

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:35 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 May 12, 2015.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Under Standing Committees, add item C, Recycling Committee: 1) Reappointment of Former Member Pippin Folk; 2) Sign With Inter-changeable Messages.

Under Special Discussions, COAH, add item 5) Appointment of Planning Board Chair Don Reilly to COAH Regional Initiative Being Formed In Hunterdon County.

Under Correspondence, a copy of the 2014 Audit received on 5/14/15 – this item will be on the June agenda as a business item; Delaware Twp.'s 5/11 resolution petitioning for Declaratory Judgment; and the 5/8 notice regarding maintenance of Algonquin Pipeline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.

Hunterdon County Collection Event: May 30, Paint, Used Motor Oil, Propane Tanks, Smoke Detectors from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Route 12 County Complex. Call 908-788-1110 for details or email swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us

UPDATE FROM THE CFO

1) Update: CFO Margaret Pasqua said that the bond anticipation note sale was complete; there were a lot of bids, and the interest was reduced from 1.25% to .65%. The 2014 audit is complete, and the Township Committee received copies tonight.

Ms. Pasqua wanted to consider doing a refunding bond for the 2003 bonds, and she has been doing some preliminary research to proceed in January. She believed that there would be some cost savings by doing so, i.e., \$100,000 over the course of the loan. Interest rates would decrease and the payment amounts would change, but the term of the loan cannot be extended. The Township Committee agreed that they would like to consider this, and Ms. Pasqua will work on this over the summer.

2) Resolution from Bond Counsel for IRS Form 8038 (Tax Exempt Governmental Obligations): Ms. Pasqua advised that Bond Counsel said this resolution needed to be passed to insure the Township's status with the IRS.

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Resolution #67-15

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO MONITOR AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TAX LAW REQUIREMENTS

WITH RESPECT TO TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") has from time to time and will from time to time issue tax-exempt debt, including without limitation bonds and bond anticipation notes; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt debt, the Township is required by Section 149(e) of the Internal Revenue Code to file with the Internal Revenue Service an Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations known as Form 8038-G (or a substantially similar form); and

WHEREAS, the most recent revision of Form 8038-G requires the Township to report whether the Township has established written procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with certain requirements of federal tax law relating to its tax-exempt debt; and

WHEREAS, bond counsel to the Township has prepared written procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with the requirements of federal tax law relating to tax-exempt debt which procedures are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of establishing such written procedures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. In furtherance of the purposes described in the above recitals and in connection with the issuance from time to time by the Township of tax-exempt debt, including bonds and bond anticipation notes, the Township hereby establishes procedures to monitor and ensure compliance with federal tax law which procedures are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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.

3) Clarification of Minutes: Mr. Mathews asked for clarification on the April 2015 minutes regarding the bond anticipation notes (BAN). There were three pieces to the BAN, the original \$550,000 being paid down over time, a 2012 bond for \$190,000, and a 2013 bond for \$114,000. Mr. Mathews asked that the minutes be clarified to reflect this information.

4) 2014 Audit: Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about a meeting he attended with the Administrator, CFO, and auditor to discuss the 2014 audit. There was a lot of reconstruction of records and lots of work, and he "was very pleased with the progress Margaret has made in the finance office."

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Chair Sherrie Binder was present at this time. Ms. Binder said that the Board has been quiet with no applications this year and only three applications last year with a couple on the horizon. She said that there was nothing to report, referencing the economy as the reason for the lack of business. On a comment from Deputy Mayor Sageser about the budget, Ms. Binder said that that the Board has no budget but works with escrows. Mayor Wang-Iverson commented on

having no vacancies on the Board; Ms. Binder said that the corps of the Board has been serving for a while with newer members Jamie Atkeson and Michele Doherty.

Mr. Mathews asked about the letter from Ms. Bonette regarding the Peacock's issue. This matter is being addressed by the Zoning Officer and the engineer. Ms. Binder spoke about the resolution, adding that the engineer will make sure that there were no changes to what the Board approved. She said that when the application was approved, the applicant was to be in compliance and up to code with the Hunterdon County Board of Health on the septic system. Mr. Mathews wanted to make certain that there would be a response. Ms. Binder stated that there would be a response if it was warranted, adding that there are some valid issues. Deputy Mayor Sageser explained that this was a complicated issue going back to 1984 or 1986. Ms. Binder said that there are some sight triangle issues to address with the county and state that do not fall to the Township. She concluded that it will be up to the engineer to address the issues with Ms. Bonette.

The Committee thanked Ms. Binder for her presentation.

FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (FOSPC) Chair Glorianne Robbi was present at this time.

1) Addition of Targeted Farms to Agriculture Development Areas (ADA) (4/14 email and 5/11 memo): Mrs. Robbi mentioned the May 11 memo regarding the addition of farms to the existing ADA, adding that the ADA is a county and state term to have an area defined with specified farms within that area as "good farms and soils and advantageous for preservation." She showed the 2012 map indicating that the Valley District is the designated ADA, and over the years a lot of farms have been preserved. She added that some landowners are not interested in preserving, but they still remain on the list; the state requires the list to be set as part of their planning tool to assess what farms there are and what grant funding is available.

Ms. Robbi said that FOSPC held a farm forum in February, and there were three parcels of interest, including one 50 acre farm on Route 31 with family members interested in preservation. She said that the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has been in discussions with an out of state land owner about the other two large properties off of Wertsville and North Hill Roads. Ms. Robbi added that there was no obligation on the part of the Township, but for financial planning, FOSPC wanted to add these properties to the state list.

Mr. Mathews asked why the properties weren't on the original list; Mrs. Robbi explained that the properties on North Hill and Wertsville Roads are part of large acreage owned in East Amwell, Montgomery, and Hillsborough. NJCF has been working with the owner, and some property has already been preserved in Somerset County, and discussions have been on-going. It was unknown when the owners would be interested in the East Amwell preservation. The property also includes an old air park and is currently being lease-farmed. Parts of the property are wooded, and part is tillable.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and carried unanimously to add the three properties to the ADA: Block 30/Lot 33 (55 acres on Route 31); Block 35/Lot 2 (261 acres on Wertsville Road); Block 35/Lot 10 (128 acres on North Hill Road).

2) Greenfest Recap: Mayor Wang-Iverson commented on the recent Greenfest program. Mrs. Robbi highlighted some of the participants, including Duke Farms with a camera video of an eagle's nest; a display on Monarch butterflies; a resident who is a bee-keeper; a Girl Scouts program on clean air; Stony Brook Watershed, who showcased a new nature center for children; a well driller; among others. Mrs. Robbi said, "It was a terrific program," and they would like more participation with plans for next year already in development.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

1) Reappointment of Past Member: Pippin Folk, who was unable to participate earlier in the year, wanted to be reappointed to the Recycling Committee. The May 12 email from the Clerk outlining his residency and his request was previously provided to the governing body.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to appoint Pippin Folk as a member to the Recycling Committee.

2) Sign with Inter-changeable Messages: Mr. Mathews said that this was brought up at the Recycling Committee Meeting, and he provided a hand-out entitled "Permanent Recycling Events Sign" showing different illustrations of a sign to be placed in or near the sight triangle at the entrance to the municipal driveway. Mr. Mathews thought that the DPW could erect the sign that would have interchangeable messages to be visible prior to events, e.g., recycling depot, holiday tree lighting, etc. Mr. Mathews said that the Boy Scouts could build it and pay for materials, and an optional mailbox could be placed on the stand for distribution of the VIPS.

Mr. Matheny said that there were zoning requirements for a sign and placement in a sight triangle may not be allowed; additionally, Wertsville Road is a County road so the Township would have to be careful about this. Mr. Matheny will talk with the DPW Superintendent about the sign. Deputy Mayor Sageser agreed that the DPW should find a suitable place, adding that either funds to build it should be located in the budget or have the Boy Scouts construct it as their project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Minutes of April 9, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously.

Executive Minutes of April 9, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried with two corrections in paragraph 6, line 3, add the word "non-refundable" and on line 9, change "sincere" to "since."

Regular Minutes of April 9, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously with a correction to the bottom of page one to clarify the BAN information mentioned earlier in the meeting by Mr. Mathews.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Andrea Bonette, 17 Ridge Road, spoke favorably about the Greenfest event, adding that the participants were excellent, having attended the program twice. She mentioned crowds disappearing after an hour or two and only having presenters remaining. She suggested having the event at another time of the year to draw more people. Mayor Wang-Iverson said that Mrs. Robbi is already thinking about having it earlier in the year in 2016.

Mrs. Bonette also commented on her letter about the Peacock building, including the appearance of another apartment, the septic system, activities on site, and a site triangle issue. She did not know how these issues would be fixed, and she was very concerned. She is trying to reach out to the NJ DEP and others, she has a lot of questions, and she wished that the Township also had these questions.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that she had a lot of information and some videos that she would make available about the Peacock building. One issue was the 40-year age of the septic system with one repair some years ago, and there was a NJPDES permit from the state as a "done deal," adding that there had to be some approvals by the County Health Department through Tadhg Rainey.

Deputy Mayor Sageser suggested that Mrs. Bonette and Ms. Gavigan speak together, adding that this was a Board of Adjustment issue, and the matter was thoroughly reviewed by that Board. Ms. Gavigan continued by saying that if the accusations are accurate, and there is another apartment and new tanks on site, the Township should be aware. She stated that she would lend her research to the Township if they wanted it, and there may or may not be a citizen's letter about this. Ms. Gavigan was again directed to speak to the County Health Department about the matter.

Ms. Gavigan asked about the mailing list for receipt of agendas so that the public has access to draft minutes with the agenda and receive any other agendas/notices of Township meetings, such as special or executive sessions. The Clerk advised that the resolution adopted annually by the Township Committee is to allow the public to email access to regular meeting agendas. The Clerk suggested that Ms. Gavigan sign up for website updates, and she would receive notices of all board postings and notices about special meetings through email.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

COAH (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) UPDATE Planning Board Chairman Don Reilly was present during this discussion.

1) 4/21 Email re: Vicinage 13 Judge and 4/24 NJ Builders Association to Judge Coleman re: Return of COAH to Trial Judges: Mayor Wang-Iverson referenced these two pieces of correspondence adding that the number for fair share housing is a calculation, and East Amwell’s number was approximately 300 affordable units. He added that to assess the total impact on the township, one would have to multiply that number by 5 or equate to 15000 total units at four-fifths at market rate. Mayor Wang-Iverson commented that the entire housing stock of the municipality was less than 1500. He further stated that a legislative solution would be warranted, and he suggested that residents contact their legislative representatives.

2) Declaratory Judgment: Mr. Cushing spoke about the resolution he prepared for declaratory judgment. He highlighted the COAH process: In March the Supreme Court stripped COAH of their obligations and assigned the process to fifteen Superior Court Judges. There are three categories of municipalities, i.e., those who have obtained substantive certification; those who submitted plans but have not yet received certification; and those who did nothing. East Amwell falls within the second category. The first two categories can apply for declaratory judgment by July 8, 2015, to seek plan approval by the Superior Court Judge. The municipality will outline the history of its actions before the Judge, showing that they have acted in good faith on its obligations; the Judge would make a preliminary determination that the municipality did act in good faith and has shown a willingness to address its obligations going forth. If this is accomplished, the next step is to submit, within five months, a new COAH plan consistent with the Supreme Court decision. At that time, all parties, e.g., builders groups, COAH advocates, and the court will take into account the submitted material, and a ruling will be made on whether the Fair Share obligation has been met. The resolution being proposed authorizes the planner and attorney to apply for declaratory judgment, and the planner will provide the history of the Township’s actions. Mr. Cushing commended the Planning Board and Township Committee on being very active in planning for the COAH needs consistent with the rules in effect at the time, adding that the rules will be changing going forth.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that this topic has been discussed by the Planning Board and there was a good article in the NJ Planner newsletter, which was copied for the governing body. He recommended proceeding with the resolution now to allow extra time for the planner and attorney to work on the submission to the Judge. The 2009-09 Fair Share Plan was mentioned, based on rules in effect at that time, and there was a good investment made in the plan, which will be “thrown away” if the Township does not apply for a declaratory judgment.

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RESOLUTION #68-15

RESOLUTION (1) AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL ATTORNEY AND OTHER TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE AND FILE A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT SEEKING JUDICIAL APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP’S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF N.J.A.C. 5:96 AND 5:97 BY NJ COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND (2) AUTHORIZING OTHER TOWNSHIP

PROFESSIONALS AND OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT AN UPDATE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THIRD ROUND MT. LAUREL AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE, TO UNDERTAKE A SURVEY OF ALL VACANT AND UNDEVELOPED LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL BY BLOCK AND LOT, TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S HOUSING STOCK, AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER STUDIES AS MAY BE DETERMINED NECESSARY.

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by NJ Council on Affordable Housing, holding that, effective June 8, 2015, enforcement of the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") and the Mount Laurel Doctrine be transferred from the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") to the New Jersey Superior Courts, due to COAH's failure to adopt Third Round Rules on municipal affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court further ordered in that decision that municipalities which had either received Third Round Substantive Certification or been declared to have "participating" status by COAH are permitted to file a declaratory judgment action with its County's Superior Court within 30 days after the June 8, 2015 effective date of the decision; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the declaratory judgment action is to seek a judicial declaration that the municipality's affordable housing plan presents a realistic opportunity for the provision of its fair share of present and prospective need for low and moderate income housing, such that the Township may receive, in effect, from the courts substantive certification and accompanying protection as afforded under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that a municipalities' Third Round fair share obligation and housing plan must be evaluated under the prior round methodology; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell has "participating status"; and

WHEREAS, throughout and notwithstanding the period of uncertainty over new Third Round Rules, the Township of East Amwell has continued efforts to provide for low and moderate income housing opportunities in the Township; and

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

1. Township Attorney Richard P. Cushing, Esq., along with members of his firm, is authorized to prepare and file a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court on behalf of the Township seeking a judgment of compliance with the Township's Third Round affordable housing obligation and also seeking an order of immunity from Mt. Laurel builder remedy lawsuits during the process of adopting and filing the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan with the Court as well as during the period of Court review of the Township's plan and all implementing ordinances.
2. Township Attorney Richard P. Cushing, Esq., Planner Frank Banisch, and Township Engineer Dennis O. Neal along with members of their respective firms are authorized to take such as actions, within the current approved budget, as may be appropriate to further both the preparation and implementation of the updated Housing Plan Element of the Township of East Amwell Master Plan and Fair Share Plan for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance, to undertake a survey of all vacant and undeveloped land in Township of East Amwell by block and lot, to conduct an analysis of the Township's housing stock, and to conduct such other studies as may be determined necessary.
3. Proposals for these actions, plans and studies shall be submitted in advance for review and approval by the Township of East Amwell Committee and/or Township of East Amwell Planning Board.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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. Mr. Mathews asked for two minor changes, in paragraph 3, add the word “actions,” and in paragraph 2, add “within the current approved budget” after the word “actions.” The motion was carried unanimously with these changes. Deputy Mayor Sageser added that the Planning Board budget did include extra money for the COAH line item.

3) West Amwell Resolution to Legislators: Committee members asked that this resolution be put on the agenda for the next meeting for consideration. Mayor Wang-Iverson felt that it was a good resolution for the governing body to consider.

4) Appointment of Representative to Local Initiative: Mayor Wang-Iverson attended a recent meeting in Clinton where a group of Mayors were discussing an advocacy for municipalities to band together to address the methodology of setting the COAH figures and arguing the numbers in court. Mayor Wang-Iverson recommended appointing Planning Board Chair Don Reilly to this group to keep aware of activities. If there are any financial obligations, they will be approved by the governing body as they come up.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and carried unanimously to appoint Don Reilly to the initiative group on COAH.

CONSENT AGENDA

A.B.C. Licenses – Social Affairs Licenses for Amwell Valley Fire Company 1008-31-002-001 for May 15, 2015 & July 13, 2015 Events at the Fire Company

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RESOLUTION #69-15

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 Social Affairs Permit for a Social Affair being granted to the Amwell Valley Fire Company (Club License #1008-31-002-01) from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for an event to be held on May 15, 2015 and another to be held on July 13, 2015.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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RAFFLE LICENSE #15-03 St. Peter’s Foundation for Event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook on August 31, 2015

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RESOLUTION #70-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the fund-raising efforts of Saint Peter’s Foundation, 254 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has made application to hold an off premises 50/50 raffle on August 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, that raffle license number #RL 15-03 be approved and processed.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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RAFFLE LICENSE #15-04 SAFE in Hunterdon for Event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook on June 18, 2015

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RESOLUTION #71-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the fund-raising efforts of SAFE in Hunterdon, Inc., 47 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822;

WHEREAS, SAFE in Hunterdon has made application to hold an on premises 50/50 raffle on June 18, 2015, at 10:00 p.m. at The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, that raffle license number #RL 15-04 be approved and processed.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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A.B.C. Licenses for Events to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook:

- 1) Urban Promise Ministries on June 15, 2015
- 2) St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church on June 29, 2015
- 3) Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey (HRET) on July 27, 2015

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RESOLUTION #72-15

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 Social Affairs Permits being granted to The Ridge at Back Brook, 211 Wertsville Road, Ringoes, NJ 08551 from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the following events:

Urban Ministries, PO Box 1479, Camden, NJ 08107 - June 15, 2015

St. John the Baptist RC Church, Ottsville, PA - June 29, 2015

Health Research and Educational Trust of NJ (HRET), 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ 08543 - July 27, 2015

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 resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Public Hearing:

ORDINANCE 15-07 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

As proof of publication, the Clerk provided the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat of April 16, 2015. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on April 9, 2015.

Mayor Wang-Iverson noted that the Township received notification of an NJ Department of Transportation grant of \$160,000 towards the work on Zion Road. The ordinance is for multiple roads in need of repair.

The meeting was open to the public for comment.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, asked if the grant would reduce the amount of money used for Zion Road; Ms. Pasqua said yes. Ms. Gavigan also talked about township debt, asking if this will impact the debt. Ms. Pasqua said that the impact would be next year or “down the road.”

On a question about work on Ridge Road, it was announced that Ridge Road would be repaired next Tuesday (not through funding in this ordinance).

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

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance 15-07: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes.

The estoppel notice will be published in the May 21, 2015, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

Introduction of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 15-08: 2015 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE

There was no salary and wage ordinance adopted in 2014, i.e., the 2013 ordinance was used with a 2014 Salary and Wage Resolution. CFO prepared a 2015 ordinance for consideration.

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**The 2015 Salary & Wage Schedule
ORDINANCE 15-08**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The following shall be the rate and ranges of compensation for the officials and employees of the Township for the year 2015.

SALARIED:

Mayor	\$0-\$3473
Township Committee Members	\$0-3015
Township Administrator	\$61,904-\$63,142
Tax Assessor	\$26,661-\$36,089

Tax Collector	\$30,425-\$41,223
Treasurer/CFO	\$14,790-\$80,000
Municipal Clerk	\$43,152-\$59,267
Payroll Clerk	\$1,960-\$3,890
Zoning Officer	\$12,600-\$13,788
Magistrate-East Amwell 1/2 Share	\$9,240-\$14,137
	+\$4,162
Court Administrative Officer 1/2 share	\$19,972-\$32,370
	+\$5,202
Separate Franklin Court Salary Ordinance in Bold	
Director of Public Assistance	\$2,208-\$3,760
Public Defender	\$1,057-\$2,227
	+\$520
Prosecutor	\$11,788-\$16,876
	+\$4,162
DPW Superintendent	\$73,000-\$80,222
COAH Municipal Housing Liaison	\$4,585-\$9,595

HOURLY:

Alternate Zoning Officer	\$35.00/hour
DPW Supervisor	\$23.32-\$31.12
DPW Employee	\$19.31-\$28.62
Extra DPW Employee, temporary as necessary	\$9.02-\$22.40
Grounds Maintenance	\$9.02-\$19.60
Deputy Clerk/Assistant Tax Collector	\$17.08-\$24.59
Board of Health Secretary	\$16.79-\$28.62
Assistant Treasurer	\$16.79-\$28.62
Recycling Coordinator	\$10.58-\$22.09
Planning Board Administrative Officer	\$16.80-\$28.62
Board of Adjustment Administrative Officer	\$16.79-\$28.62
Zoning Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
Deputy Court Administrator-East Amwell 1/2 Share	\$10.58-\$13.07
Environmental Commission Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
COAH Housing Inspector	\$35.00
Farmland/Open Space Administrator	\$17.42-\$24.59
Farmland/Open Space Recording Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
Recreation Committee Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
Rabies Clinic-Secretarial	\$20.00/hour
Secretarial Services	\$10.58-\$22.09
Agricultural Advisory Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
Historic Preservation Secretary	\$10.58-\$22.09
Violations Clerk	\$7.50-\$9.50

BOARD OF HEALTH FEES:

A. Witnessing Service up to 2 hours	\$50.00
B. Witnessing Services more than 2 hours, up to 8 hours in one day	\$120.00
C. Witnessing Services after 8 hours in one day-(8am-4pm) for each hour or fraction of hour	\$25.00
D. Surcharge for Saturday or Sunday	\$100.00

OTHER:

Summer Playground Director (per week)	\$194.55-\$278.83
Summer Playground Supervising Director	\$241.74-\$324.36
Dog Census Takers	\$450.00 plus \$500.00 for mileage per district

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective upon publication, according to law, and be retroactive back to January 1, 2015, or the date of salary rate change for those employees who may have had a rate change earlier in 2015.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

Attest: _____
 Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC

Introduced: May 14, 2015
 Adopted:

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 Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 15-08.

The ordinance will be published in the May 21, 2015, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing is set for the next regular Township Committee on June 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

2015 SALARY AND WAGE RESOLUTION

Those employees whose new salary fall within the existing salary and wage ordinance were added to this resolution. The employees will receive a 2 percent increase.

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RESOLUTION # 73-15

2015 Salary & Wage Resolution By Title		
BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that the salaries and compensation for 2015 employees shall be as follows:		
Position:		Salary/Compensation
Mayor Wang-Iverson		\$0
Township Committee Members Miller, Mathews, Van Horn & Sageser		\$1,359
Tax Assessor Busher		\$32,369
Tax Collector Hyland		\$36,987
Treasurer/CFO Pasqua		\$65,000
Municipal Clerk Stahl		\$55,346
Payroll Clerk Stahl		\$2,601
Zoning Officer Kneski		\$12,941
Magistrate Martin-East Amwell 1/2 Share		\$9,556
Court Administrative Officer Hooven-1/2 Share		\$24,102
Public Defender Troy		\$1,173
Prosecutor Ballard		\$12,197
DPW Superintendant Silverthorn		\$74,460
COAH Municipal Housing Liaison Robbins		\$4,585
HOURLY:		

PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of East Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$440,000 constituting moneys received or expected to be received by the Township from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement

Section 2. The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance is the improvement of the stormwater drainage system in and by the Township, including the construction or reconstruction of stormwater drainage pipes and facilities at various locations including, without limitation, Clawson Park and the Municipal Complex, together with all equipment, site work, structures, appurtenances, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

Section 3. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final passage as provided by law.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC

Introduced: May 14, 2015

Adopted:

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The ordinance is being introduced as a spending mechanism for the grant managed by Princeton Hydro.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously to introduce Ordinance 15-09. The ordinance will be published in the May 21, 2015, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the public hearing is set for the next regular Township Committee meeting on June 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

1) Resolution to Award the Purchase of a Truck on State Bid: Mr. Matheny explained that the Township must award the purchase of the truck since it is over the bid threshold and the other items, i.e., the air conditioning, power windows, plow and hitch were just incorporated into

the one resolution. The total expenditure for the truck is \$133,272.00. (For the record, CFO Pasqua did provide the Clerk with a certification of funds for the purchase.)

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RESOLUTION #74-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the East Amwell Township Committee that they hereby authorize the Township Administrator to prepare the following purchase orders for the purchase of a 2015 International Dump Truck with options:

- 1) Bucks County International
134 Old Oxford Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

Red Cab and Chassis	\$70,359.00
Aluminum Dump Body	43,515.00
Under T/G Spreader	2,455.00
Coal Door	340.00

Total Cost: \$116,669.00

The above purchased through the NJ State Contract, NJ DOT T-2787-Contract #79123

- 2) Bucks County International
134 Old Oxford Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

Air Conditioning:	\$1,550.00
Power Windows:	498.00

Total Additional Cost: \$2,048.00

- 3) Trius, Inc.
5049 Industrial Road
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

One Henke Model OWC- 11' One-Way Power Angle Plow
One Henke Low-Profile QCP Style Hitch

Total Additional Cost: \$14,555.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby authorize the total expenditure of \$133,272.00 for the new vehicle for the Township's fleet.

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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Motion by Deputy Mayor Sageser, seconded by Mr. Van Horn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the resolution: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes.

On a question about the old truck, Mr. Matheny said that the DPW would continue to use it after they make it road safe.

2) File Archiving Update: The new file share system is in place for the Township Committee. Mr. Matheny explained that he can download the files to his personal Dropbox. Deputy Mayor Sageser also mentioned the availability of an App. Mr. Mathews commented on Comcast service being slow with this program.

It was unclear when Wertsville Road (County Route 607) would be open; previously the County Engineer's office said by the end of May.

9) Bathrooms at Clawson Park: The DPW painted the bathrooms, and they are now open rather than renting port-a-potties.

10) Staff Meeting: Mr. Matheny asked the governing body to email him if they had any items to address at the staff meeting on Monday.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

The revised 4/23/15 Draft Ordinance and Cover Memo from Attorney St. Angelo were previously provided to the governing body, along with Somerdale Borough ordinances for vacant and abandoned properties and for maintaining an abandoned property list, designating a public officer, and authorizing the officer to designate qualified rehabilitation entities.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that the Village Committee met yesterday and had some comments. He added that a representative from Somerdale Borough was at the NJ Conference of Mayors meeting providing similar information as was provided by Ms. St. Angelo.

The governing body discussed this issue in detail, with the following highlights: A question was raised as to whether East Amwell could use the criteria in sections E and F for maintenance for vacant properties only without having a property maintenance code for the entire township; Mr. Cushing said that this could be done but it may or may not be challenged. Deputy Mayor Sageser and Mayor Wang-Iverson exchanged comments about having a list; the Mayor commented that the properties on the list will allow implementation of the ordinance with a fee structure and the money will be used for incurred costs.

Mr. Cushing spoke about some urban towns deleting abandoned properties lists during the recession because it involved too much work. He mentioned an ordinance for Holland Township that might be applicable to East Amwell, i.e., taking out the vacant property registration sections 3 and 4 and leaving sections 5 and 6 (fees and requirements of owners of vacant property). There is no history on the Holland ordinance since it is new. Deputy Mayor Sageser asked about bank-foreclosed properties; Mr. Cushing said that this was covered in section 2 under "Owners."

Mr. Mathews felt that the ordinance focused on buildings, and he asked about vacant land, adding that the original issue that was raised was Canadian Thistle on foreclosed property. He did not believe that the proposed ordinance would help with this unless there was a health and safety issue. Mr. Cushing commented on procedures and mechanisms to impose obligations on vacant houses, not land, and the ordinance comes from legislation adopted in a specific time period when such issues were prevalent; the thistle is a separate issue that cannot fall into this ordinance. Deputy Mayor Sageser asked about items such as broken windows, handle rails, mowing lawns regularly. Mr. Cushing asked about 40 acre parcels and whether the lawn needed to be mowed; Mayor Wang-Iverson brought up two properties (12 Boss Road and the property next to Mr. Kanach's) as examples where lawns should be mowed. Mr. Van Horn spoke about properties being registered as a first step.

Mr. Cushing noted that code violations, such as broken windows and deteriorated or unsecure, unsafe, buildings, could be handled through the ordinance recently adopted by the Township Committee, and liens could be assessed. The ordinance being proposed is supplemental and would cover banks as the responsible party. Mr. Cushing said that lawn mowing issues are more of a suburban concern, and with 10 – 15 acre zoning, there is a difference. Mr. Miller suggested that neighbors might complain about the abandoned property, no matter what the size, and some comments were exchanged between the governing body and the attorney on possibly asking for mowing within a certain perimeter of the house, e.g., 75 feet.

Mr. Mathews asked what could be done if a person lives in the house and does not mow. Mayor Wang-Iverson spoke about village discussions regarding community efforts to help neighbors, i.e., not going after an occupied house but if the resident is unable to mow because of

specific reasons, a community group may help out and keep the government out of it. He suggested that this option be explored.

Mr. Cushing spoke about suburban towns where lawns must be mowed between 6 – 8 inches, asking what aesthetics the Township would want. Mr. Miller suggested that if someone complained, the vacant property owner or the bank would have to comply. Mr. Cushing said that something could be crafted to cover all properties, adding standards had to be set and applied rationally on a broad scale. Deputy Mayor Sageser commented on how to make the owner/bank comply with the regulations, referencing the uncut lawn at 12 Boss Road as an example. Mayor Wang-Iverson suggested giving this some thought and bringing it up at the next meeting.

Mr. Cushing suggested that if the Township Committee liked the format of the proposed ordinance, a paragraph could be added regarding aesthetics. He mentioned the recession receding, adding that if the Township Committee adopts an ordinance on foreclosed properties, they would enact compliance with fines. Mr. Cushing said that he would provide a copy of the same ordinance he provided to Holland Township, removing sections 3 and 4 of the sample ordinance and adding wording for vacant properties to comply with obligations.

Deputy Mayor Sageser felt that the sample ordinance from Somerdale was not pertinent to East Amwell Township. Mayor Wang-Iverson said that he was interested in seeing these ordinances since the municipality was successful with enforcement.

DISCUSSION ON AN ORDINANCE ADDING A SECTION TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL FOR VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

A 4/23 draft ordinance from Atty. St. Angelo was provided to the governing body. Mr. Cushing explained that most towns have a generic penalty if there is no specific provision in a given ordinance. When he was working on the abandoned property ordinance, he noticed that East Amwell Township did not have such an ordinance. Mr. Miller felt that it was a good ordinance and allows the judge some discretion.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that there would be no action tonight, and he asked the Township Committee to consider the ordinance and place it on the next agenda.

Mr. Van Horn asked about sharing the ordinances with West Amwell Township, adding that the Construction Office is sending violation notices for code enforcement issues. Mr. Cushing commented on the West Amwell Township Construction Office being governed under the Uniform Construction Code statutes.

Mayor Wang-Iverson asked the governing body to think about the Holland Township ordinance and the violations/penalties ordinances for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON THE RESOLUTION FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND PUBLICIZING EVENTS ON THE WEBSITE

Mayor Wang-Iverson asked that a copy of the resolution authorizing the use of the municipal building by the Democratic and Republican parties along with other community groups be provided to the Township Committee in relationship to an email update regarding a recent program on trails at the municipal building.

Mr. Mathews has no objection to using an email as a vehicle about a meeting, but he felt that it was inappropriate for either the Republican or Democratic parties to communicate through the Township email system. The Clerk explained she made the discretionary decision to allow the flyer to be publicized on the website since it was a program on trails with D & R Greenways participating since the trails are an important part of East Amwell Township; the program was arranged by the East Amwell Democratic Association (E.A.D.A.).

The Township Committee discussed this, with the following highlights: Mr. Van Horn said that the meeting was advertised as a public meeting, not a political one; Mr. Mathews again objected to emails advertising the E.A.D.A. (for the record, once an item is posted on the

website, emails are sent to anyone who is registered to receive updates to the website); other non-East Amwell events have historically been posted on the site, e.g., East Amwell Historical Society events such as programs and bus trips and Hunterdon County activities; Mayor Wang-Iverson said that the Township did not incur any costs for mailing any notices, and those who were registered did receive emails; Mayor Wang-Iverson asked if Mr. Mathews felt that there should be a policy to restrict the use of the website/emails, and he invited Mr. Mathews to draft something with clear guidelines; Mr. Mathews said that he would not have a problem if a program was advertised with the Clerk contact information rather than the E.A.D.A., stating that it was inappropriate for any political party to use Township assets to promote its party; Deputy Mayor Sageser mentioned the construction of trails by D & R Greenways and the well attended program; Mr. Mathews again felt that political parties should use their own funds to announce sponsorships; Mayor Wang-Iverson asked Mr. Mathews to draft a policy to that effect to be discussed, but Mr. Mathews said a policy was not necessary; some of the other members and the attorney believed that a policy would be a good idea; Mr. Miller offered the suggestion that an event cannot be sponsored by any political party; Mr. Cushing commented on objectively applying the policy and not using the basis of content as a reason not to advertise to protect the first amendment rights; wording of “community groups which serve the benefits of East Amwell residents” and “cannot be sponsored by any political party” were suggested.

Mr. Cushing left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

MAYOR’S UPDATE

1) NJ Mayor’s Conference Update: Mayor Wang-Iverson said that there were presentations on COAH, the Transportation Trust Fund (including possible future funding solutions such as a gas tax to repair infrastructure throughout the state); the pension system at the state. He spoke about the pension situation at the state with the teacher’s fund nearly bankrupt. There was some discussion about possible merger of pensions at the Mayor’s meeting. Deputy Mayor Sageser commented on recent articles about billions of dollars loss in the pensions and possible solutions, including reducing municipal aid.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that there were a couple of vendors at the conference, including energy providers who were involved with regional aggregation, i.e., multi-municipalities signing up with one electricity generator to get lower rates. This was discussed by previous Township Committee members when Lambertville was interested in the topic. The Mayor suggested that the Township might want to consider solar for the municipal building and soccer fields, and Mr. Matheny explained that this was a concession that would have to be bid. The Mayor asked how West Amwell was able to get involved with solar installations at their municipality and the high school. Some further comments were made about leased installations and getting credits for energy.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that the Lieutenant Governor and Senate President were also at the Mayors’ Conference and were pushing shared services. Senator Sweeney was in favor of more consolidation at the county level, including emergency services, tax assessing, and tax collecting. The Mayor was familiar with this type of consolidation at the county level in Maryland, adding it would be more economical without local assessors and collectors and something to talk about in the future. Mr. Mathews asked about excluding the fire company in shared services at the county; it was noted that East Amwell has a separate fire district entity.

2) Mayor’s Meeting in Clinton on April 30 re: COAH: This item was discussed earlier regarding a regional initiative to address COAH.

3) Other: Mayor Wang-Iverson met with Freeholder John King about the Hunterdon County Library and gave him a copy of the Township’s letter from last year indicating that East Amwell Township would like to have the South County branch back in the municipality again. There was a sense that the County would like to move the branch back to the village area. There will be a meeting a week from tomorrow with Mr. Lanza and the Library Commission, and East Amwell representatives will reiterate their request. The County may be looking for a place comparable to what they have now, i.e. about 2750 square feet at \$3000 a month. Mayor Wang-Iverson mentioned a luncheon with Mr. Lanza and Freeholder King, and they all agreed that there was “an opening to pursue.”

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE RIDGE AT BACK BROOK TAX APPEAL

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RESOLUTION #76-15

WHEREAS the Township of East Amwell has a need to acquire professional services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et. seq. (5)(a)(1) without competitive bidding;

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

Martin Allen, Esq.
DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin,
Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, PC
15 Mountain Blvd.
Warren, NJ 07059
May 14, 2015 – May 13, 2015
\$160/hr. as Tax Appeal Attorney/The Ridge at Back Brook

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 to approve the resolution for professional services.

PARTICIPATION IN SECOND ANNUAL HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY ON JUNE 13 AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

The Township Committee was supportive of having an East Amwell table at the fairgrounds again this year. The Clerk will have community related materials and games available and will look for volunteers to assist.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, said that she researched the internet during tonight’s meeting and located a model policy for the website from City Connections.

Ms. Gavigan asked about tax appeals, including the appeal by The Ridge at Back Brook and special counsel. Mayor Wang-Iverson said that there were three resident appeals and two business appeals, The Ridge and Hess. The Ridge appeal will be pursued in tax court. On a question from Ms. Gavigan, the Mayor said that the gas line appeal was settled.

Ms. Gavigan commended the Township Committee for compensating the Clerk during the absence of the Deputy Clerk. She also commented that Maria Andrews always helps out when necessary, and she thought a nice thank you would be appropriate. She commented on the way that people work together in the office.

Ms. Gavigan asked about the file sharing software. She was told that this is free software available through our Webmaster.

Ms. Gavigan also suggested that the Township be proactive and place some cameras with mini drives in the vicinity of the bathrooms at Clawson Park. She felt that the equipment and systems

are cheap and would be less expensive than renting port-a-potties now that the bathrooms remain open.

Don Reilly, 30 Hart Lane, said that he would be attending the county meeting regarding the library on Friday, May 29, at 9 a.m.

Mr. Reilly also commented on the posting of the flyer for the trails meeting on the township website, also suggesting that a policy be put into effect.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CFO Pasqua provided the bills of the evening. Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills.

Treasurer's Resolutions:

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RESOLUTION #77-15

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 # 12-13 Purchase of DPW Dump Truck	\$2,764.00	Capital Improvement Fund
Ordinance # 12-14 Purchase of DPW Mower	\$2,220.00	Capital Fund Balance
Ordinance # 13-02 Tractor	\$10,592.04	Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Unfunded

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #78-15

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
Glenn Smyth	\$2,500.00

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 both resolutions.

Tax Collector, Municipal Court, DPW, and NJSP-Kingwood reports were noted for filing.

The West Amwell Police Activity Report was mentioned with lots of variables. There was a request for enforcement with police sitting at 383 Wertsville Road, but there were no tickets issued – it was suggested that the police were there at off-hours.

Mr. Matheny suggested that the Township give the Police direction on where to patrol and not be directed by citizen requests. Deputy Mayor Sageser commented on more activity on John Ringo Road, Manners Road, and Larsen Road. Mr. Matheny reminded the Township Committee that West Amwell only patrols four hours a week, adding that they are only available for traffic control. The State Police are still in charge of other police related activities.

Mayor Wang-Iverson said that residents have raised questions about sight line distances, and he was glad that Hunterdon County is doing a speed study. Mr. Mathews questioned the validity of the county data since the road is currently closed in one area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk