

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Linda F. Lenox, and Committee members Patricia Cregar, C. Larry Tatsch, and Timothy Martin. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny was 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 4, 2009, and a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 8, 2009. 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 November 20, 2009.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Under Township Administrator's Update, add a discussion with the Township Engineer on Drainage Work at Clawson Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Municipal Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 2009, for Thanksgiving Holidays.

The next Township Recycling Depot will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the municipal lot.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building.

Comcast Representatives will be present at the December 10, 2009, Township Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. to hear citizen concerns.

RVD will be picking up curbside recycling on Friday, November 27-, rather than Thursday, November 26.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 12, 2009, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried with one abstention, Deputy Mayor Lenox, to approve the minutes with two minor corrections, on page 8, paragraph 5, line 3, replace "a" with "our Stormwater Management" "consultant" and a typo on page 9.

November 12, 2009, Executive Minutes (Personnel, Litigation, Contracts, Attorney Advice) were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried with one abstention, Deputy Mayor Lenox.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (for Comments from the Public for Items Not on the Agenda for 15 minutes)

Mayor Kneski asked that this portion of the meeting be limited to 15 minutes, noting that at the last meeting it extended to 45 minutes.

Richard Spiegel, 1 Mountain Road, asked about his request to have the agenda item on the ad hoc stormwater management committee; he was advised that it was on the agenda later in the

meeting when the engineer would be present. He also mentioned that his previous request was to have the attorney present in case there were any questions about legal interpretations. Mayor Kneski mentioned that discussions could begin tonight and extend, as needed.

Mr. Spiegel asked about an email from the engineer about the Mathews driveway, asking if the Township Committee was copied on it by Mr. Matheny, commenting on administrative information being forwarded to the governing body and the ordinance for the position of Township Administrator.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, asked to clarify for the record that the 45 minute discussion in open to the public at the last meeting, for the most part, pertained to Grey Jones and a complaint on Mountain Road, not comments from the public.

Ms. Gavigan also commented on staying until 9 p.m. for the stormwater discussion, hoping that concerns raised previously by Mr. Seramba "would be factored in" to the discussion. She spoke about a large OPRA request by Mr. Seramba, and she received a copy of the material, commenting on conducting business via email. She further commented on the following: not being optimistic that her prior request to the Township Committee in July "to clean house" would be resolved, which saddened her; on accusations she received after the last meeting; on resolving problems and her disappointment in Township Committee actions, including only having the Stormwater Management Committee appear for an update this evening.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS - None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING BOARD

1) 11-12-09 Final Version of Tree Ordinance: Mayor Kneski explained that the Planning Board has been working on major components of the ordinance, especially sections in conflict of the Sourlands Ordinance an inconsistencies brought to their attention by a former Zoning Officer. The ordinance is being sent to the Township Attorney with the intent to introduce it in 2010.

Mr. Tatsch asked that the Township Attorney also look at the issue of woodlands and forest management plans and whether they would supercede local ordinances.

COAH

1) 11020 Letter from NJ COAH Recommending Approval of Petition for Third Round Substantive Certification: Mayor Kneski explained that there is an upcoming meeting in Trenton to complete the process, commenting on uncertainties in the Christie administration. Mr. Tatsch also noted that COAH will perform a review in 2011 to determine whether construction credited to the Township will take place; they will revisit the amount of development in the past few years and will reassess the Township's obligation with the possibility of a reduced obligation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE:

1) NJ State League of Municipalities Convention: Mr. Matheny highlighted some of the programs he attended during last week's conference, including email retention, grant writing, budget financing and purchasing issues, OPRA, and the Delegate's Luncheon.

2) Shared Services with East Amwell Township School: There has been no word from East Amwell School. Mr. Matheny commented on consolidation and shared services information and attempts at getting answers at the League.

3) Shared Services with Raritan Township: Mr. Matheny will meet with Chief Tabasco at Raritan Township next week and discuss options, based on the direction given by the Township Committee at the last meeting.

4) Clawson Park Donation Suggestions: There is a notice on the website and one will be placed in the next issue of the VIP for suggestions for donations. Mr. Matheny found some literature at the League Convention last week, which he provided to Mrs. Cregar. Information included personalized brick blocks, which could be sited at the park in an appropriate location.

5) Driveway Permit on Dunkard Church Road: The engineers from Delaware Township and East Amwell Township are working on details, based on discussions with the attorney at the last meeting.

6) Clawson Park Drainage: This will be discussed when the engineer is present.

11/13 RESPONSE FROM HUNTERDON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS REGARDING SOUTH COUNTY PARK

Mayor Kneski explained a letter sent to the County regarding the potential development of a ball field near South County Park on land owned by the County. The response from the Hunterdon County Freeholders was regarding an on-going issue about a septic system at South County Park. The Mayor explained that the design was before the Board of Health and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, with a difference in requirements between the local authority and the state.

Mr. Tatsch, commenting on his knowledge from the Board of Health, explained that the original septic system was to be designed for park staff members, and attendees at the events would be using port-a-potties. He mentioned a request for waivers by the local Board of Health, and later it was determined that the size exceeded a specific capacity, either 1,500 or 2,000 gpd, which necessitated state approval according to the NJDPES code, i.e., the local Board had no jurisdiction. Mr. Martin agreed with Mr. Tatsch's comments, and it was additionally noted that the last they heard was that the system was installed.

Mayor Kneski noted that a meeting will be set up with the County Officials, as requested in their letter, and attendees would include the Mayor, Mr. Tatsch, and Mrs. Carluccio; the meeting will take place this year or next. Mr. Martin suggested having the Board of Health prepare a time line, and it was suggested that Mrs. Carluccio would be the appropriate person to prepare it. The Clerk will arrange the meeting.

POSTPONEMENT OF HUNTERDON COUNTY FREEHOLDERS PUBLIC HEARING ON WERTSVILLE ROAD

Mayor Kneski commented on a recent County meeting about the public hearing on the bridge, and he noted that the County has postponed the hearing until February. He thanked Frances Gavigan for her assistance and asked for an update. Ms. Gavigan commented on the meeting, which will be rescheduled after the Freeholders reorganize in 2010, although the County staff may prefer to have the meetings without the Freeholders. Ms. Gavigan also spoke about "bridge frustration" in the County, including in Delaware Township; she spoke about on-line discussions and the possibility of establishing a county-wide discussion on bridge processes. She will also be attending the North Jersey Transportation Authority Convention next week and spoke about networking. She also mentioned an email about Delaware Township bridge history.

Mr. Tatsch asked why the County would not prefer to have the Freeholders at the meeting; Ms. Gavigan commented on changes in the Freeholder office while Engineering staff is more consistent. The possibility of having more concessions or leverage was also mentioned.

Ms. Gavigan also commented on the following: North Jersey Transportation Authority's management of funds; building bridges as "required" rather than "desired," compromises on the Wertsville Road bridge by the engineer and Freeholders; using the amount of money to raise the bridge on Wertsville Road to make a more economical repair and fix the steel bridge on Van Lieu's Road; County plans to make municipalities responsible for culverts once they are repaired; shifts in paradigms with more public input and elections for three Freeholder positions and better opportunities to have changes this year; among other items.

Mayor Kneski commented on allowing more time for public input with a February meeting and the importance of educating the public. Forming a subcommittee on the new bridge, similar to the one formed to discuss the previous Wertsville Road bridge, was mentioned. Jamie Atkeson's name was suggested as a possible member, and including a member of the Amwell Valley Trail Association may be a suggestion in addition to fire and rescue members. Other names suggested by Ms. Gavigan included Zvi Eiref, Bob Petrolino, the Ditzels, and Joel Moore.

Mr. Tatsch suggested setting up a core of people with road liaison issues and pulling them in as issues come up. Ms. Gavigan reminded the governing body that Route 518 was the next bridge project. She also mentioned getting an inventory of bridges and culverts and problems she encountered in doing so. Mayor Kneski suggested that core group names should be provided to the Clerk to have in place for the upcoming County meeting. Using the prior list of names as a starting point was another suggestion.

COMBE LANDFILL LAWSUIT: 10/16 PROPOSED RELEASE SETTLEMENT

The Clerk reminded the governing body that this item was on the previous agenda with no action taken. Mr. Cushing recommended that a motion be made to approve the settlement and authorize signature.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, to accept the agreement and authorize the Mayor's signature.

Mr. Tatsch commented on time and expenses involved with attorney fees for this case, and he suggested that the legal budget may be somewhat reduced this year because of the settlement. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

(Note: These items were added since there was additional time before the engineer was scheduled to attend the meeting.)

RECYCLING ORDINANCE Mr. Martin updated the governing body about the recycling ordinance. He commented on the Hunterdon County ordinance and meetings, and he believed that the local ordinance would not be adopted until the new year, commenting on "doing it right rather than fast." He noted that there may be some budgetary input with the need for a part time enforcement official and the coordinator, although he did not have budget figures at this time. Some comments were exchanged with the governing body on whether or not the County would have an enforcement officer or a part time position locally. The local ordinance does have an enforcement clause, and discussions are still taking place about it.

VOLUNTEER ILLNESS Committee members commented on Planning Board and Farmland Open Space Preservation Committee volunteer Rob Gilbert, who is critically ill and hospitalized.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

TREASURER LUHRS provided a transfer resolution.

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RESOLUTION #148 -09

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the current fiscal year between line items of the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain line items are in excess of the sums needed and certain line items have insufficient funds to complete the operation of the fiscal year;

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

	From	To
Tax Assessment Administration:		
Other expenses	\$7,300.00	
Agricultural Advisory Committee		
Other expenses	\$ 50.00	
Agricultural Advisory Committee		
Salaries & wages		\$ 50.00
Employees Group Insurance:		
Other expenses		\$7,000.00
Solid Waste Collection:		
Salaries & wage		\$ 300.00
 Total	 \$7,350.00	 \$7,350.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously.

Bills of the evening were approved on a motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Resolutions:

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RESOLUTION #149-09

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent of the Township of East Amwell 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 the following applicant:

Applicant	Amount of Refund
Richard Scott	\$2,500.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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RESOLUTION #150-09

FORM OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - NJS 40A:4-87

Township of East Amwell
Hunterdon, New Jersey

Certified to Director of the Division of Local Government Services

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:40-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget or any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2009 in the sum of \$2,612.72, which is now available from the Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$2,612.72.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$2,612.72 is hereby appropriated under the caption Miscellaneous Revenues - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Recycling Tonnage Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of funds from the New Jersey State Recycling Fund in the amount of \$2,612.72.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolutions.

TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND provided the following resolution.

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RESOLUTION #151-09

WHEREAS, there has been a redemption made for Tax Sale Certificate #200909, Block 40, Lot 17.01 held by Tad Dabrowski and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$4,759.29 has been collected from Alan Pilipshen, owner of this property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a check in the amount of \$4,759.29 be prepared by the Tax Collector and mailed to Tad Dabrowski, holder of Tax Sale Certificate #200908.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lenox, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE

Committee members discussed the recent correspondence from the insurance company about elected officials seminars. The Clerk will try to arrange a joint meeting with East and West Amwell Township officials here in East Amwell sometime in January 2010.

Mr. Martin asked to see the MEL Community Safety Leadership Packet and disk.

Mr. Tatsch commented on the email from Frances Gavigan on the bridge issue in Delaware Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried unanimously to recess the meeting at 8:37 p.m. until the engineer was present.

Mr. O'Neal arrived at the meeting at 8:52 p.m., and a motion was made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously to resume the meeting at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Continued

DISCUSSION WITH AD HOC STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Present at this time were members Kathy Machnik, Tracy Carluccio, and Andrea Bonette (arriving after discussion began) and Engineer Dennis O'Neal.

Mr. Spiegel questioned whether Mayor Kneski should recuse himself from discussion since he serves on the committee. Mayor Kneski stated that he serves as liaison. The governing body did not believe that there was a conflict of interest in Mayor Kneski leading the discussion.

Mayor Kneski thanked the Ad Hoc Committee members for appearing this evening, and he provided a brief background on the stormwater process, i.e., 2004 federal and state requirements to develop a plan; 2004 creation of the ad hoc committee, a 2006 update from the committee on progress after creation of the ordinance and fulfilling an additional segment of making other ordinances come into compliance. He asked where the committee was in completing their tasks, and he asked for comments.

Mr. O'Neal explained that the NJ DEP provided a model ordinance on line and allowed municipalities certain latitudes in adopting their own ordinances. Many municipalities hired outside consultants to craft their ordinances, and East Amwell was able to save money by having the volunteers modify the ordinance as a group as one of their tasks. This committee also found other existing ordinances in conflict with the stormwater ordinance, identified them and modified some of the less technical ordinances. Mr. O'Neal worked on the technical aspects, and he agreed that the committee "deserves a lot of credit."

Mrs. Carluccio continued, by highlighting some of the following: the plan was developed and approved by the Planning Board and Township Committee in Spring 2005; the committee also worked within required deadlines to adopt the stormwater management ordinance, working with the engineer and Hunterdon County; Princeton Hydro was a technical consultant, providing build-out calculations, based on areas of development in the Master Plan and pollutant loading figures for land use change – the figures were used as part of the ordinance; the Planning Board and Township Committee also approved the ordinance; other aspects of the stormwater management program include an educational program as part of the annual requirements under the NJDPES permit; the Stormwater Coordinator (i.e., the Engineer) is responsible for certifying annual compliance to the state; the committee prepared and provides handouts, which are regularly given to the public; the Stormwater Coordinator inspects stormwater basins in the township as part of the certification requirements.

Ms. Carluccio continued, as follows: the DEP is preparing for the readoption of the stormwater management rules in 2010, and she served on an advisory committee, representing East Amwell Township and a non-profit organization - focus was on improving the ordinance and identifying ways to meet federal and state requirements; she explained the "point system" for

municipalities to satisfy their requirements, noting that the ad hoc committee "did the big bear work" for the Coordinator to certify.

Mrs. Bonette mentioned existing ordinances identified in 2007, which have not yet been given to the engineer and the other ordinance, the tree harvesting ordinance, which are still to be resolved.

Further comments were exchanged by the Stormwater representatives and the governing body, including noting the basins to be inspected annually on Brophy property and two at Clawson Park. Having a presentation from Joe Skupien for the Township Committee will be part of the educational "point" requirements along with an annual mailing. It was noted that Mr. Skupien is an expert in Stormwater Management, and he is a Township resident and will be providing his presentation to the Township Committee at no cost.

Mayor Kneski commented on the "fabulous and ... laborious job" by the ad hoc committee, which may have completed their tasks; he spoke about economic and budget issues for cost savings and looking at operations and functions. The ad hoc committee mentioned the 4H Fair with Board of Health and Environmental Commission involvement along with stormwater management; it was noted that education is an important component to be met annually although their work on ordinances is wrapping up.

Mr. Tatsch asked about possible changes at the state regarding stormwater management once the new administration changes take place. Ms. Carluccio commented on "rumors" with the expectation that the re-adoption of the regulations would proceed and easier ways to meet educational requirements may be developed. It was noted that stormwater management is a federal mandate, which has been on-going since 2004. Mayor Kneski commented on the possibility of the new Governor freezing ordinances for 60 days and also commented on the future Governor's stance on unfunded mandates.

Mr. Martin asked how many more local ordinances had to be amended; Ms. Machnik said three. These ordinances were given to the engineer in 2007 but there were no funds at that time for his review. They are now funded and will be coming to the Township Committee for action.

A question was raised about completing the education requirements under the Environmental Commission or Board of Health; Ms. Carluccio agreed, but stressed that stormwater management should be the specific program and not merged into another avenue. Mr. Martin commented on the 4H booth as a great model with different committees and volunteer doing the work.

Mayor Kneski asked about what was left to be done. The local public education program, the annual certification by the Stormwater Coordinator, and the annual maintenance for BMPS owned by the Township were three continued efforts, along with changing the three remaining ordinances with the engineer and the tree harvesting ordinance.

Mr. Tatsch commented on the stormwater management time line provided by the Clerk with about 20-30 pages of attachments; he concluded that the Stormwater Management Ad Hoc Committee should be commended for the successful efforts. Mr. Martin agreed, noting that the taxpayers benefited from the volunteer efforts.

Mrs. Bonette commended Emmerson Bowes as "an enormous contributor" in the beginning. Mrs. Bonette also commented on the \$500 budget for this committee, noting that the secretary, Martha Pittore, has received minimal pay. She mentioned the "gatekeeper system" in place before applications are sent to the Coordinator as a way to save money. Mayor Kneski commented on consolidation as a money saving method, noting "any little bit helps." He further stated that he could not over-emphasize the good work done by the ad hoc committee.

Mr. Tatsch commented on the process to date, commenting on the possibility of having a standing committee picking up the responsibilities as a goal to work toward. Mrs. Bonette asked that the Township Committee make sure that the gatekeeper system is maintained, and compliance and public education be assigned to someone to make sure that the work gets done. Having Mr. O'Neal as the Coordinator signing off on the certification is an important goal, and the Custodian of Records is also part of the team.

Ms. Carluccio advised the governing body that if any questions came up, the ad hoc committee members would be able to help even if the committee dissolves. Ms. Machnik agreed, commenting on the need to keep all future ordinances in tune with the stormwater management ordinance. The governing body agreed that the members were "a natural resource to draw upon," and they appreciated the offer.

Ms. Carluccio also added that the work Princeton Hydro did on the calculations for the ordinance was paid for through a grant.

Members of the audience asked if the meeting would be open to the public for comments. Mayor Kneski explained that the ad hoc committee was here to make a presentation and an update on their work. While there may be further discussions, the meeting would not be open to the public at this time. Mr. Spiegel expressed his displeasure about this.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE, Continued

6) Clawson Park Drainage: As stated earlier, Mr. Matheny wanted to have comments from the Township Engineer on the drainage issues at Clawson Park. Mr. O'Neal continued that there were several issues to tackle, including the plan to address drainage on Iron Horse Drive and on the park itself and now the problem on Hart Lane, which he added in his 11/18 proposal to the Township. Mr. O'Neal commented on the swale or ditch depression behind two homes when they were constructed; they were intended to intercept water before it reached the homes. He believed that the swale was undersized, and he proposed to do a topo and analyze the swale and provide calculations at a cost of \$2,000. Results would be discussed with the homeowner on Hart Lane. There is recent evidence that a large amount of brush was removed from the area as a benefit. Mr. O'Neal concluded that the swale was on the homeowner's property, not the Township's property. Mr. O'Neal noted that the problem co-incidentally coincided with the park development, and it was more of a function that the swale filled in over the years rather than any changes in park drainage; he noted that there was less run off now than when the park was a farm. Mr. Tatsch asked if it was a drainage or conservation easement; Mr. O'Neal said it was a drainage easement, which was the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mr. O'Neal wanted to proceed with the work as soon as possible; the Township Committee agreed to put the item on the agenda for December 10, and if funding was approved, it would come out of the Open Space Trust Fund.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to open to the public.

John Seramba, 111 John Ringo Road, commented that he agreed that the Stormwater Management Committee did a great job, but he wanted to read into the record about the abuse of power and commented on it not being an advisory committee. He mentioned a recent OPRA request for Township records. Mr. Seramba referenced the redacted legal opinion he received, reciting the definition of a "public body."

Mr. Seramba began to read from some of the emails he received between ad hoc committee members over the past several years. He highlighted various properties, which were the subject of the emails. He also referenced all the bills signed by Mrs. Bonette over the course of time. Other emails included one to Christine Rosikiewicz in 2008 regarding agricultural uses and stormwater management, one to the Clerk regarding eliminating the words ad hoc in their committee title, and one to the Mayor regarding the McGee property. He questioned why the Township did not come to him to discuss the issues with the McGees, and he mentioned the \$1,500 bill from the engineer for the investigation. Mr. Seramba continued by objecting to a budget for the ad hoc committee on Stormwater Management, stating that the gatekeeper should be making decisions on payment. He also commented on the salary line item of \$500 and the issue with minutes and on a communication between Andrea Bonette and Jane Luhrs about transfers in 2009; he stated that communications between all members of the committee constituted a public meeting.

Mr. Seramba continued on the effect Mrs. Bonette has had in the community, in budget expenses, and in behind the scenes relationships. He spoke about other property owners, including the Monroes and Cifellis, who have been affected. Mr. Seramba commented on a program he began in Raritan Township, which is still used by the court system to work out neighbor disputes.

Mr. Seramba concluded by saying that invoices should have been approved by the gatekeeper, and there has been an abuse of power, and residents have been hurt immensely. He concluded that this situation has "hurt me, my family, and put neighbors against neighbors."

Richard Spiegel, 1 Mountain, Road, was also upset, mentioning his term on the Township Committee for three years and knowledge of government. He spoke about misappropriating funds, transferring funds in 2007 to add \$8,100 to a \$10,000 budget because of over-expenditure. He commented on the Constitution, relating that the Township Committee are sitting in the "people's seats." He asked Mr. Matheny how many stormwater management bills he reviewed. He stated that he has a legal right to have this item on the agenda to be discussed in public and have the people sworn in. Mr. Spiegel read the state definition of an ad hoc committee, explaining that they have no power. He again requested this item to be put on the agenda and did not want to be denied.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, concurred that the intention to set up the committee was appropriate; however, she was also concerned with the impact on the integrity and credibility of the committee and consensuses by email. She asked for the immediate removal of members. She also spoke about influences on Planning Board and Board of Adjustment decisions, including a decision on a run in shed, which eventually went to the County Agriculture Development Board. She will be scanning the emails and sending them to the governing body.

Ms. Gavigan stated that regarding Clawson Park, it was not appropriate for the Township to use tax payer dollars to research a situation on private property, especially in light of the statement that there is less stormwater run off as a park then when the land was farmed.

Ms. Gavigan concluded that there were separate rules in East Amwell for different people, and there were still allegations to be addressed, further commenting on reputations, conflict, and resolution to the problem.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Lenox, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk