

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee came to order at 6:45 PM. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski, Deputy Mayor Linda Lenox, and Committee members Patricia Cregar, Larry Tatsch, and Timothy Martin.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, a copy of notice of this meeting was filed in the Clerk's Office, posted on the bulletin board, and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton, and Star Ledger on December 4, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to interview new candidates for board or committee seats. The public is invited to attend and comment. Action may or may not be taken.

Various board chairmen were invited to sit in during the interviews, and Environmental Commission Chair Mike Petrus joined the governing body during Dr. Feinberg's interview.

Edward Feinberg, 84 Stoney Brook Road, outlined his personal resume including working as a consulting engineer in the Navy, working in aerospace, MIT graduate, in possession of both Master's and Doctorate degrees from New York University, involved in the Navy as Chief Information Officer, an environmental scientist at the NJ DEP for 10 years, working on specific environmental concerns, served on the Delaware Valley Planning Council on an advisory capacity, involved in aerospace technology as a rocket scientist, provided many appearances for construction issues before Planning and Zoning boards, among other items. He is retired now and has a flexible consulting business, which allows him time to participate in local government. He has resided in East Amwell since 2005. The governing body and Dr. Feinberg exchanged comments about his work background, his personal background, and NJ DEP areas where Dr. Feinberg was involved. Dr. Feinberg has some background in stormwater management areas, commenting on his personal opinion about environmental impact statements required for certain developments.

The governing body advised Dr. Feinberg that there were no openings on the Planning or Zoning Boards at this time since all current members plan to return. Dr. Feinberg acknowledged his interest in serving on the Environmental Commission as an alternative.

Dr. Feinberg was advised that appointments would be made during the annual reorganization, and he would be notified.

Michael Dendis, 7 Fox Hunt Road, was interested in serving on any board which had an opening. He provided background information, including the following: he is a police officer with the Flemington Raritan Police Department, serving since 1996; he moved to East Amwell four years ago, citing "cheaper taxes" as one reason for doing so - the governing body and Mr. Dendis exchanged comments on tax issues, such as school taxes, no police department in East Amwell, unfunded state mandates, etc.

Mr. Dendis continued by providing information on his background, including serving as a board member on two condo associations and serving as a union president for the police department. He began his law enforcement career down at the Jersey shore, has a degree in criminal justice, but is interested in teaching. Mr. Dendis acknowledged that he would be interested in serving on the Recreation Committee. He also noted that he is a frequent visitor to Clawson Park, and he is aware of the problems with the path deterioration. The governing body explained that many new members to boards take time to develop expertise on the boards while beginning their terms as novices. Various committees were outlined for Mr. Dendis' benefit.

The Township Committee appreciated Mr. Dendis and his "great attitude" in offering to fill in on any committee. He also agreed that he could be a good conduit for information on policing.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the special meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

