

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mayor David Wang-Iverson, Deputy Mayor Dart Sageser, and Committee members Tim Mathews, 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 7, 2015, with a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 15, 2015. 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 September 8, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE IN RECOGNITION OF 911

Mayor Wang-Iverson commented on reading about the 40 people killed on United Flight 93 on 911 since a memorial was opening for them today in Pennsylvania. He said that their actions were truly remarkable with such determination shown. He found it hard to find the right words to characterize the event, and he asked for a moment of silence to recognize these 40 people, along with the other 3,000 people who lost their lives that terrible day 14 years ago.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag after the moment of silence in remembrance of 911.

AGENDA REVIEW

New Items of Correspondence were added: 9/8 Atty./Client letter from Ms. St. Angelo re: Comments to Atty. Surenian on Burchell Fair Share Analysis; 9/2 Invitation from HC CADB Right to Farm & Agricultural Viability Workshop on 9/23/15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special Township Committee meeting on September 30, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the 2016 Budget and to Award the Contract for Clawson House Basement Rehabilitation.

General Election Day will be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. with all East Amwell polls located at the municipal building. Last date to register to vote is October 13 – contact the clerk for details.

Mayor Wang-Iverson took this opportunity to recognize the East Amwell Historical Society for all of their efforts with the clean up at Clawson House and with providing the Township Officials with regular, almost daily updates.

UPDATE FROM THE CFO Margaret Pasqua was present at this time.

Ms. Pasqua explained that the refunding bond is “on track” and moving ahead in the process. The rating agency will be calling the Mayor in a few weeks for a conference call. She mentioned six weeks in getting all the information to the rating company and a three week process thereafter towards the bond sale.

Ms. Pasqua mentioned a resolution before the governing body tonight cancelling some open space ordinances and replenishing small balances to the fund.

The budget meeting scheduled for the end of the month will address the capital budget. Ms. Pasqua did not have much information on the operating budget until the bigger numbers are known, e.g., debt service, funding direction from the governing body, etc. In October, Ms. Pasqua will call departments to her office to ask about departmental needs for 2016.

Mayor Wang-Iverson thanked Ms. Pasqua for “getting a good jump” on the budget.

Mr. Mathews asked about the economics with the refunding bond. Ms. Pasqua commented on rates closing soon, but nothing was available yet. She still believed that the refunding bond would result in some savings.

Ms. Pasqua left the meeting after her report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECYCLING COMMITTEE Chair Will Harrison was present at this time. He commented on providing a report to the governing body in April, and he felt that not a lot had changed since that time. He suggested that the Township Committee consider whether a five month interval update was appropriate since he didn't have much to report.

Mr. Harrison spoke about the Recycling Committee carrying out their functions with one unique aspect of collecting Styrofoam and looking into the use of foam trays at the school which are used once and thrown away. New York City is contemplating outlawing styrofoam from schools and New Jersey is talking about it. Mr. Harrison commended the DPW for providing a truck and personnel to transport collected material once or twice a year. The Styrofoam goes to a recycling plant and is processed into styrene products.

Mr. Harrison noted a challenge faced by many boards, i.e., volunteers are down. He stated that their committee needs more active volunteers, adding that there is a small number of folks doing all the volunteer jobs in the township.

Mr. Harrison would also like to see better recycling coordination with the groups using the athletic fields, adding that the baseball leagues are educated, but soccer leagues are not getting the message. He may attend a Recreation Committee meeting next year for more coordination. He thought that more containers for trash were needed (one to one with each recycling can); someone should be in charge of trash on the grounds; he believed that the cost for the extra cans would be about \$100.

Recycling at the Fairgrounds stayed at the same level as last year with many other activities taking place on the property. Alan Johnson is on leave at Hunterdon County Solid Waste, and Mr. Harrison believed that the 4H staff should be the group to coordinate the collection; he said that the Recycling Committee may focus their attention on this.

A new trash hauler will start in October, i.e., Premier Disposal. There was a meeting with the Administrator, the Assistant Treasurer, the DPW Superintendent, the Recycling Chair, and a representative from the company to "make sure they were on the same page." Mr. Harrison looked forward to a good relationship with Premier.

Hunterdon County SWAC has not met for many months since Alan Johnson was on leave. Mr. Harrison expected that Mr. Johnson would soon be returning, and meetings would resume.

Mr. Harrison asked about a Recycling Committee sign for the municipal property, which could be shared with others. Comments were exchanged, noting that the Township Committee was agreeable to the DPW installing the sign/box at the entrance to the driveway. Mr. Matheny was under the impression that someone was going to make the box from previous discussions. It was concluded that a sign/box will be installed.

Deputy Mayor Sageser asked about tonnage allocation goals; Mr. Harrison said that there are no new numbers available. He spoke about approaching a goal of 50% but it being hard to get accurate numbers since haulers go across lines and accurate reporting for municipalities may be blurred. Mr. Harrison agreed to share any numbers that he may receive from the County.

Mr. Van Horn quipped about coming back in five months asking for trash containers. Mr. Matheny suggested that the Coordinator, Maria Prendamano, could request funds for the purchase. Mr. Harrison felt that it was a gray area, i.e., whether the Recycling Committee is involved with trash collection expenses.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 13, 2015, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously with one minor correction on page 1 in Resolution #101-15.

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

Kathey Veith, 22 Wertsville Road, was ecstatic about the speed limit change on her road (i.e., reduced to 25 mph). She has lived here for 11 years and does not allow her children in the front yard because of traffic concerns. She said that when the speed sign was on the road, there was a reduction in traffic speed, also witnessed by her neighbor. But speed has increased since the removal of the sign, and “school buses wiz by on the road.” She opined on the speeding buses being terrifying with children on board and flying down the road. She mentioned a pick-up truck traveling 50 mph past her house, adding that backing out of her driveway is a risk.

Ms. Veith did not know the results of the speed indicator, and while the speed limit was reduced, she believed that 90% of the motorists are not following the signs. Mayor Wang-Iverson asked whether West Amwell patrolled the area; Ms. Veith said that she was a stay-at-home Mom and saw a police officer only once.

Mayor Wang-Iverson commented on not being able to change behavior; Ms. Veith indicated that some of the speeders are employees of East Amwell School. She suggested asking the School Officials to inform their employees about the speed issue and also contacting the Department of Transportation about the bus speeding.

Some comments were exchanged about contacting the school and the Department of Transportation. On a comment from the Mayor about the reduced speed, Ms. Veith again said that she was thrilled with the reduction, adding that her daughter (when in kindergarten) was almost hit twice getting off the bus in front of her home. Her neighbor has also had similar issues.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that he and Mr. Matheny have been discussing increased hours and coverage times for West Amwell Police coverage at some point.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, also wished to make a request for speed reduction on Wertsville Road on the other side of Route 202. She tried to send pictures of the area of concern to the Planning Board Officer and Clerk. She mentioned living in the hamlet of Unionville with a lot of houses close to the road, similar to the Village of Ringoes, adding that there is a hill in the area to take advantage of the speed. She would like to see some action, including asking the Planning Board to contact Hunterdon County to formally request a lower, safer speed in the hamlet areas. She also mentioned circulating a petition to do so, noting as an example, speed reduction in Holland Township. She referenced the lowered speed limit on this end of Wertsville Road, suggesting traffic calming paint on an agenda, and doing a resolution to reduce speed (in the hamlet area).

Ms. Gavigan voiced her concern about activities, decisions, and “pre-work” going on behind the scenes and outside of the sunshine laws, including paying Attorney Norman and the Planner to review codes to move forward with the golf course plans. She mentioned paying \$1200 to Attorney Norman for an ordinance without the Board discussing spending the money. Deputy Mayor Sageser disagreed with Ms. Gavigan’s statement and exchanged comments with her. Ms. Gavigan said that the Planner is paid a flat fee of \$600 per meeting; she felt that spending money without discussion is inappropriate. She commented on “others wanting something done and paying a high amount,” adding that “perception is reality.” She further mentioned Attorney Norman will be reviewing an ordinance to change the zoning so that tennis and pools can be added for the golf course, along with a variance to hold tournaments. Ms. Gavigan will be making an OPRA request for the attorney bills, and Deputy Mayor Sageser suggested that she review the contract. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor further exchanged comments with Ms. Gavigan, and Mr. Cushing suggested checking with the Treasurer for bills. Other remarks were exchanged between the Deputy Mayor and Ms. Gavigan, and she will look further into the billing.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried to close to the public.

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

UPDATE FROM COMCAST – Rob Clifton, Director of Government Affairs, was present.

Mr. Clifton said that he received information from the Clerk about the change in the telephone system, asking if there were any technical issues; Mr. Matheny said not at this time. Mr. Van Horn asked if there was a rebate for the municipality; Mr. Clifton said no.

Mr. Clifton was asked to explain the letter from Comcast regarding cable renewal. He explained what he referred to as a 626 letter. Three years before the expiration of a franchise, this letter is sent to the municipalities about the expiration of a ten year term. He reminded the Township Committee that East Amwell Township previously approved an automatic five year extension when they approved the franchise the last time. He added that a year before the original ten year term is up, Comcast will indicate that they are pursuing the renewal and the BPU will make sure that Comcast has fulfilled all of their requirements to the town. He explained that the letter from Comcast was to let the Township know that they were going to pursue renewal.

Mr. Mathews asked about the impact if Comcast did not have a franchise. Mr. Clifton said that under the new law, a statewide franchise could be obtained at the expiration if there was an impasse and the renewal process was an issue. The BPU would try mediation as a first step, and if this failed, the matter could go to court and the company could receive a 7 year franchise. The difference is that with renewal, the Township received benefits, such as channels, free services, etc. Mr. Clifton said that so far, Comcast has made settlements and have never had a statewide franchise yet.

The meeting was open to the public for comments.

Sue Posselt, Cider Mill Road, mentioned issues she was having with her answering service, i.e., messages sometimes goes into the automatic Comcast answering system. She also mentioned reading the Comcast bill with specific charges for outlets. Mr. Clifton said that he would be able to help with the answering machine issue if Mrs. Posselt called him. He noted that the first outlet on the bill is free with the additional outlets at a cost. Mrs. Posselt also showed the latest listing of channels, which she had asked for at a previous meeting; she said that it was not as helpful as the 2013 version, and she wished that Comcast would return to that format.

Frances Gavigan, Wertsville Road, spoke about her bill and trying to reduce it and receive credit with an alternative internet access. A subsequent bill was higher than the previous one. Mr. Clifton said that he would have a care team call Ms. Gavigan.

The governing body thanked Mr. Clifton for his presentation.

NJ DEP PRESENTATION ON BEARS Tony McBride, Office of Local Government Assistance, was present.

Mr. McBride provided a PowerPoint Presentation on bears in NJ and the new hunting regulations, with the following highlights: the NJ Fish and Wildlife Council developed black bear control policy in 2010 and it is up for renewal now. The policy includes many facets, including black bear management, public education, research, control, damage, and hunting, and it is an appendix in the game code. Comments on the proposed regulations closed in July, and a response document will go to the DEP Commissioner for approval. Bear education programs have taken place in 19 counties with over 54,000 people in attendance. Mr. McBride also provided statistics on the number of copies of Department of Fish and Wildlife literature on bears and the number of visits to their website. Focus is on urban areas, with Mr. McBride mentioning a tragedy in West Milford when hikers could have been saved. The State also does bear monitoring with 1,423 bears handled since 2010, and 300 bears a year are used for research, i.e., tracked with satellite, bear cubs counted “with NJ have more bears per unit than anywhere in the country.” NJ Fish and Wildlife partners with law enforcement (State Police and some local

Police) on how to handle bears if they exhibit certain behavior, e.g., shooting with rubber pellets as one option; this involves a lot of training for the officers.

Bears are broken into categories, with Category 1 being the type who may be a direct threat to safety, i.e., enter houses, attack cars, kill pets. Category 2 get into garbage, trash, and birdfeeders. Twenty percent of complaints are nuisance activities, and the State controls bear feeding through bans; bear proof Dumpsters are also stressed. The State emphasizes bear control education with every complaint they receive, either on the phone or if they have to visit a residence. The State also partners with municipalities and waste haulers to encourage bear resistant Dumpsters to be utilized.

Mr. McBride spoke about bear hunting season in December, adding that it was successful. He provided information on a heavier bear population in the northern part of the state and showed a slide regarding population changes over the years from 2003 – 2014. He added that the bear population is denser in Hunterdon County than in Southern NJ, with a higher percentage in the area above Route 78. He also spoke about a increase in incidents outside the hunting area, and he referenced increased data collection over the years.

Mayor Wang-Iverson asked about a target for an area; Mr. McBride said that one bear in 3 square miles would be tolerable, but 3 bears in one square mile would be too high; there is an increase in bear incidents with the increased population size.

Mr. McBride spoke about a drop in bear harvest over the years, i.e., 592 in 2010, dropping to about 270 in the last 3 years. Mr. Mathews asked about hunting permits being on the rise; Mr. McBride explained that bear hunting involves a lot of work, and the State is trying to grow hunter numbers with different methods of weaponry (only shot gun and muzzle loader in the past). He added that hunters are more selective now, bears are weary, and the season for the hunt may be factors.

Mr. McBride spoke about robust objectives, including expanded education of the public; more web-based data; better trail signage; enforcement of the laws on bear feeding and garbage containment; use of lethal control on high-risk Category 1 animals; use of non-lethal conditioning for nuisance bears; reduction and stabilization of the population through appropriately timed hunting seasons.

Mr. McBride said that there would be an additional six day hunt the second week in October and would include archery and muzzle loader. An individual can take two bears with a permit, e.g., during segment A (October), 1 bear, and segment B (December), a second bear. He added that about 3% of the hunters are successful in their hunt. The expansion of hunt area BMZ-5 was also mentioned, along with the allocation of 1,000 permits for the season. He spoke about the potential for increased harvest percentage. On another question from the audience, Mr. McBride spoke about the bears being tagged and 24 hour news releases about the hunts; hunters are aware of where to check for this information, but there are no texting capabilities at this time.

Mr. McBride referenced the regulations, stating that there wouldn't be a large harvest in agricultural zone while there would be some in the Sourland area. He mentioned that there were a lot more sightings and complaints last year; this year there was more natural food, with soft masses and dropping acorns. A member of the audience spoke about sightings at the school and two on Lindbergh Road. She also asked whether the state would be providing soft mass creations; Mr. McBride said that areas with vegetation are sufficient throughout the state. He mentioned cub production in the Northeast, e.g., in PA and NY, about 3 cubs in a litter and in NJ, 5-6 cubs per litter.

Mr. Mathews asked about the October bear season paralleling the deer season; Mr. McBride said that hunters can have both permits. Mr. Mathews asked about bears being left after being shot; Mr. McBride said that the meat is good and hunters take the kill. Mr. Mathews asked about effective bow hunting. Mr. McBride felt that this was an effective method, and some comments were exchanged about the potential for wounded animals to be aggressive; Mr. McBride felt that the bear would be more likely to try to escape human interaction.

A resident asked about the possibility of a professional hunting component with skilled bowmen, as was done with deer herds. Mr. McBride said that this was expensive, and he mentioned the

150 foot requirement from shooting to a residence. He said that deer live closer to homes, sometimes in one's backyard. A male bear travels up to 50 square miles a day and a female between 2-10 square miles a day. On another audience question, Mr. McBride said that statistically, horse and bear interactions are extremely rare, although there may be interactions with goats, sheep, and llamas at times.

The Township Committee thanked Mr. McBride for his presentation this evening.

MAD FITNESS – REQUEST TO USE CLAWSON PARK (See August 13, 2015 Minutes for Background)

Mr. Van Horn requested that the matter be on the agenda for tonight. He explained that the Recreation Committee sent an email that they did not see a way to handle the request on the ball fields. He stated that the ordinance clearly did not allow a commercial use on the Clawson property. Mr. Mathews explained that the Recreation Committee looked at the soccer field usage and created a process that was limited to soccer; that Committee felt that this request should be sent back to Clawson Park Advisory Committee.

Mr. Van Horn said that the request would have to come back to the governing body and not be directed to the Clawson Park Advisory Committee. He said that he would not support the request, adding that the ordinance keeps commercial activities out of the park. Committee members were in agreement. While noting that even if this was a relatively minor request, it would open doors to other commercial activities.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND RECAP – Supervisor Kathy Veith was present.

Ms. Veith provided a handout to the governing body, including 2015 Average Attendance; Attendance Analysis 2015; 2015 East Amwell Summer Playground Program Completion Survey; End of Playground Facts; and a colored picture of some of the attendees.

Ms. Veith highlighted the following: average attendance was 40 daily; total enrollment was down a few from last year to 68 students; school enrollment is decreasing; 9 new children enrolled in kindergarten; 2nd grade attendance increased; there was an increase in 4th and 5th grade; 6th grade and up numbers were very low; many families have conflicting activities for their children; some children came for specific time frames only and not the whole program.

Ms. Veith continued, as follows: she tries to improve the program each year and casually talks to the children before the end of the school year to encourage their attendance; supply costs were less this year because she had supplies from the previous program; she saw this as a budget revenue that salaries and expenses were covered up to 2/3 by fees collected; she would like to see it eventually be “a wash” with fees covering all the expenses; the survey showed that children loved the stuffed animal contest and other aspects of the program; she is passionate about the program and her children love the program too; the team was able to keep the program operating even on days when there was a chance of rain; the program was managed efficiently and “parents were thrilled.”

Mr. Mathews asked if any consideration was being given to opening the program to children outside of the municipality. Ms. Veith said she did not have an answer, but she questioned having a large enough budget to handle the volume, should there become one. Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about the ratio of staff to students; Ms. Veith thought that it was 20/1. She said that there were five staff members this year, which allowed 3 rooms for activities to be open along with the outside staff member. She was in the “floater” position to cover in case of medical emergencies, bathroom breaks, etc.

The Committee thanked Ms. Veith for her presentation, commenting favorably on the program.

COAH UPDATE

Mayor Wang-Iverson explained that the court granted the Township’s motion for immunity from builders’ remedy, and the Township has until December 8 to submit a plan. Additional efforts from a municipal group have been taken to have an adequate report with proper figures. The Planner is looking at approaches, and it is expected that the Planner will have a draft report in October with the intent to have plan by December 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

A.B.C. SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY’S NJ METRO CHAPTER EVENT TO BE HELD AT UNIONVILLE VINEYARDS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

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RESOLUTION # 120 - 15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that they have no objection to a Special Affairs Permit for a Social Affair being granted to National MS Society – NJ Metro Chapter, 1480 US Highway 9 North, Suite 301, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, for an event to be held at Unionville Vineyards, 9 Rocktown Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, on September 13, 2015.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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A.B.C. SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR DOUGHMAIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE RIDGE AT BACK BROOK ON OCTOBER 19, 2015

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RESOLUTION # 121- 15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that they have no objection to a Special Affairs Permit for a Social Affair being granted to Doughmain Education Foundation, 189 Wall Street, Suite B, Princeton, NJ 08540, for an event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551, on October 19, 2015.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda resolutions.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARINGS OF ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinances

ORDINANCE #15-15 ORDINANCE ADDING A CHAPTER ENTITLED “ABANDONED / VACANT PROPERTIES” TO THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mayor Wang-Iverson explained that a previous version of the ordinance changed the enforcement agent from the Zoning Officer to the Construction Official. On a question from Mr. Van Horn, the Construction Official in West Amwell is aware of the ordinance. A question

was asked about Section 59-3E regarding inspection reports with the Mayor saying that this could be discussed with the Construction Official. Deputy Mayor Sageser spoke about a report, whether it was occupied or not, listing a framework of activities. Mr. Mathews asked how the reports would be made, i.e., by email, with a checklist of standards, form driven, etc. Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about asking the Construction Official for a recommendation, adding that the Official did review the ordinance within the last month.

On a question, Mr. Cushing explained that the ordinance was designed for residential structures, not necessarily an abandoned structure on a large lot. He explained that there is a remedy existing under the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) for these types of structures.

Regarding Section 59-6, the creditor notice, Mr. Cushing said that this allows the creditor to address a foreclosure. Mr. Mathews suggested removing language regarding summonses being filed. Mr. Cushing recommended leaving this language in place.

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**TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 15 -15**

ORDINANCE ADDING A CHAPTER ENTITLED “ABANDONED / VACANT PROPERTIES” TO THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, periodically property owners have abandoned their property and have failed to maintain or secure them to an adequate standard; which affects the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors of the Township, including diminution of neighboring property values, increased risk of fire, potential increases in criminal activity, and potential increases in health risks; and

WHEREAS, the Township incurs disproportionate costs in order to deal with the problems of vacant and abandoned structures, including but not limited to, excessive police calls, fire calls, and property inspections; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Township to establish minimum standards of accountability on the owners or other responsible parties of vacant and abandoned structures in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of and visitors to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell (“Township”) has reviewed recent amendments to Titles 2A, 40 and 46 of the New Jersey Statutes regarding vacant and abandoned property and the responsibilities of foreclosing creditors; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such legislation, certain amendments to the Code of the Township of East Amwell are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of East Amwell, the County of Hunterdon, that Chapter 59 entitled “Abandoned / Vacant Properties” of the Code of the Township of East Amwell (“Code”) is hereby added as follows:

SECTION 1. A Chapter of the Code of the Township of East Amwell entitled “Abandoned / Vacant Properties” is hereby added as follows:

§59-1. Purpose

This Ordinance authorizes the Township of East Amwell to govern the maintenance of vacant or abandoned property in the Township of East Amwell.

§59-2. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

OWNER

Includes the title holder, any agent of the title holder having authority to act with respect to a vacant property, any foreclosing entity subject to the provision of N.J.A.C. 46:10B-51 (P.L.2008, c. 127, sect. 17) or any other entity determined by the Township of East Amwell.

VACANT PROPERTY

Any building used or to be used for residential or commercial purposes which is not legally occupied or at which substantially all lawful construction operations or occupancy has ceased, provided, however, that any property that contains all building systems in working order, is fully compliant with the Uniform Construction Code and Chapter 163 of the Code, and is being actively marketed by its owner for sale or rental, shall not be deemed vacant. Property determined to be 'abandoned property' in accordance with the meaning of such term in the Abandoned Properties Rehabilitation Act, N.J.S.A. 55:19-78, et seq. shall also be deemed to be vacant property for the purposes of this ordinance.

§59-3. Requirements for Owners of Vacant Property

The owner of any building that has become vacant property, and any person maintaining, operating or collecting rent for any such building that has become vacant shall, within 30 days:

- A. Enclose and secure the building against unauthorized entry as provided in the applicable provisions of the code of the Township of East Amwell.
- B. Post a sign affixed to the building indicating the name, address, and telephone number of the owner, the owner's authorized agent for the purpose of service of process, and the person responsible for day-to-day supervision and management of the building, if such person is different from the owner holding title or authorized agent. The sign shall be of a size and place in such a location so as to be legible from the nearest public street or sidewalk, whichever is nearer, but shall be no smaller than 8.5" X 11".
- C. Secure the building from unauthorized entry and maintain the sign until the building is again legally occupied or demolished or until repair or rehabilitation of the building is complete.
- D. Post the property with "No Trespassing" signs or a nature sufficient to give notice to any person entering upon the property that is against the law to enter the property without permission of the owner.
- E. Ensure that the vacant property is inspected on a monthly basis by the owner's authorized agent and prepare inspection reports, which shall be forwarded to the Construction Officer no later than the end of each quarter and due on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year.
- F. Ensure that the vacant property is maintained in accordance with the Uniform Construction Code and that the height of any lawns within 100 feet of the building is kept to a height of 12 inches or less, the property shall be kept free of refuse in compliance with Chapter 163 of the Code, and any vandalism to the building or property will be promptly remediated.
- G. The owner of any vacant building shall acquire and otherwise maintain liability insurance by procuring a vacancy policy in an amount of not less than three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars for buildings designed primarily for use as residential units and not less than one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars for any other building including, but not limited to buildings designed for manufacturing, industrial, storage or commercial uses, covering any damage to any person or any property caused by any physical condition of or in the building.

§59-4. Administration

The Mayor and Township Committee may issue rules and regulations for the administration of the provision of this ordinance.

§59-5. Creditor responsibility.

Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Creditor Responsibility Law (P.L. 2014, c. 5), a creditor filing a summons and complaint to foreclose a lien on a residential property that is vacant and/or abandoned, whether the filing of the summons and complaint is made before or after the determination that the property is vacant and abandoned, shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, security, and upkeep of the exterior of the residential property.

§59-6. Notice to creditor; time to correct violations.

If the Construction Officer or other authorized municipal official, determines that a creditor obligated to care, maintain, secure and keep up a vacant and abandoned property has failed to do so in violation of the provisions of the Code, the public officer or other authorized municipal official shall issue a notice of violation to the creditor that has filed a summons and complaint to foreclose on the property in question. The notice shall require the person or entity to correct the violation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, or within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety. The issuance of this notice shall constitute evidence that a property is "vacant and abandoned" for purposes of N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73.

§59-7. Designated representative of out-of-State creditor; violation.

An out-of-State creditor shall include the full name and contact information of the in-State representative or agent in the notice required to be provided to the municipal clerk pursuant to paragraph one of N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51. An out-of-State creditor found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this provision shall be subject to a fine of \$2,500.00 for each day of the violation commencing on the day after the 10 day period set forth in paragraph one of N.J.S.A. 46:10b-51 with respect to notifying the municipal clerk that an action to foreclose on the property has been filed.

§59-8. Violations and Penalties

A. Any owner who is not in full compliance with this ordinance or who otherwise violates any provision of this ordinance or of the rules and regulations issued hereunder shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$2,000.00, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof for each offense. Each day during which any violation of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. Fines assessed under this chapter shall be recoverable from the owner and shall be a lien on the property.

B. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter, or such other matters as may be established by the rules and regulations of the Mayor and Township Committee, shall be deemed to be violations of this ordinance.

C. The court before which any person is convicted of violating this Chapter 59 shall have the power to impose a penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-70 et seq. and the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.[1]), of not more than \$2,000 nor less than \$5. A creditor required to care for, maintain, secure, and keep up a property under this Chapter cited in notices issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$2,000.00 for each day of the violation. The penalties set forth in this section are separate and apart from the remedy provided for in §58-4 hereof and the remedy provided by the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; and 40:48-2.14. The remedy in this section shall be in addition to all remedies available to the Township in law or in equity.

§59-9. Effect on other laws; interpretation of provisions

Nothing in this chapter is intended nor shall be read to conflict or prevent the Township from taking action against buildings found to be unfit for human habitation or unsafe structures

as provided in applicable provisions, including Chapter 61, of the Code of the Township of East Amwell. Further, any action taken under any such code provision other than the demolition of a structure shall relieve an owner from its obligations under this ordinance.

§59-10. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication, according to law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC

Introduced: September 10, 2015
Adopted:

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 15-15.

The ordinance will be published in the September 17, 2015, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the second reading/public hearing is set for the next regular meeting of the Township Committee on October 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE 15-16 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 92 (LAND MANAGEMENT) OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL REGARDING THE EXPIRATION OF VARIANCES

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that this will be deferred until next month, adding that the issue was discussed with (Board of Adjustment Attorney) Trishka Cecil, mentioning her memo stating that a one-year expiration is too short under current market conditions. Language was developed for a five-year expiration for a zoning variance with extensions up to three one-year allocations. Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke with Attorney Cecil today, and she advised that none of her other municipalities have limitations since the variances going with the land. She did feel it was reasonable to use the language with respect to the initial date of approval and have the expiration at five years while allowing the Board to review the variance in case of market changes and if the variance is not longer appropriate. Ms. Cecil is re-drafting the ordinance for the next meeting and will include a retroactive clause to cover some current variances that will expire soon.

Mr. Cushing agreed with Ms. Cecil that having an end date on the variance was unusual with other municipalities letting them run with the land. Deputy Mayor Sageser thought that hardship variances would be one issue, but he was concerned with use variances in perpetuity because the Township didn't know what would happen in the future. He provided an example

about a building in Fort Lee that was denied multiple times, and each time the application came back, it was designed better.

Mayor Wang-Iverson asked if there was a down side. Deputy Mayor Sageser gave the Peacock's project as an example of a small town multi-family commercial use variance, and if not built in a reasonable amount of time, he asked would the Township want that outstanding variance if the area was rezoned. Mr. Cushing agreed that things could change in five years, adding as an example the court mandate for Larison Corner area where something different could be built in ten years.

Mr. Mathews suggested granting the variance a year at a time; Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about the need to request an extension at which time the Board could grant it or require a representation.

Mayor Wang-Iverson concluded that the Township Committee would see what Ms. Cecil writes for the next meeting. Mr. Cushing spoke about market collapse and environmental/economical issues.

Ordinance 15-17 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF

Mr. Cushing explained that 50 years ago Verizon secured a right to come through the municipality with various equipment, and Verizon was looking to renew their right. He stated that he has never seen such an agreement with any other municipality. He felt that the agreement was "99 percent good" but suggested having the engineer review it and make sure that the Township has to have such an ordinance. He also recommended having language where lines/equipment could not be run, e.g., parking lots, etc.

Mr. Mathews mentioned a lot of problems with three utilities sharing poles, adding that this may be a good opportunity to work with Verizon on this issue. He suggested mandating Verizon to have a trim management plan and work with JCP&L to coordinate this. Mr. Cushing said that usually JCP&L maintains trees with Mr. Mathews and Mr. Miller indicating that usually JCP&L chop around a tree. Deputy Mayor Sageser spoke about engineering standards and quality of poles, suggesting that particulars be developed for replacement poles. It was noted that different companies may own individual poles, and Mr. Mathews suggested that an inventory of poles would be beneficial. Deputy Mayor Sageser reminded the governing body of a situation on Lindbergh Road, wherein no company took ownership of the pole and it was down for a long period of time. Mr. Mathews suggested development of a standard response between the utilities to work together to address these issues.

Mr. Cushing agreed that it might be helpful if there was a subcommittee who worked on the areas of concern that could be addressed in the agreement. He was inclined to notify Verizon attorney that there were some concerns that they would like to discuss with Verizon rather than adopting the ordinance now and have the Township Committee decide what they want.

Comments were made about Verizon offering cable and phone in the municipality but not offering television. Mr. Mathews was told by a Verizon official that while they offer cable and phone to our municipality, they use the same signal as Comcast but cannot use the Comcast lines running throughout the Township; they believe that it is cost prohibitive to install Verizon lines in an area with Comcast market saturation. Deputy Mayor Sageser said that these lines are already in place on Welizewitz Road and have been there for about six years. While initially advised that his property was eligible for FiOS, he was later told that the service would not be extended to him.

The Clerk mentioned calls on occasion when residents complain that their neighbors do have FiOC tv. Mr. Mathews and Mr. Miller spoke about getting Netflix and Hulu through the

internet, and they suggested that perhaps residents believed that they were getting FiOS tv, when in actuality, it was these services through internet (not tv).

Mayor Wang-Iverson concluded the Township Committee should make a list of their items and get back to Verizon. The current ordinance (signed on September 3, 1965 for 50 years) has already expired. Some comments were made about whether it was necessary to renew or not.

Public Hearings: None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1) Update on Quotes for Clawson House Basement: Mr. Matheny said that Historic Preservation Chair Barbara Sageser provided copies of the basement plans. He worked with East Amwell Historic Society President Jim Davidson, and quotes were sent out to comply with Pay-to-Play and Prevailing Wage regulations. There were a number of people who picked up the information, and Mr. Matheny showed one vendor around the property the other day. Quotes are to be returned by September 17 and the award will be made at the end of the month. As long as the work is under \$40,000, quotes are acceptable.

Mr. Davidson has been giving Mr. Matheny at least daily updates on the house. The East Amwell Historic Society spent 20 hours cleaning the property, including removing the existing furnace, and the DPW has been helping. A free landscape plan from Rutgers Nursery was received for the property. The Society is planning an open house on October 24-25 and will provide information on how to donate to the work. A question was raised about having a step to the house by that time.

Committee members and Mr. Matheny agreed that the Society was moving ahead. Mr. Van Horn added that a sign in front of the house, which reads "Future Home of the East Amwell Historic Society," was not approved by the Township Committee. He made an official motion to have the sign approved, with Deputy Madding amending the motion to add that the organization would be taking responsibility of the home as a 501c3 and have a lease at some point. Mr. Van Horn agreed that all the efforts of the Society and Mr. Davidson have been positive, but it is still Township property.

Mr. Cushing asked if the Township would be having a lease at some point, and he was told yes. Deputy Mayor Sageser spoke about the possibility of getting further information from the NJ State Historic Preservation Office on how leases work. There is nothing in writing with the East Amwell Historic Society at this time.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn to approve the sign in front of the Clawson House, "Future Home of the East Amwell Historical Society," contingent upon an acceptable agreement being worked out with the East Amwell Historical Society as to the operation and maintenance of the building. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Van Horn commended the work that Mr. Davidson is doing, adding that it would be nicer if the Township Committee approved it.

Mr. Cushing was ready to leave the meeting and Mr. Mathews asked if he could comment on a matter listed on the Police Report. Mr. Mathews heard from a resident who saw a drone hovering near a window and recording information. It was noted that the FAA regulates drones and regulations are developing. Mr. Cushing felt that this might be handled under criminal statute 2C as a peeping tom criminal action. Mr. Mathews commented on operating a drone on a friend's property near the river and Route 95 and commented on his understanding of how it would be easy to "zero in" on surveillance.

Mr. Cushing again stated that what Mr. Mathews was describing with the surveillance in a window could be an indictable offense with a penalty. He agreed to find out information about this.

Mr. Cushing left the meeting at 9:45 p.m. (but returned later in the meeting).

2) Release of Performance Bond for Unlimited Builders: Mr. Matheny said that the exterior work on the Clawson House is complete with the original amount paid \$107,250, and the company is asking for the release of the performance bond. Architect Chris Pickell presented a statement that the work was of good quality.

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RESOLUTION #122-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the release of the performance bond for Unlimited Builders upon the satisfactory posting of the two year maintenance bond for the Clawson House Rehabilitation Project.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the motion.

3) Update on Change of Vendor for Trash/Recycling: Mr. Matheny explained that the Township went out for quotes for trash/garbage service. He stated that RVD “did a good job for us ... and we looked at prices.” Premier Disposal beat the existing prices in most areas, and RVD raised their prices. Mr. Matheny commented on services being down to a science and the intent not to disrupt services. Assistant Treasurer Charlene Santos will coordinate activities, and the intent is to switch from RVD to Premier Disposal from September 30 to October 1.

4) Township Administrator’s Contract Amendment for Short Term Disability Benefit: Mr. Matheny explained that the contract is being amended to keep up with state law that allows this benefit to qualifying part time employees. A resolution for the part time employees was approved at the last meeting.

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RESOLUTION #123-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby approve an Employment Agreement Amendment to the contract between East Amwell Township and Timothy L. Matheny for amend Section 7, Holidays and Sick Leave, to state that “Matheny will be enrolled in the Township’s group Temporary (Short Term) Disability plan, as required by NJ State Law.”

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn and seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser to approve the resolution.

Mr. Mathews asked why the contract had to be amended. Mr. Matheny said to bring it in line with the state regulations.

The motion to approve the resolution was carried unanimously.

5) Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee (FOSPC) Administrator: Mr. Matheny prepared a memo today regarding the appointment of Pam Thier for this position. He explained that the position has been posted for a couple of months and was on the League of Municipalities’ website for a month, adding that many candidates did not have the specific experience that the Committee and Chair Glorianne Robbi were looking for.

Pam Thier worked at NJ DEP Green Acres as a program development specialist in land acquisition and as a Director and prior to that as an Assistant Director. She also worked in Hunterdon County with land acquisition, and she is very familiar with the work of FOSPC. Ms. Thier was interviewed by Mrs. Robbi, Mayor Wang-Iverson, and Mr. Matheny. Mr. Matheny found her to be very personable, knowledgeable about preservation, and all interviewers were “extremely pleased.”

Mr. Matheny contacted two of the three references, with one of them being the Executive Director of D&R Greenway Land Trust. He stated that Ms. Thier was well known in the presentation circle and well known. He also knew the candidate when he worked in Plainsboro. He said that the other recommendation “was glowing.” Ms. Thier wanted \$25.00 per hour, but the scale for the position was \$17.23 to \$24.59 per hour, and she agreed to the top of the scale.

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RESOLUTION #124-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby accept the recommendation of the Township Administrator to appoint Pamela Thier as the Farmland/Open Space Preservation Committee Administrator as a one year probationary employee to work up to 30 hours per month, without benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution be amended, as follows:

Remove FOSPC Administrator Katz	\$19.38/hour
Replace: FOSPC Administrator Thier	\$24.59/hour

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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

COAH (AFFORDABLE HOUSING), Continued Discussion

Mr. Cushing returned to the meeting at 9:55 p.m. He reminded the governing body that they needed to adopt a resolution this evening. He explained that the Township is participating with a group of about 200 towns that hired Rutgers and Dr. Burchell to do a report on the COAH calculations to be shared with each of the municipalities. Dr. Burchell has had some issues preventing him from going ahead with the completion of the report, and the group of municipalities is now planning to engage a different consultant, Econsult in Princeton, New Jersey. The Township previously agreed with the shared services agreement to hire Dr. Burchell, and now they have to amend the agreement, which was discussed in executive session.

Mr. Cushing provided a resolution, which he said was in rough form, reading it into the record. For the record, below is the final resolution presented for signature:

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RESOLUTION #125-15

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell (the "Township") has filed a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey Hunterdon County in furtherance of the Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision captioned In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (the "Supreme Court Decision"); and

WHEREAS, the Township entered into a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (hereinafter MSSDA") in order to hire Dr. Robert W. Burchell via Rutgers University to produce an expert report in order to establish the Township's affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell is unable to perform his duties under the MSSDA due to health issues; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers seeks to terminate the MSSDA; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to the member municipalities to hire Econsult Solutions, having an address at 1435 Walnut Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19102, to replace Dr. Burchell because Econsult appears to be the only qualified expert in the area of New Jersey affordable housing obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of East Amwell as follows:

1. East Amwell hereby authorizes the substitution of Econsult as an expert under the MSSDA
2. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an addendum to the MSSDA to that effect subject to approval of the Township Attorney.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

+++++ Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

Mr. Cushing left the meeting again at 10:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTRACT FOR SHARED SERVICE WITH HOLLAND TOWNSHIP FOR CFO

Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about being in discussions with Holland Township for CFO services, and a draft agreement was just received late today from Holland Township's Mayor. Mayor Wang-Iverson wanted to give the Township Committee a few days to review before Holland Township meets to discuss it next week. The agreement provides an increase in salary to East Amwell Township's CFO with Holland Township contributing \$30,000 to the salary and 1/3 of the CFO's benefit costs, e.g., social security, worker's comp, and if she choses to take them, health benefits. The agreement will begin on January 1, 2016 for two years. The current Holland Township CFO is not retiring until March, and the East Amwell CFO will have three months to get up to speed. Holland Township is also hiring a part time bookkeeper for items such as payroll and purchase orders, and the part timer will work 20 hours a week. Mayor Wang-Iverson commented on making sure that the language on the agreement is "where we want it," and if Holland Township agrees, they will sign it.

Deputy Mayor Sageser commented that during the two-year time frame, the CFO agreement could not be terminated.

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RESOLUTION #126-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, that, subject to the CFO’s approval and submission of a signed memorandum of understanding and any minor adjustments to language, the East Amwell Township approves of the shared service agreement with Holland Township to share services for a CFO for a period of two years, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frances Gavigan, 1234 Wertsville Road, asked if the new consultant will be given access to calculations and information generated in the previous draft report (by Dr. Burchell) since the clock is running and Fair Share Housing has assigned 336 units for the Township. Mayor Wang-Iverson said that it was his understanding that access to all data and formulas is available. Deputy Mayor Sageser mentioned that Econsult was hired by the League of Municipalities and has been working on the issue. The Mayor added that it was state data while Ms. Gavigan thought it was proprietary information owned by Dr. Burchell. Mayor Wang-Iverson said that the Township’s prior total was 104 units with a net of 60 and credit for 44.

Sue Posselt, Cider Mill Road, agreed that five years was a long time to allow an extension for a variance, and she was in favor of a one- year expiration with the ability to file for additional yearly extensions. Ms. Posselt was confused with the Verizon and Comcast lines issue and wondered why Verizon didn’t have the three options, i.e., cable, phone, and tv. Ms. Posselt also hoped that the Township Committee would not be taking action on the request from the NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

TREASURER/CFO PASQUA:

Treasurer’s Resolutions:

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RESOLUTION #127-15

WHEREAS, certain Capital appropriation ordinances have funding that are no longer necessary;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances:

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 unexpended balances be cancelled:

	Amount	Cancel to:
Ordinance # 2011-03 Real Property B21,L1 & B20,L17.01	\$2,367.85	Open Space
Ordinance # 2012-15 Acquisition Polhemus Property	\$ 445.46	Open Space
Ordinance # 2012-18 Acquisition B31, L 1 & 14.01 Wiedemer Property	\$298.47	Open Space

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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 Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION #128-15

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works Superintendent of the Township of East Township has approved the refund of the following driveway bond,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of East Amwell that the Treasurer is authorized to issue a refund check to following applicant:

Applicant	Amount of Refund
Walter Emery	\$2,500.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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

Bills of the evening were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND presented her August report.

Tax Collector's Resolution:

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RESOLUTION #129-15

WHEREAS there has been a redemption made for Tax Sale Certificate #201306, Block 40, LOT 17.01, Snyderstown Road, sold on October 3rd 2013 to East Amwell Township and,

WHEREAS the amount of \$19,098.46 has been collected from Whiteman Law Group for the redemption of this Tax Sale Certificate #201306,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a check in the amount of \$19,098.46 be prepared and the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to sign this check and that this check be delivered to East Amwell Township.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to approve the resolution for redemption.

All other reports were accepted without comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted without comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk