

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called at 7:15 p.m. Present were Mayor Dart Sageser, Deputy Mayor David Wang-Iverson, and Committee members Tim Mathews, Charles Van Horn, and Peter Miller.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board, sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, and Times of Trenton on September 8, 2014. The purpose of this meeting is to interview a candidate for a Township board/committee. Action may or may not be taken. The public is invited to attend.

Alison Castellano, 9 Prall Court, was present to discuss her interest in serving on the Recycling Committee. Mr. Mathews reminded the governing body that youth members were added to that Committee.

Ms. Castellano commented at length on the recycling efforts of the three youth members, Jenna Castellano, Jack Miller, and Lundy Prendamano, with the following highlights: the children are looking into recycling over 1000 Styrofoam trays used by the school per week; the school is “big into Terracycle recycling; the children are being guided to find additional recycling projects and solutions; Ms. Castellano helps the children by facilitating items that cannot handle, such as telephone calls to companies, etc.

Mr. Van Horn spoke about a recycling poster contest at the school, which impressed him. Ms. Castellano commented on Ms. Ernst being a recycling champion. Her daughter, Jenna Castellano, is a member of the environmental club at the school, and Ms. Castellano is very involved in PTO, including being a board member.

Ms. Castellano commented on having the youth members appear at the early part of the Recycling Committee meetings, although they stayed for the whole meeting this week, and Jack Miller raised questions during the entire meeting. Deputy Mayor Wang-Iverson asked if the youth members would attend the depots; Ms. Castellano said yes, although they have not scheduled dates yet. Mayor Sageser asked about advertising the Terracycle program throughout the community since it is used as a fund raiser for the school; Ms. Castellano said that a list of accepted items was recently distributed and it will be in the VIP.

Ms. Castellano again spoke about Styrofoam recycling, particularly the lunch trays. She said that Machios representatives are at the school tonight and she will talk with them about the trays. The company also has a large representation in Hunterdon County schools. One suggestion would be to use cardboard trays. She also commented on machinery that melts huge quantities of the material into brick sized pieces, referencing a website video and her intent to look further into the machinery. The Township does collect Styrofoam at the depot, which is currently being stored at the municipal complex.

Ms. Castellano was thanked for her attendance, and she will be notified about an appointment to be made at the regular meeting tonight.

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Mathews, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk