

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee came to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Dart Sageser, and Committee members Tim Mathews and David Wang-Iverson. Committee Member Patricia Cregar was absent.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, a copy of notice of this meeting was filed in the Clerk's Office, posted on the bulletin board, and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, and Star Ledger on November 1, 2013. The purpose of this meeting is to interview candidates for Township committees/boards. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Action may or may not be taken.

6:30 p.m. – Michael and Amy Atzert, 39 John Ringo Road, were present. Recreation Committee Chairman Peter Fick was also in the audience.

Mr. Atzert explained that he is the new Pastor at Kirkpatrick Church, and the family moved to East Amwell during the summer; he and his wife have two children, a sophomore at Hunterdon Central and a sophomore at the College of New Jersey. The couple wants to be involved in the community, as they have done in their previous community in South Jersey, and they saw the Recreation Committee as an option. The Atzerts were involved with soccer teams for many years, as team managers, handling treasury, and other aspects, including scheduling and field maintenance.

Mrs. Atzert has been a public librarian for twenty years, is looking at positions and currently works for the Camden Library, including being a Children's Librarian there. Part of her work includes creating and running large scale programs, e.g., working with vendors, scheduling, making arrangements, etc.

Mr. Fick said that he will speak with Mr. and Mrs. Atzert after the meeting to fill them in the work of the Recreation Committee. The next meeting of the Committee will be a week from tonight.

Mayor Kneski thanked the Atzerts for coming forward, and a decision will be made at the regular meeting later tonight. If they are not present, the Clerk will notify them about the action.

The Committee briefly discussed appointments outlined by the Clerk while they waited for the next candidate to appear. One candidate, Erica Johanson, is currently serving on the Recycling Committee and Environmental Commission, and she is also looking for a position on the Recreation Committee. She did not indicate that she would be leaving Recycling to join Recreation. There was a consensus by the governing body that Ms. Johanson did not need to be interviewed again.

On a question about membership on the Recycling Committee, the Clerk left the meeting room to obtain specific requirements for that committee.

6:45 p.m. Ron O'Reilly, 18 Losey Road, was interested in serving on the Recycling Committee. Mayor Kneski recalled that Mr. O'Reilly had previously expressed interest in the Historic Preservation Committee, and a seat may become available in January, if he was still interested in serving on both committees.

Mr. O'Reilly provided background information, as follows: he quipped about his wife's opinion of his being "eminently qualified for recycling with all his possessions in the garage." He stated that he was active in government affairs where he lived before, and he was appreciative of different personalities and how government works. He commented that he will enjoy working with Mike Petrus (another member on the Recycling Committee), and he felt that the Recycling Committee would be a good committee for service.

Mr. Mathews commented on Mr. O'Reilly's business (e.g., Stories Worth Repeating), stating that he would like to get his 99 year old grandmother's stories.

Mr. O'Reilly said that he will be working on dramatizations of Dr. Larison and Silvia DuBois and will be having surgery in the up-coming months, and he would only like to commit to the Recycling Committee right now. He is available for their meetings and can assist with the depots.

The Committee thanked Mr. O'Reilly for volunteering, stating that action would be taken at the regular meeting later tonight, and the Clerk would notify him.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk