

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Dart Sageser, Deputy Mayor David Wang-Iverson, and Committee members Tim Mathews (arriving at 8:40 p.m.), Charles Van Horn, and Peter Miller. 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, 2014, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 9, 2014. 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 9, 2014.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Prior to approval of minutes, there will be an update from the CFO, Margaret Pasqua, on the Finance Office.

Under Unfinished Business, PennEast Pipeline will be moved up to Special Discussion Item E.

New item of correspondence: 12/9 resolution from County of Mercer Freeholders Opposing Routing of PennEast Pipeline Project.

Under Farmland/Open Space, the Van Doren property will be discussed in executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Sageser commended the 8th grade girl scouts for the beautiful seasonal décor in the meeting room, which was part of the display for the tree lighting ceremony. He gave permission to keep the decorations up through the holiday since there were not religious in nature.

The municipal building will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, December 24, 25, 26, and Wednesday, December 31, 2014, for the holidays.

The Township Committee will hold a second regular meeting in December on December 30, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

The 2015 Images of East Amwell Calendar, a joint effort of the Historic Preservation Committee and the East Amwell Historical Society, will be available at the municipal building in the next few weeks. He acknowledged Frances Gavigan, in the audience, for her assistance.

The 2015 reorganization dates for boards and committees will be published in the December 18th issue of the Hunterdon Democrat and be listed on the Township's website.

UPDATE FROM CFO

CFO Margaret Pasqua was present at this time. She said that 75% of the bank statements were reconciled, through November. The new assistant treasurer is working out well, and she is working on more complicated issues, such as 1099s and payroll/pension; she is in the office two days a week.

The audit company representative will be here again next week to help with the year end close out. There is also an Edmunds webinar which Ms. Pasqua will attend to close out the year. She said that there's lots of work to do, and she is "chipping away," adding that the general ledger still needs lots of work and may not be done by year's end. Mr. Miller asked about the time frame for reconciliation. Ms. Pasqua said bank statements will be caught up within the month and before the auditors come at the end of the year for the Annual Financial Statement.

She could not give a time frame for tying into Edmunds, acknowledging that this may take months.

Ms. Pasqua was thanked for her presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 13, 2014, Special Minutes (Interview) were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, and carried with one abstention, Mr. Miller.

Mayor Sageser commended Deputy Clerk Pam Dymek for “doing a great job” standing in during the November 13th meeting.

November 13, 2014, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and carried unanimously with the following corrections: page 6, paragraph 6, line one, change “reaping” to “renting”; page 8, line 2, last sentence should read, “Mayor Sageser commented on other preserved property on Welisewitz Road connecting to Rainbow Hill Road.” On page 10, line two, add the word “is”; page 11, paragraph 5, line 2, change to read, “noting comments he has heard that the Township does not pay their financial people sufficiently and this may be why the Township does not retain people in that department.” On page 14, first paragraph, first sentence shall read, “Additionally, the information provided says the applicants will only receive 30% of the project’s total installed cost; after deducting incentives, and in some cases, even with federal and state funding, the cost could not exceed 50%.” On page 17, paragraph 2, line 4, change “executive” to “execute”; on page 18, third full paragraph, line 3, change “he” to “Mr. Matheny.” And in conclusion, in minutes going forth, when referencing administrative reports, Mr. Mathews asked (in an email) that the words “provided for review” be used rather than “presented.”

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The meeting was open to the public for items not on the agenda. There being no comments, motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DICK GINMAN FOR YEARS OF CONTINUED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER IN EAST AMWELL (See 11/13/14 Minutes)

Mayor Sageser invited Dick Ginman to the front of the meeting room and read the following resolution of appreciation for Mr. Ginman’s many years of service.

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RESOLUTION #130-14

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, Dick Ginman has been a long time resident of East Amwell Township, moving to the municipality with his wife, Els, after building their home in 1968, and thereafter, joining the East Amwell volunteer ranks in the early 1970’s; and

WHEREAS, Dick Ginman served East Amwell as one of the founding members of the Environmental Commission, along with other residents who early on were sensitive to the protection of the natural resources of this area, including the Sourlands region; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee also found Dick Ginman to be a perfect match for the East Amwell Planning Board, given his background as a professional planner; Dick served on the Planning Board for numerous years in the 1980’s, shaping the direction of the Township during a period of time when development was booming; and

WHEREAS, Dick’s dedication to the Township has never faltered, and in 2003, when the governing body established the Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee, Dick Ginman volunteered, along with his co-chair Glorianne Robbi, to further champion the preservation and conservation efforts of this community; and

WHEREAS, Dick's participation on this committee did not stop at administrative duties such as strategy, negotiations, and dealing with county, state, and non-profit agencies; Dick has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of trails on East Amwell properties as an additional benefit for our residents, and he and Els have provided conservation easements on their own properties; and

WHEREAS, Dick Ginman has been a great asset to our community and has spent so many years nurturing our Township behind the scenes for no other reason than for the betterment of East Amwell Township and to allow it to retain its rural characteristics so much appreciated by all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell now hereby publicly recognizes Dick Ginman for his long term contributions to our Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dick be commended for his dedication to East Amwell Township and be offered sincere appreciation with all best wishes for years to come!

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Mayor Sageser commented favorably on Mr. Ginman’s service in the past and said that he would be depended upon for continued advice. Mr. Ginman commented on work not being done by one person but depending on a good team working together. There was a round of applause for Mr. Ginman’s service.

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

COMCAST QUARTERLY PRESENTATION

Molly Adams, Government Affairs Manager, provided a newsletter to each of the governing body members and highlighted some initiatives of the company, including “outstanding customer service” with the company now shipping converters directly to households rather than having customers go to Hillsborough to pick them up. Comcast also has a relationship with UPS to ship the converters back to the company. Ms. Adams continued by stating that in the first quarter of 2015, the new X-1 entertainment system will be offered. There is also a voice interface X-1 box for blind or visually impaired customers. She also mentioned channel changes coming up in the future. There is also an application, “trialing” in Boston, entitled, “Where’s My Tech?” – it is a smart phone app where customers can track their technician within a half hour of his/her arrival.

Discussion turned to problems with downed wires and whose responsibility they may be; comments were made about a recent incident and the inability of the Township to get assistance at the company. Ms. Adams spoke about handing out her business cards to the governing body in the past and providing assistance to the clerk on a regular basis. Mr. Van Horn commented on Comcast not getting back to the Department of Public Works when there was an incident on a township road. Ms. Adams further explained that there are different crews handling the wires, depending on location, e.g., service and installation from plant to street, neighborhood transportation lines handled by the construction department, etc.

Further explanation was provided on the DPW issues on Van Lieus Road with the downed line, including calling in the State Police and installation of a temporary pole so cars could get

through. It was noted that the State Police also had difficulty in getting through to Comcast with at least three calls made to the company. Ms. Adams commented that most poles do not belong to Comcast, and they rent the poles from the power or phone companies. Ms. Adams will follow up on this complaint.

Frances Gavigan, Wertsville Road, spoke about a recent technical problem she experienced with “good follow up” from the technicians with some “fried equipment.”

Mr. Matheny asked if Comcast provided HBO-go for streaming on Roku boxes and sticks. Ms. Adams will look into this, but she added that this may not be something in the HBO agreement with Comcast.

The Committee thanked Ms. Adams for her presentation.

DISCUSSION WITH STEVE SOUZA FROM PRINCETON HYDRO RE: 319(H) GRANT AND PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (See 11/13/14 Minutes for Background)

Committee members discussed the grant with Dr. Souza, including approval of the grant resolution at the last meeting. There was a question about construction costs and whether the Township was “on the hook” for costs if there was no reimbursement from the state; Dr. Souza had previously discussed this with Mr. Cushing.

Dr. Souza explained that with 319(H) grants, they are administered by the NJ DEP and paid through reimbursement. He has been involved with about 2 dozen of them with contractors doing the work and being paid after the towns receive their funds. In the case of a non-government organizations (NGO), the contractors submit invoices, DEP pays the grant recipient, and the grantee pays the contractor. He agreed that this could be modified in the contract, if the Township prefers.

Mr. Cushing and Dr. Souza spoke a month ago, and it was noted that municipalities cannot operate this way because of the contractor’s payment act requiring payment within 30 days. One way to handle payment would be through use of the open space fund or purchase bond anticipation notes with low interest rates, noting that if the state does not reimburse for the expense, the Township is indeed on the hook. Additionally, while smaller projects can be handled below the bid threshold, over the threshold would require a formal bidding process.

Dr. Souza explained that the state built in a 15% calculation of \$20,000 to cover township costs, such as administration, bonding, audits, etc. He commented on a smaller project being done in West Amwell under the bid threshold and another project in Tom’s River being done without the bidding process. He stated that there was no one approach to be taken, but watersheds, non-profits and NGOs are not subject to these government regulations.

Mayor Sageser asked Dr. Souza if he ever had an experience of a grantee not getting the reimbursement funds. Dr. Souza said that the federal money has been allocated for the 2014 fiscal year, and the DEP will be dispersing the funds.

Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson ascertained that the Township will only be dealing with the NJ DEP. Dr. Souza said that the federal government gives the funds to the DEP, and the Township deals directly with them. He further explained that if there is a specific purchase that has to be made, such as a storm-water box and the manufacturer wants the money up front, the township can pre-bill the state for such structural materials (but not for construction). Some members of the governing body commented on the process with the hope for a reasonable turn around in payments from the DEP. Dr. Souza explained that the request for reimbursement is done quarterly, and his office would work closely with invoicing in a timely manner. Mayor Sageser suggested specifying a billing period for the contractors so that they would be paid within the quarter. Dr. Souza said that the contract usually calls for performance and completed tasks, although Mayor Sageser again suggested structuring the contract for quarterly payments close to the end of the billing cycle for payment within 30 days.

Mr. Van Horn asked about Princeton Hydro's project management, with Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson suggesting that the Township bid the project and accept the bids, based on bids prepared by Princeton Hydro. Mr. Van Horn suggested borrowing money from open space and reimbursing, if there are funds available.

Mr. Miller asked that the contract Princeton Hydro prepares explains what the \$120,000 pays for. Dr. Souza explained that the grant application has a task breakdown with specific deliverables. He also stated that he will work with the Clerk on quarterly billing to the DEP, emphasizing that the importance of tracking expenses regularly rather than trying to wait until the end of the cycle to recreate them. He also suggested that the bill have a set amount each month and then roll them into the invoice for the DEP, as was recently done in West Amwell Township.

Mayor Sageser also noted that the project has not yet been defined, although a majority of the work will be done at Clawson Park and what's left of the funds will be used at the municipal field and the school. Some suggested areas include hydrology, topography, storm-water structures, rain gardens, repair of flood areas, water quality issues, etc. The Mayor suggested establishing a subcommittee, such as a member of the Clawson Park subcommittee, a Recreation Committee member, the Administrator, a member of Environmental Commission, etc. to work on this project. These appointments will be added to the reorganization list.

The Committee asked Dr. Souza when the Township would hear from the DEP; he believed that they should hear by March and no later than June. The Township would then have 36 months from the date of signature on the contract to do the work. Paperwork has been submitted to the DEP, but the Clerk spoke about difficulties in getting in touch with their representatives. Dr. Souza offered to help contact them, if necessary.

The Township Committee agreed that they would look at the Princeton Hydro contract and provide comments on it prior to being listed on the reorganization agenda for approval. A word document will be provided to them as soon as possible.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON UNFIT BUILDING ORDINANCE (See 11/13/14 Minutes for Most Recent Background)

The Committee reviewed the most recent version of the ordinance prepared by Mr. Cushing. With respect to "closing a property" in two sections of the ordinance, Mr. Cushing agreed that he would change the language to "secured" in both places. With respect to section 7C regarding entering the premises, a recommendation was made to add language that the construction official cannot go on the property without permission. There was a consensus that this ordinance would be put in final format and placed on the agenda for introduction at the first January meeting.

Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson asked about passing the ordinance by the code enforcement officer. Mayor Sageser mentioned that Raritan Township had some issues. Mr. Cushing said that Raritan Township did not like the responsibilities, so the ordinance was changed to have the Township Administrator handle them. Mr. Miller asked whether the new ordinance should be sent to code enforcement now; Mayor Sageser said that everything else in the ordinance is already in the construction code. Mr. Miller concluded that the ordinance should be sent to the code enforcement officer after it was enacted.

Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson asked about the state ordinance for foreclosed properties; Mr. Cushing said that he would have that ready at the beginning of next year.

PENNEAST PIPELINE – RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION (See 11-13-14 Minutes for Background) Tracy Carluccio was present for this discussion, along with Erica Johanson in the audience.

Ms. Carluccio gave a lengthy presentation about the proposed pipeline, with the following highlights: the 108 mile line from Pennsylvania (in Marcellus Shale) will go through Hopewell, Delaware, and West Amwell with the end point in NJ at the Williams gas valves on Blackwell Road at an interchange of pipelines. It was unclear where the product will go from there. Many municipalities are raising concerns, and they are passing similar resolutions. The pipe is buried

30 -36 inches deep, traveling underground and across streams. The approved route will be a regulatory issue, and there is a pre-filing going on now.

Mr. Mathews arrived at the meeting at this time.

Ms. Carluccio continued, as follows: there is a public comment period now with information gathering. There have been some open houses by the company and they have a website. All maps provided are approximate locations with the potential to shift; the pipeline is projected for a lot of open space, and land conservation organizations are concerned. Impacts are "indelible." During the pre-filing phase, the company can change the route, and now is the time for municipalities to speak up. County meetings are being held, with none yet scheduled in Hunterdon County. Reports must be filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and they are available on their website. Comments and resolutions are also sent to the site for transparency. Once the company files, there is an official process with a series of events, including an opportunity to file with FERC that municipalities are interested parties if the pipeline passes through them. The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has jurisdiction for review since areas drain into the Delaware River Watershed – this should be considered another reviewing agency since FERC does not closely monitor environmental issues. The DRBC will analyze impacts on water quality and resources. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will also have to issue permits, such as wetlands permits, but each agency is looking at the project "piecemeal." Ms. Carluccio voiced her concern about agencies not looking at the cumulative 108 mile impact on the Delaware Watershed. She added that while the Bureau of Public Utilities has some say, it is up to the FERC to decide.

Ms. Carluccio referenced D & R Greenways maps showing the potential location of the pipeline through preserved land. She pointed out that the line could potentially be within 1.2 miles from the edge of the West Amwell/East Amwell boundary line in one point and within 1.3 miles of East Amwell in another location. She again mentioned that the route could shift at any time and perhaps impact East Amwell Township. She commented on connectivity with our neighboring communities. She also mentioned the Sourland Alliance group, created out of the 319(H) grant for regional Sourland work in the early 2000's. She reminded the governing body that East Amwell is a rural township connected to Delaware and West Amwell Townships, and it is very important to preserve resources when there may be a regional impact on groundwater and surface water in the area.

Mayor Sageser asked who would decide if an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was necessary; Ms. Carluccio said that PennEast said that they would do one, but ultimately FERC will decide if it is to be done. She indicated that all interest groups want an EIS done since this is a "greenfield pipeline," i.e., not connected to any other pipeline in the region, using fresh land including parks, farms, streams, etc. On a question from the Mayor on the "greenfield pipeline," Ms. Carluccio directed the governing body to the company's website, with the indication that they were trying to develop enough customer base to buy the gas and this may be created for economic reasons. PennEast is a "bunch of corporations" with more and more developing in shale regions where there is a "gut of gas" without enough places to send it. PennEast owns the gas wells, and she continued to speak about the financial incentives. On another question from the Mayor on Williams' gaslines, Ms. Carluccio said that PennEast would be a competitor. Mayor Sageser asked if the greenfield route was created, would the company invite another one to join right away; Ms. Carluccio said that it would depend on the contract and its intent to co-locate. She commented on the Texas Eastern line already in place with co-location abilities. She stated that the proposed line "could be larger than they say [and] ...this is a business venture."

Mr. Cushing spoke about Paul Pogorzelski, the engineer in Hopewell Township, who prepared pictures of the pipeline on the township's properties, and the company avoided every house that it could, taking open fields rather than existing houses. Mr. Cushing also represents Holland, Kingwood, and Clinton, who also did resolutions in opposition to the pipeline. He commented on the location of the line through Marcellus Shale in NJ, the possibility of selling more gas over time, and the distinct possibility of more pipelines coming through. He felt that it was a good idea to share support. Ms. Carluccio felt that this was a good point, i.e., shifting the lines and a proliferation of lines. Mr. Cushing felt that while it may be a good energy source, the State should develop a master plan of land for pipelines, such as utility corridors along Route 78, as an

example. He believed that it would be better to put the lines in one corridor and move away without receding resources in the state, such as preserved land, which is expensive to purchase.

Ms. Carluccio said that there was a lot of open space in the area and the company would pay less for the land than to a private land owner. She commented on specific organizations/agencies who paid for open space in the state with the resources being diminished by the installation of the pipeline. She commented on the destruction of forested areas and not being able to plant trees on the pipeline area as some specific areas of forest fragmentation.

Mr. Van Horn called for the resolution.

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RESOLUTION #131-14

WHEREAS, PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, a joint project of AGL Resources, NJR Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of New Jersey Resources, South Jersey Industries, PSEG Power LLC, and UGI Energy Services, a subsidiary of UGI Corporation, has proposed the construction of a new pipeline for the transfer and deliver of natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing in areas of Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline is approximately one hundred and eight (108) miles, long of thirty to thirty-six inch (30"-36") buried pipe with a permanent right of way of up to 100 feet, crossing parts of Luzerne, Carbon, Northampton and Bucks Counties in Pennsylvania and Hunterdon and Mercer Counties in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as currently proposed, the pipeline route cuts through East Amwell Townships' adjoining municipalities Delaware Township, Hopewell Township and West Amwell Township to the west of East Amwell Township, approximately between 1.2 miles and 1.3 miles from East Amwell Township's borders at its closest points; and

WHEREAS, approximately one half of East Amwell Township is located in the Sourland Mountain region and the proposed pipeline route cuts across the Sourland Mountain region, which is identified by the East Amwell Township Land Management Plan ("the Plan") as an area containing natural resources of regional and statewide significance. The Plan considers the convergence of critical features, including wetlands, large contiguous forests, critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and other significant flora and fauna, and limiting geology characterized by low rates of recharge for bedrock aquifers and low yielding wells, as requiring protective land use policies and regulations. These resources and assets are irreplaceable and once changed will never be fully restored; and

WHEREAS, among the identified goals of the East Amwell Township Master Plan Reexamination Report (2013) are: ensuring that the development of individual municipalities does not conflict with the development and general welfare of neighboring municipalities, the County and the State as a whole; expanding and implementing the Greenways and Open Space Plan so that it links environmentally sensitive areas, historic places, existing State, County and Municipal land holdings and provides for opportunities for a network of open space, both which encourage connections that unite governmental jurisdictions and promote robust neighborly civic engagement that protects regional as well as local interests; and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township recognized the importance of inter-municipal coordination and comprehensive planning as the lead agency in the development of Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the 90 square mile unique and ecologically fragile Sourland Mountain region in 2005 under a Smart Growth grant from the State of New Jersey fostering protection of the contiguous Sourland Mountain region with the Townships of West Amwell, Montgomery, Hillsborough, Hopewell and the Counties of Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer, Sourland Planning Council, the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, and Banisch Associates; East Amwell joined with these entities to complete Phase 2 of the Sourland Mountain Comprehensive Management Plan, adopting a resolution endorsing the inter-municipal Plan (RESOLUTION #108 -11); and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township was the lead agency of the Sourland Mountain Watershed Management Plan promoting inter-municipal cooperation to manage stormwater and

watershed values with the Townships of West Amwell and Montgomery, the Counties of Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer, the Sourland Planning Council, the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, the NJ Water Supply Authority, and the Regional Planning Partnership, under a 2004 grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); and

WHEREAS, the East Amwell Township Land Management Plan identifies the protection of adequate water supply and prevention of contamination of drinking water as critical public health and welfare concerns, considering that the Township is fully dependent on individual water wells fed by very limited groundwater resources, particularly in the Sourland Mountain District, and individual septic systems for sewage disposal that are vulnerable to disturbance from construction, blasting, deforestation and land use changes with unpredictable short and long-term effects that would accompany the PennEast pipeline project proximate to East Amwell Township in nearby townships; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route traverses active agricultural lands in its neighboring municipalities, which are central to the rural nature and economy of the region, located near and, in some instances, spanning the borders of East Amwell Township and which are vulnerable to the negative impacts of vegetation removal, soil compaction, decoupling of contiguous lands, proliferation of invasive species and drainage changes that accompany the PennEast pipeline project proximate to East Amwell Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route crosses protected properties and open space that were purchased with taxpayer funds, including taxpayers in East Amwell Township, under NJDEP Green Acres and New Jersey Department of Agriculture programs, Federal Farm and Ranch Protection Program Funds, Hunterdon County Open Space Funds, and lands of regional significance that were purchased through neighboring Township Open Space and privately funded conservation programs as well as other properties that are subject to conservation easements and/or deed restricted against development, permanently damaging existing assets, features, and resources and potentially limiting future public use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route crosses the Alexauken Creek, a protected Category-1 stream as per NJAC 7:9B, Surface Water Quality Standards. Approximately one fifth of East Amwell Township is located in the Alexauken Creek Watershed, including the Village of Ringoes, upstream of the proposed location of the stream crossing. East Amwell Township partnered with West Amwell Township (lead agency), Delaware Township, the City of Lambertville, Hunterdon County Planning Board, Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Regional Planning Partnership, Sourland Planning Council, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and Princeton Hydro, LLC in developing the Watershed Protection Plan for the Alexauken Creek in 2005 under a NJDEP grant, recognizing the significant regional value and need for protection of the stream's water quality and flows, agricultural and forested lands, important grassland habitats, and water supply resources of the watershed, including providing water to millions of downstream New Jersey residents who depend on the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route crosses through the nearby Mt. Airy Historical District and the scenic vistas to the east of East Amwell Township; and

WHEREAS, Spectra operates an interstate natural gas transmission line through East Amwell Township, including through portions of the Sourland Mountain District, the Amwell Valley Agricultural District, and Hunterdon County's South County Park located in Ringoes, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission is now hearing comments on the proposed PennEast pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Commission is now reviewing the proposed PennEast pipeline under Section 3.8 of the Delaware River Compact and implementing regulations.

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

1. The East Amwell Township Committee opposes the design and construction of the proposed PennEast pipeline passing through and under neighboring municipalities, including adjoining Delaware Township, West Amwell Township, in Hunterdon County and Hopewell Township in Mercer County. The construction and operation of the pipeline will damage regionally important streams and groundwater, existing farm operations, wildlife habitat, forests and the natural features and resources they support, and the quality of life in the region connected to East Amwell Township.

2. The East Amwell Township Committee calls for a moratorium on any and all planning for the PennEast Pipeline and requests that any such project, if considered, must be subject to an environmental impact statement and comprehensive environmental analyses that include and consider the cumulative impacts of all natural gas pipeline projects and related compressor stations and pumping stations, existing or proposed, in the region by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the New Jersey Public Utility Commission, and any other regulatory authority.

3. The Resolution shall be distributed to:
 - a. Governor Chris Christie
 - b. U.S. Senator Robert Menendez
 - c. U.S. Senator Cory Booker
 - d. Congresswoman-elect Bonnie Watson Coleman
 - e. Congressman Leonard Lance
 - f. Congressman Rush Holt
 - g. Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders
 - h. State Senator Shirley Turner
 - i. Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman
 - j. Assemblyman Reed Gusciora
 - k. Affected Townships of Hunterdon and Mercer Counties
 - l. Federal Regulatory Energy Commission
 - m. Delaware River Basin Commission
 - n. New Jersey State League of Municipalities

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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 Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously.

The Committee thanked Ms. Carluccio for her presentation. On a question from Mr. Mathews, she added that the line will come in from Pennsylvania in Riegelsville.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Introduction of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 14-08: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 66, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, TO DESIGNATE THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, AS EAST AMWELL'S STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Some comments were exchanged between the governing body about the introduction of this ordinance. The fees were incorporated from the West Amwell ordinance to make them consistent. West Amwell staff acknowledged that some of their fees needed to be adjusted, and there was a possibility that the ordinance would be amended in the future. On a question about whether there were significant differences with the current fees (based on Raritan Township’s fees), Mr. Van Horn did not believe it was “huge dollars.”

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee have determined that services related to the enforcement of the State Uniform Construction Code (“the Code”) will be more effectively and efficiently delivered if the Township enters into a shared services agreement with West Amwell Township for interlocal enforcement of the Code;

WHEREAS, *N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17(e)* requires that a shared services agreement for Code administration and enforcement services include that there shall be one uniform fee schedule applied by each party to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, certain changes are required to the East Amwell fee schedule to conform it to the West Amwell fee schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the current Chapter 66, Construction Codes, Uniform, of the Code of the Township of East Amwell be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

1. Section 66-1 entitled “Enforcement Agency” of Chapter 66 entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform” of the Code of the Township of East Amwell shall read as follows:

§66-1. Enforcement agency.

A. The Township of East Amwell hereby designates the Construction Department of the Township of West Amwell, Hunterdon County, as the East Amwell Construction Code Enforcement Agency consisting of the following officials to be employed by the Township of West Amwell:

- 1. Construction Official
- 2. Building Subcode Official
- 3. Plumbing Subcode Official
- 4. Electrical Subcode Official
- 5. Fire Subcode Official
- 6. Properly licensed inspectors and other subcode officials as determined by the Township of West Amwell

B. The public shall have the right to do business with the enforcement Agency, at the Township of West Amwell Construction Department in West Amwell Township, except for emergencies and unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances.

2. Section 66-2 entitled “Fee Schedule” of Chapter 66, entitled “Construction Codes, Uniform” of the Code of East Amwell Township shall read as follows:

A. The fee for a construction permit shall be the sum of the subcode fees herein set forth and shall be paid before the permit is issued.

B. Schedule I, Building subcode.

(1) New Construction for additions per cubic foot of the building or structure volume:

(a) Additions: \$0.3800; for agricultural buildings, \$0.10.

(b) Premanufactured construction: \$0.3800; for agricultural buildings, \$0.10.

[1] \$1 to \$50,000 estimated cost \$25.

[2] \$50,001 to \$100,000 estimated cost: \$20.

[3] Over 100,001 estimated cost: \$15.

(2) Rehabilitation includes repair, alteration, renovation, and reconstruction.

(a) Minimum building fee: \$60.

[1] \$1 to \$50,000 estimated cost: \$25.

[2] \$50,001 to \$100,000 estimated cost: \$25.

[3] Over \$100,001 estimated cost: \$25.

(3) Minor Work:

(a) \$1 to \$50,000 estimated cost: \$20

(b) \$50,001 to \$100,000 estimated cost: \$25.

(c) Over \$100,001 estimated cost: \$15.

(4) Roofing, siding, fence, deck or balcony:

(a) \$1 to \$50,000 estimated cost: \$15.

(b) \$50,001 to \$100,000 estimated cost: \$20.

(c) Over \$100,001 estimated cost: \$25.

(5) Sign, pylon:

(a) First 100 square feet: \$4.

(b) Next 400 square feet: \$3.

(c) Each additional square foot thereafter: \$2.

(6) Sign, ground or wall:

(a) First 100 square feet: \$3.

(b) Next 400 square feet: \$2.

(c) Each additional square foot: \$1.50.

(7) Temporary structures: \$100.

(8) Open structural towers:

(a) \$1 to \$50,000 estimated cost: \$25.

(b) \$50,001 to \$100,000 estimated cost: \$20.

(c) Over \$100,001 estimated cost: \$20.

(9) Relocation of a structure: minimum fee \$200.

(10) Radon vent system (new construction): \$80.

C. Schedule II, Plumbing subcode.

(1) Water closet: \$15.

(2) Urinal/bidet: \$15.

(3) Bath tub: \$15.

(4) Lavatory: \$15.

(5) Shower: \$15.

(6) Floor drain: \$15.

(7) Sink: \$15.

(8) Dishwasher: \$15.

(9) Drinking fountain: \$15.

(10) Washing machine: \$15.

(11) Hose bibb: \$15.

(12) Water heater: \$15.

(13) Fuel oil piping: \$80.

(14) Gas piping: \$80.

(15) Radon vent system (new construction): \$80.

(16) Backflow preventer testing, annual \$80.

(17) Steam boiler, \$80.

(18) Hot water boiler, \$80.

(19) Sewer pump: \$80.

(20) Interceptor/separator: \$80.

(21) Greasetrap: \$80.

(22) Sewer connection: \$80.

(23) Water service connection: \$85.

(24) (Reserved)

(25) Stacks: \$15.

(26) Furnace: \$15.

(27) Air conditioning: \$15.

(28) Condensate: \$15.

(29) Other special devices: \$80.

(30) Minimum fee: \$60.

(31) Backflow preventer annual testing: \$80.

D. Schedule III, Electrical subcode.

(1) Receptacles and fixtures:

(a) First 50: \$50.

(b) Each additional 25: \$20.

(2) Motors and electric devices:

(a) Over 1 horsepower, up to 10 horsepower: \$15.

(b) Up to 30 horsepower: \$50.

(c) Greater than 30 horsepower up to 100 horsepower: \$100.

(d) Greater than 100 horsepower: \$1,000.

(3) Transformers and generators:

(a) Over 1 kw, up to 10.0 kw: \$10.

(b) Up to 45.0 kw: \$50.

(c) Up to 112.5 kw: \$100.

(d) Larger than above: \$1,000.

(4) Service panels, subpanels, and motor control center.

(a) Service panels:

[1] Less than or equal to 200 amps: \$60.

[2] Greater than 200 amps but less than or equal to 800 amps: \$120.

(b) Subpanels:

[1] Less than or equal to 200 amps: \$60.

[2] Greater than 200 amps but less than or equal to 800 amps: \$120.

(c) Motor control center:

[1] Less than or equal to 200 amps: \$60.

[2] Greater than 200 amps but less than or equal to 800 amps: \$120.

(5) Minimum fee: \$60.

E. Schedule IV, Fire subcode, all use groups. Fire Protection and other hazardous equipment: sprinklers, standpipes and risers; detectors (smoke and heat), smoke-control system; pre-

engineered suppression systems: gas- and oil-fired appliances not connected to the plumbing system; fire pump; fireplaces; chimney relining; solid fuel appliances (wood and coal); kitchen exhaust systems, including incinerators; crematoriums; and flammable and combustible liquid storage systems, spray booths and underground water service (fire protection, underground water storage tanks.)

(1) All East Amwell Township owned properties, houses of worship, fire companies, ambulance services, and schools are exempt.

(2) Fire subcode application fee or miscellaneous inspection.

(a) Minimum: \$60.

(3) Fire subcode fee for renovations, alterations and repairs.

(a) Twelve dollars per \$1,000 of cost up to \$250,000.

(b) Eight dollars per \$1,000 of cost up to \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 and \$50 per \$1,000 of cost over \$1,000,001.

(4) Flammable/combustible tanks:

Size of Tank (gallons)	Fee
1 to 1,000	\$ 55
1,001 to 1,500	\$ 85
1,501 to 2,000	\$105
2,001 to 2,500	\$130
2,501 to 3,000	\$155
3,001 to 3,500	\$180
3,501 to 4,000	\$205
4,001 to 4,500	\$230
4,501 to 5,000	\$255

(5) Sprinkler heads.

Number of Heads	Fee
Up to 20	\$ 85
21 to 100	\$ 185
101 to 200	\$ 450
201 to 400	\$ 950
401 to 1,000	\$1,150
Over 1,000	\$1,800

(6) The fee for each standpipe shall be \$250.

(7) Pre-engineered systems.

(a) Wet chemical: \$175.

(b) Dry chemical: \$175.

(c) CO(2) suppression: \$175.

(d) Foam suppression: \$175.

(e) FM200 suppression: \$225.

(f) Other: \$175.

(8) The fee for each gas- or oil-fired appliance that is not connecting to the plumbing system shall be \$65.

(9) The fee for each kitchen exhaust system shall be \$125.

(10) The fee for each fireplace, coal stove, or wood-burning stove shall be \$40.0

(11) The fee for each incinerator shall be \$550.

(12) The fee for each crematorium shall be \$550.

(13) Inspection of smoke-sensitive alarm devices: \$40 per inspection.

(14) Alarms.

(a) Alarm systems.

Number of Devices	Fee
1 to 20	\$ 80
21 to 100	\$ 150
101 to 200	\$ 375
201 to 400	\$ 900
401 to 1,000	\$1,100
Over 1,000	\$1,400
Panel	\$ 110

(b) 110v interconnected alarms.

Number of Alarms	Fee
1 to 20	\$ 10
21 to 100	\$ 150
101 to 200	\$ 375
201 to 400	\$ 900

(15) Suppression systems.

(a) Fire pump: \$150.

(16) Valves.

(a) Dry pipe/alarm valves:

Number of Valves	Fee
1 to 20	\$ 45
21 to 100	\$ 185
101 to 200	\$ 315
201 to 400	\$ 775
401 to 1,000	\$1,100
Over 1,000	\$1,400

(b) Pre-action valves:

Number of Valves	Fee
1 to 20	\$ 45
21 to 100	\$ 185
101 to 200	\$ 315
201 to 400	\$ 775

401 to 1,000	\$1,100
Over 1,000	\$1,400

(17) Smoke control system: \$125.

(18) Spray booth: \$75.

(19) Chimney relining: \$35.

(20) Fireplace, coal stove or wood-burning stove: \$45.

(21) Annual fire line backflow preventer: \$65

(22) Plan review, per hour:

(a) RCS: \$35.

(b) ICS: \$55.

F. Schedule V, Mechanical subcode.

(1) Boiler replacement: \$120.

(2) Furnace replacement: \$120.

(3) Oil tank installation: \$120.

(4) Fuel-burning appliances (outdoor wood boilers, multi-fuel boilers and furnaces): \$120.

(5) Oil tank removals: \$60.

(6) Chimney liners (stainless steel and aluminum): \$60.

G. Plan review fees.

(1) Prototype plans shall be calculated at 5% of construction permit.

(2) All other fees not described as herein shall be outlined pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20*, department fees.

H. Demolition (all use groups).

(1) Storage tanks: \$30.

(2) Structures or buildings: \$30.

(a) Residential: \$100.

(b) Commercial: \$200.

I. Removal permit.

(1) Residential: \$65.

(2) All other use groups: \$95.

J. Sign Permits.

(1) Per square foot: \$1.

(2) Minimum fee: \$30.

K. Elevators (same as state).

- (1) Plan review: as per *N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20(c)* 6 and 7.
- (2) Inspection and witnessing fees: as per *N.J.A.C. 5:23-12.6(a), (b), and (c)* .

L. Certificates.

- (1) Certificate of occupancy: minimum fee of \$60 or 10% of permit fees, whichever is greater.
- (2) Certificate of occupancy - change of use: \$175.
- (3) Certificate of continued occupancy: \$175.
- (4) Certificate of occupancy renewal: \$60.
- (5) Certificate of clearance – lead hazard abatement: \$60.

M. Variations.

- (1) Variation application – Class I - \$800.
- (2) Variation application – Class II and III: \$175.
- (3) Variation application resubmission – Class I: \$300
- (4) Variation application resubmission – Class II and III: \$100.

N. Annual permit fees.

- (1) Per worker of a group in number specified by law: \$700.
- (2) Per additional worker over number specified by law: \$300.
- (3) State permit fee per subcode: \$200.
- (4) Number in core group \$60.
- (5) Annual pool inspection: \$60.
- (6) Backflow preventer annual reinspection: \$60.

O. Other fees.

- (1) State permit surcharge (training) fee – all other construction: \$2.
- (2) Additional fees: In any instance where a permit or service is required pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code Act and a fee is established therefor pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20* but is not set forth above in this chapter, the fee established by *N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20* shall apply as the fee to be paid to the enforcing agency.
- (3) Permit fees and plan review fees for construction of any permitted building or structure for East Amwell Township owned properties, houses of worship, fire companies, ambulance services, and schools are waived.

Section 66-3, Enforcement, shall read as follows:

§66-3 Enforcement. Procedures for the enforcement of the State Uniform Construction Code Act (*N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.*) and regulations and penalties for violations thereof are set forth in the Act and regulations, including but not limited to *N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.9*. A copy of the Act and regulations has been placed on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551, and will be available for public inspection.

4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

5. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of inconsistency.

6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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

Introduced: December 11, 2014

Adopted:

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 14-08.

The ordinance will be published in the December 18, 2014, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing is set for the second regular meeting of this month on December 30, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE 14-09: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 47, ALARMS, TO DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE PERSON TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Mr. Matheny explained that smoke detector inspections were usually done by the fire inspector of Raritan Township, although this inspection is different from the Uniform Construction Code responsibilities. He noted that Peter Buchanan, previously an employee at Raritan Township as the fire inspector, did the inspections after the resident filled out the form at our municipal building and paid \$30, with \$25 going to the inspector and the Township keeping \$5 for administrative costs. Additionally, the inspector received mileage reimbursement, and the \$5 administrative fee was not covering costs. The fee is much lower than neighboring municipalities, with some towns charging significant fees, depending on how soon the inspections are needed. Mr. Van Horn commented on his knowledge of these inspections for house closings. The intent is to raise the fee to \$45, with the inspector receiving \$35 and the township getting \$10; additionally, mileage will no longer be covered. The name of the inspector is also being changed to designate the proper title of the person doing these inspections.

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ORDINANCE 14-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 47, ALARMS, TO DESIGNATE THE FIRE OFFICIAL FOR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the Code of the Township of East Amwell, Chapter 47, Alarms, as follows:

Delete Existing Section 47-3 in its entirety and add a new Section 47-3, as follows:

Section 47-3 Issuance of certificate of compliance; fee.

Prior to any change in occupancy of a structure described in Section 47-2 of this article, the person serving as Fire Official for Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors shall determine that the structure complies with the provisions of said Section 47-2, and shall issue a certificate of compliance as to the determination. An application for such certificate of compliance shall be made to this official on such forms as he/she shall reasonably determines, and a fee of \$45.00 shall be paid to the township with such application; the same fee will be charged for each re-inspection.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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

Introduced: December 11, 2014

Adopted:

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 14-09.

The ordinance will be published in the December 18, 2014, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing is set for the second regular meeting of this month on December 30, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings: None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

1) Van Doren Property Donation, B.35/L.58: Request from Township Attorney regarding waiver of 4th quarter 2014 taxes (See 12/5 Email from T. St. Angelo) This item will be discussed in executive session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE:

1) Resolution for 2015 Holiday on January 1, 2015:

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RESOLUTION #132 -14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby declare Thursday, January 1, 2015, as an official, paid holiday for full time, qualified part time, and salaried employees.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

2) Assistant Treasurer Santo – Amendment to the Salary & Wage Resolution for Negotiated Salary of \$22.00 per hour (See 11/13/14 Minutes for Background):

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RESOLUTION #133 -14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby amend the 2014 Salary and Wage Resolution, as follows:

- Remove: Assistant Treasurer Roskiewicz \$19.89 per hour
- Add: Assistant Treasurer Santo \$22.00 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution #16-14, the Resolution authorizing signatures on township bank accounts, be further amended as follows:

- Remove: Assistant Treasurer Christine Rosikiewicz
- Add: Assistant Treasurer Charlene Santo

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

3) Appointment of DPW Superintendent Jason Silverthorn as Permanent Employee, effective January 1, 2015 and DPW Employee Ryan Duckworth as Permanent Employee, effective January 5, 2015: Mr. Matheny provided memos on both employees, with his recommendation to take them off probationary status and put onto permanent status. He commended Jason Silverthorn for “doing a very good job ... great with people ... accomplished quite a bit this year with what they have and what they have to do....” He commended Ryan Duckworth on his achievements, including getting his CDL and being “a good employee.”

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RESOLUTION #134-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby accept the recommendation of the Township Administrator and move the following employees from probationary status to permanent status, as follows:

- DPW Superintendent Jason Silverthorn, as of January 1, 2015
- DPW Employee Ryan Duckworth, as of January 5, 2015

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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

Mr. Van Horn commended the DPW for their work on Van Lieus Road understanding that if outsourced, it could have been a \$600,000 job, adding that the DPW was resourceful with its use of materials and “improved the situation tremendously.” Mr. Van Horn “commended the DPW for the work that they did.” Mayor Sageser agreed, with Mr. Matheny adding that giving them a new backhoe last year also helped with the work.

4) Appointment of CFO: This item will be discussed in executive session prior to action.

5) West Amwell Township 2015 Contract Renewal for Police Patrol Coverage: Mr. Matheny explained that the cost would be the same as last year, \$15,000. He further commented on summons being written monthly, having a “break even area of revenue for summons v. service provided,” and success with operations. There have been no complaints on either side. Mayor Sageser asked if Mr. Matheny was satisfied with the balance between violations written and warnings issued; Mr. Matheny said this was a tough call and the Township cannot require the police to write tickets. He did believe that there was a good balance with summonses written and warnings, adding that this was a prerequisite at both towns where the police contract was initiated, i.e., some presence and work being done.

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RESOLUTION #135-14

(As Attached to the Original Set of Minutes)

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

2015 REORGANIZATION DATE (See 11/13/14 Minutes for Background)

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to set the 2015 Reorganization Date on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. with the first regular meeting of the year to be the same date at 7:30 p.m.

A letter from resident Andrea Bonette about controlling the amount of time for public comment was noted; it was agreed that it was the Mayor’s prerogative to enforce the time limit by use of the gavel.

ESCROW RESOLUTION UPDATE (See 11/13/14 Minutes for Background)

The Clerk explained that the resolution was provided by a previous CFO on an annual basis, based on the Municipal Land Use Law requirement for escrow fees to be set by resolution. The current CFO was unfamiliar with this resolution, and the Clerk provided it to the governing body last month, based on past practice. In the interim, the Clerk reached out to other municipalities and to the NJ Planning Officials group – no one who responded used this type of resolution. Based on the assumption that these fees were already noted in their professional services

resolutions adopted at the beginning of the year, as mentioned by the governing body at the last meeting, the separate escrow resolution will not be adopted.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frances Gavigan asked if there would be an opportunity for the public to comment on any action that came out of executive session at the end of this meeting; Mr. Cushing said that there was no requirement for the governing body to open for comments again. Ms. Gavigan commented on the items being discussed in executive session, i.e., the appointment of the CFO and the Van Doren donation.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried to close to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RESOLUTION #136-14

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 the CFO/Treasurer Position, COAH, and land donation; 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,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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

Executive session began at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Cushing left the meeting during executive session at 9:45 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:07 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF THE CFO

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RESOLUTION #137-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby appoint Margaret Pasqua as the CFO for East Amwell Township, effective January

1, 2015, for a four year term, working 32.5 hours per week, at a salary of \$65,000 with benefits, with a potential for shared services with another municipality.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and carried unanimously.

VAN DOREN PROPERTY - For the record, the Township Committee agreed to waive the fourth quarter tax payment for this donated property.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CFO Pasqua provided a transfer resolution and a resolution regarding bond anticipation notes.

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RESOLUTION #138-14

WHEREAS, NJSA 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 operations 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:

Account	Account Title	Transfer to	Transfer From
4-01-26-315-225-000	Maintenance of Motor Vehicles	\$4,000.00	
4-01-21-190-299-000	Housing	\$ 50.00	
4-01-20-100-299-000	Administration-Miscellaneous		\$1,050.00
4-01-20-120-101-002	Municipal Clerk/S/W		\$2,000.00
4-01-20-155-227-001	Attorney		\$1,000.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #139-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the CFO, Margaret Pasqua, to pursue the sale of bond anticipation notes for costs associated with Ordinance 13-07, the bond ordinance for the acquisition of a backhoe and barn garage renovations for the improvement of the Township of East Amwell.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

Bills of the evening were presented.

Mr. Mathews said that he had asked before and was asking again about submission of reimbursement expenses by the Township Administrator, either quarterly or for a half year, rather than waiting until the end of the year for submission. Mr. Matheny said that the Township did not have a budget until July as justification of the submission year end. A suggestion was made that the liaison to the finance department would work on this as an improvement for next year.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR Hyland provided her monthly report and four resolutions.

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RESOLUTION #140-14

WHEREAS there has been an overpayment for 2014 taxes, and

WHEREAS United Telephone of NJ, the property owner of Block 555, lot 1 has requested that the amount of the overpayment for \$7,817.62 be refunded to them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \$7,817.62 be returned to:

United Telephone of NJ
PO Box 7909- Embarq Prop
Overland Park KS 66207-0909

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #141-14

WHEREAS there has been an overpayment for 2014 and 2015 taxes, due to change to exempt status, and,

WHEREAS these amounts have been requested for refund by the previous property owners,

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

George Pearson (34/19.01, 34/21.01, 34/19)	184.91
Curtis & Janet Helm (34/18 Q0411)	36.16

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2014 taxes due on (34/21.02) in the amount of 367.83, assessed to Wm. And Wendy Sporman be declared uncollectible due to the change to exempt status.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #142-14

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 2014 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
6/16.03	.01
6/21.01	.22
6/30	.10
11/37.03 Q0048	.01
18/22	.01
18/24	.41
18.01/24.02	.20
20/20.03	.01
23/13	.03
25/7.09 Q0404	.01
25/7.19	.01
27/1.06	.02
30/33 Q0194	.10
32/5.06 Q0161	.01
40/50	.01

TOTAL: 1.16

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #143-14

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 2014 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
3/4 Q0014	.05

5/12	.10
6/21	.72
8/26.02 Q0034	.58
11/2.04	.01
17/35.13	.01
18/18 cell2	.01
20/17.07 Q0098	.57
24/11.08	.01
25/7.01	.62
27/3	.05
27/39 Q0176	.27
34/7Q0219	.15
35/59	.69
38/13	.20
40/38	.04
40.01/5.03	.48
3/3.03	.01

TOTAL: 4.57

By Order of the Township Committee,

Dart Sageser, Mayor

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

All other reports were noted for filing.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments on correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
 Municipal Clerk