisition, Attorney Advice) were approved on a motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

February 28, 2013, Special Minutes (Budget) were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously.

February 28, 2013, Executive Minutes (Personnel) were approved on a motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

**STATE POLICE UPDATE**

Assistant Commander Dante Nini spoke about the statistical items on the monthly report, with 16 calls for medical assistance, 5 investigations, 12 accidents including deer, 5 other motor vehicle accidents, including 2 weather-related. The Asst. Commander was stationed here previously in 1993, then working mostly on the turnpike.

Nancy Cunningham, 14 Wertsville Road, asked about extra patrols at the schools. Asst. Commander Nini said that there are two troopers assigned to schools and they are in the schools every day.

The Clerk asked about increased patrols on the roads; Asst. Commander Nini said that the Police have identified high traffic areas that they visit on a regular basis.

The Township Committee thanked him for his attendance tonight.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was open to the public. There being no comments, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**MOTION TO APPOINT KATHLEEN BROSS AS CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR TO SUBMIT NJ DEP REPORTS**

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**RESOLUTION #42-13**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby appoint Kathleen Bross as the Township's Certified Recycling Coordinator, pro bono, to assist the Township's Recycling Coordinator with submission of state grants.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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2012 SALARY AND WAGE RESOLUTION AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE DAVID WANG-IVERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION #43-13

BE IT RESOLVED by the East Amwell Township Committee that the 2012 Salary and Wage Resolution be amended retroactively to January 1, 2013, as follows:

- REMOVE Township Committee Member Linda Lenox \$3,015
- ADD Township Committee Member David Wang-Iverson \$3,015

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings:

ORDINANCE 13-03 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GRADING AND PAVING AT CLAWSON PARK IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$163,000 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TAX FUND

As proof of notification, the legal notice from the February 21, 2013, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was presented. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on February 14, 2013.

Mayor Kneski explained to the public that prior to the regular meeting a decision was made to defer the appropriation for this project and revisit the scope of the project in order to “pare it down to reduce the amount of expense.” The Clerk explained that the public hearing was still required.

The meeting was open to the public for comments. There being none, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

There was no motion on the floor to adopt the ordinance; therefore, the ordinance failed.

ORDINANCE 13-04 CALENDAR YEAR 2013 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

As proof of notification, the legal notice from the February 21, 2013, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was presented. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on February 14, 2013.

The meeting was open to the public for comments. There being none, motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 13-04: Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

ORDINANCE 13-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 75, TO INCREASE FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER PLAYGROUND

As proof of notification, the legal notice from the February 21, 2013, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was presented. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on February 14, 2013.

The meeting was open to the public for comments. There being none, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 13-05: Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS - None**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION**

1) SADC 2/26/13 notification of Request for Development Easement Purchase for Block 3, Lot 5 & 5, property belonging to Edward/Sarah & Edward/Virginia Perkovich

Dick Ginman, 125 Mountain Road and Vice Chair of FOSPC, heartily recommended support of the agreement, stating that it does not involve financial assistance from the township. The property was identified as two pieces, one 75 acre lot and one less than 75 acres, near Route 604 and Rynearson Road.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to send a letter in support of the SADC acquisition.

2) Consideration of a Resolution for Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Sites in New Jersey: Mr. Ginman explained a movement to notify the Governor and legislators to continue support of funding for preservation and open space. There is no specific formula to endorse, just a notification that the Township supports continued funding.

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**RESOLUTION #44-13**

Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years, and the state Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 were fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the Garden State have been direct beneficiaries of, and partners to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of all our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a sustainable state funding source be established in order to sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell hereby expresses support for the establishment of a sustainable state funding source for these purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Senator Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, and Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, the members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Chair Barbara Sageser was present for this discussion.

1) Resolution of Approval for Application to Hunterdon County for Continued Grant Funding for Clawson House, Phase Three, Revision A: Mrs. Sageser explained the request for continued funding of the Clawson House rehabilitation. The application is the same one submitted last year at a projected cost of \$65,000 for a one-story addition with a new handicapped-accessible bathroom and entrance in the back of the existing building. Last year, the County instead granted the Township \$19,000 to prepare for the addition, i.e., to work on the foundations and keep the basement dry and mold free. This year, the grant round is starting, and the Historic Preservation Committee unanimously agreed that the Township should request what they asked for last year, reducing the cost to \$46,000 since the County gave the municipality \$19,000 last year. An additional aspect to the application is security lighting.

Mr. Mathews walked the park and saw “nothing done” after receiving grants for two phases. Mrs. Sageser explained the process in detail: she explained that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has purview over the building and had to approve the building; she outlined an issue with a bay window in the house; she also noted that the house is a contributing factor in the Ringoes Historic District and the bay window was part of the period; Mrs. Sageser met with Hunterdon County Open Space Administrator Kevin Richardson and some SHPO representatives in November to review all facets of the house.

Mr. Mathews asked if any money from the grants had been spent. Mrs. Sageser explained that no money can be spent until SHPO authorization has been obtained, and there is an issue at this point since the County does not accept what the State accepts. Mrs. Sageser explained that interim reports are required every six months, and she is continuing meetings with the State and County; she also mentioned that the State has significant documentation about the house.

Mrs. Sageser continued by stating Mr. Richardson retired, and the new County contact sent the application for the new grant round funding. Mrs. Sageser spoke about protecting the house (e.g., Sandy Storm damage removed pieces of the roof); and she believed that the County agrees that there is some urgency in saving the house. She stated that all concerned want to save the

house for the historic period span under the rehabilitation (not restoration) standards – rehabilitation would be more flexible and less expensive. She mentioned specific parts of the house, including pocket doors, slate roof extensions, etc. Mrs. Sageser concluded that they wanted to submit the same application for the project submitted last year, which was replaced by county funding for a different segment of preservation.

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**RESOLUTION #45-13**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and established a Historic Preservation Grant Program to provide County funds in connection with the acquisition of historic properties and the preservation of historic properties, buildings, structures facilities, sites, areas or objects, in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$46,000 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following historic preservation project, as described here:

Clawson House Rehabilitation – Phase 3: Entry Addition Installation - REVISION A at a cost of \$46,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that the East Amwell Township Mayor or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such Historic Preservation Grant Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, adopted Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Historic Preservation Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and rules, regulations and applicable statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell

1. That the Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Clawson House Rehabilitation – Phase 3: Entry Addition Installation REVISION A;
2. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant may have the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser to approve the resolution in support of the grant application. Mr. Mathews commented on his support for the grant for a specific purpose but was concerned with not spending the money. The motion to approve the resolution was carried unanimously.

1) Depot Dumpsters: Mr. Mathews brought up a matter that was discussed by the Recycling Committee about non-recyclable debris being left in the Dumpsters on the lot. The Recycling Committee discussed the matter with suggestions such as paying the company to remove the Dumpsters on Saturday after the depot. He further explained that the entire volume of the recyclables can be “void” if there is non-recyclable material included in the load and the Township would have paid for collection. Mr. Wang-Iverson suggested putting the Dumpsters at the grit yard, then locking the gate after the depot. Mr. Mathews said that residents may not know where the Dumpsters are located and the Township likes to offer off hours recycling (after the depot) except for the “rule breakers” who contaminate the load. Mr. Mathews commented on having volunteers “Dumpster diving” as part of their volunteer work; prices may be obtained about Saturday removal of the bins. Another suggestion was to provide security from Saturday Night to Monday by providing lights or cameras.

Mayor Kneski asked about the extra cost for early pickup coming out of the tonnage fund; Mr. Mathews said that the Recycling Committee wanted the Township Committee to be aware of the violations. Mr. Wang-Iverson also suggested working out logistics with the DPW to have the depot in the grit-yard. Mr. Matheny commented that having the Dumpsters in the grit-yard may be “tight” for public to access with less egress, adding that the Recycling Shed with supplies is located on the main lot. Mr. Mathews mentioned night time cameras which could be purchased; the potential for cameras to be stolen was mentioned. Mr. Mathews suggested that perhaps the DPW could clean out the debris from the Dumpsters, mentioning having volunteers clean out is a problem; Mr. Wang-Iverson agreed that it was unreasonable to expect volunteers to do the work. Mayor Kneski suggested checking into seeing if the grant funding would cover pulling the Dumpsters off site on Saturday.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

1) Request for Adult Soccer League to Use School Soccer Fields at Night: Present for this discussion were John Haeberlen from Doylestown and resident Joseph Bonfantino, 29 Toad Lane. Mr. Haeberlen said one team was from Doylestown and two are from the Flemington area; this is the first year that he is organizing games.

Mr. Matheny explained that the soccer fields are generally used by recreational youth soccer leagues. The Township paid for the installation and lights (including lighting bills) and paid for an irrigation system for the fields. The school uses the fields during the day and do have one night game during the year. The school maintains the fields and South County Soccer League fertilizes and stripes the fields for their use. There is no fee ordinance in place to use the fields. The three teams will play a total of 21 games, and Mr. Matheny reminded the governing body that when the fields were first created, the youth league organizers were very careful to protect them, using one at a time and letting one grow; the Recreation Committee was working on field use requests, but they haven’t been active. The School advises that it is up to the Township to decide on how to proceed; when the school reviews facilities requests, they look at how many East Amwell residents/children are using the fields. Mr. Matheny said it was up to the Township Committee to decide.

The soccer club representatives explained that there were a few people from the area, and their team belongs to the Greater Flemington Club and Tri-county Soccer League. Mr. Haeberlen agreed that concerns were valid, but they just wanted to play on the fields when they were open. He knows John Quirke of the South County Soccer League, and they felt that he would be the best source to know if fields were playable or not.

Mr. Mathews felt that a cost should be charged to use the fields. Mr. Haeberlen spoke about costs for an over 30 team to play at Duke Island Park, i.e., several hundred dollars for the “pristinely maintained” fields. Mr. Mathews spoke about baseball teams who pay \$500 to register for tournaments to cover costs; as a consideration, he mentioned between \$1400 – 1600 per month.

When asked about other fields, Mr. Haeberlen mentioned that Lenape fields are not maintained. Mayor Kneski asked what time games would begin; the games may start at 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Haeberlen noted that South County would be ready to use the fields within the next few weeks, but it will be mid-May before the adult league will play locally. He said that there were 50-60 teams in the league, and all teams are from New Jersey with the local field being a good location. Mr. Mathews asked about scheduling games; Mr. Haeberlen mentioned working with John Quirke.

Discussion continued at length with the following highlights: Deputy Mayor Sageser commented on an annual fee and a time slot for use; Mr. Matheny explained how the Recreation Committee handled field use while it was active – he also mentioned working with South County Soccer League on keeping the soccer fields in good shape. Mr. Mathews suggested that Mr. Haeberlen submit a proposal of what the group would be willing to pay, with the Township Committee authorizing the use as a “revenue stream.” A suggestion was made to make a donation to the municipality, provide some insurance, and make sure that there is no conflict with the youth league. One suggestion was to see what Duke Island Park officials charged per team and also checking with Raritan Township; Mr. Haeberlen said that there would be three teams using the field. Making sure that the lights are turned off and making sure that cars don’t ride over the septic system were some imminent concerns. Another suggestion made was to have the teams pay for maintenance and reseeding of the field that they use. Mr. Matheny spoke about the involvement of South County Soccer League in keeping the field maintained for their use, providing details of such. Mr. Mathews commented on charging South County Soccer League for using the field and letting them oversee the use of the field; they, in turn, could set parameters for the field use and fees to other teams. Mr. Matheny spoke about JCP&L fees for lights at the soccer field, paid whether lights are used or not. Some discussion took place about the South County Soccer League, which includes local and neighboring children, and charging for use of the field; Mayor Kneski felt that something couldn’t be formulated right now.

Mr. Mathews concluded that for the application presented this evening, a one-time contract agreement could be prepared, including preparing a hold harmless agreement, a one time donation, coordination with South County Soccer League and Mr. Haeberlen’s team. If this is beneficial to all, a broader program could be developed going forth. Mayor Kneski said that the motion should include reference to counsel approval.

Motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the one time use of the school fields for the team led by John Haeberlen in the Tr-County Soccer League, with coordination with South County Soccer League and a contribution to maintenance of the fields, subject to counsel review of the legalities and counsel approval of the agreement. Mayor Kneski agreed to sign off on the agreement when it was convenient.

2) Request for Bicycle Tour Through Portions of East Amwell Township: Brian Ignation, Newtown, PA, was present for this discussion. Mr. Ignation previously provided a copy of a map of the bike tour to be held on March 30, which begins in Lambertville. The route will include a scenic tour of the Sourlands on unpaved roads for experienced riders, and it is a fundraiser for D & R Greenways, for leukemia and lymphoma awareness, and for a children’s cycling program. The riders should reach East Amwell about 33 miles into the 79 mile route, and Mr. Ignation provided specifics about the ride route.

Mr. Mathews raised concerns about litter from riders on Linvale Road; Mr. Ignation agreed that the group will patrol and pick up the litter left behind; he also noted that the riders are raising money for D & R Greenways and are “environmental friendly.”

On a question, Mr. Ignation said that the group is not requesting road closings, that there are about 500 riders expected and they will start in waves over 30 minute intervals. The riders will not be in East Amwell until mile 33, with a hilly course, so the ride “will take its toll,” i.e., there should not be large groups blocking the road. Time estimate for the ride in East Amwell is between 10:40 a.m. – to 12:20 p.m. for the recreational ride. Mr. Ignation was asked to notify the State Police to let them know about the ride on local, state, and county roads; he did receive approval for a special event permit from Delaware Township. Mr. Ignation provided a copy of the insurance certification, and his group has never been asked to notify individual residents in past events. He agreed that the bicyclists will be instructed to obey vehicle regulations. Mr. Mathews asked if there was anything that the group could do to support the roadside clean up (at the end of April), such as buying hoagies or some other contribution. Mr. Ignation said that the

group “wanted to be good guests seeking permission” rather than just riding through without it, and they would like the Township’s support.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed bicycle ride on March 30 through portions of East Amwell Township for the benefit of D & R Greenways, notifying the State Police about the event, and trailing after the event for clean up.

3) CFO/Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer Position Updates: This will be discussed in executive session.

4) DPW Update, If Applicable: Reference was made to discussions at the budget meeting regarding keeping an additional member in place on the crew.

Mr. Matheny spoke about grit yard activities and allowing residents to clear debris from their properties and bring to the yard. The Township paid for a tub grinder to remove materials after the storm. Since that time, there has been more dumping and some from commercial landscapers. Jason Silverthorn believes that there was a landscaper who also dumped garbage along with vegetative debris, including chairs, etc. – dumping took place outside the yard since it was locked. Mr. Matheny read his 3/14/13 memo regarding brush at the grit yard, and he asked that the governing body consider it as a resolution. Mr. Matheny also mentioned that the Township obtained a temporary DEP permit to store brush after the storm, noting that a certain amount of materials can be stored; applying for a permanent permit would be difficult. Mr. Mathews commented on having the mulch available for resident use; Mr. Matheny said that there is enough available for residents, and the Township could restrict commercial trucks from taking the chips. Some comments were made about commercial businesses taking the mulch for financial purposes.

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**RESOLUTION #46-13**

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township wishes to control debris deposited at the grit yard on John Ringo Road,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that the following policy be enforced:

“The grit yard may be used for residential vegetative brush of a limited nature that is a result of routine homeowner maintenance. Large quantities collected from clearing substantial acreage cannot be accepted. We will not accept any type of debris, vegetative or otherwise, from a commercial enterprise regardless of where the debris originates or where the business owner resides. Vegetative debris will only be accepted during hours when the grit yard is open and in such a location that is designated for same. Any debris dumped in any location not intended for vegetative debris, or when the gates are closed, will be considered illegal dumping and will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement authority.”

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the mulch will be for residents only.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

+++++ Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously.

The temporary DPW employee will continue with the department through the end of June.

This item will be deferred until the April meeting. Committee member Patricia Cregar was working with Historic Preservation Committee on this, and Mr. Mathews agreed to ask his neighbor, David Harding.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON 2013 BUDGET, IF APPLICABLE This item will take place after Executive Session Mayor Kneski spoke about working with the previous CFO about some items to be addressed.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Dick Ginman, 125 Mountain Road, spoke about the Dumpster problem that the Recycling Committee is experiencing. He suggested purchasing some large tarps to be tied down over the units. He also commented on Mr. Matheny’s report on the grit yard, speaking about the large volume of mulch at the yard; he believed that having the two businesses who took some of it away benefited both the business and the Township.

Glorianne Robbi, 144 Lambertville-Hopewell Turnpike, spoke about the Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee (FOSPC) meeting on Monday night. Peter Fick, the Recreation Committee meeting, was present, and there was a discussion about interest in the county field (near South County Park). A suggestion was made to have each sports organization in the Township have a member on the Recreation Committee (e.g., as an alternate member with a vote). Mr. Fick called Thyra Zengel (softball) to “spread the word around.” The Mayor liked this suggestion.

Mrs. Robbi also invited everyone to the March 16th GreenFest to be held at the municipal building. Outdoor activities on Saturday may be canceled due to inclement weather predictions.

Mrs. Robbi also spoke about the annual roadside clean-up, mentioning that last year she and Toni Robbi picked up on Linvale from Route 31 to Rocktown; a large part of the debris was beer and liquor bottles, not water bottles from bikers.

Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public at 9:55 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION #47-13**

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 land acquisition, personnel, a GRC Complaint, and to receive attorney’s advice; 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 Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution to enter executive session.

Executive session began at 9:55 p.m. There was a five minute break between 11:25 – 11:30 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 11:45 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Continued**

#### **CFO/TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Based on the fact that there were some items to be addressed, Mr. Mathews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to engage the previous CFO/Treasurer, Karen Baldino, for enough hours as required to update the budget at the highest rate of pay in the 2012 Salary and Wage Resolution as an Assistant Treasurer.

The next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 7 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

TREASURER'S OFFICE provided the bills of the evening. Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the bills of the evening.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided her February 2013 report and a resolution for redemption.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews to approve the resolution. Mr. Mathews questioned the intent of the resolution, asking for further clarification. The motion was held for action at the special meeting on March 21, when the Tax Collector will be asked to provide more information.

Other administrative reports were noted without comments.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted for filing.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk