

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Peter Kneski and Committee members Patricia Cregar, C. Larry Tatsch, and Timothy Martin. Deputy Mayor Linda F. Lenox was absent. 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 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 10, 2009.

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

### AGENDA REVIEW

As correspondence, add the 10/19 Proposed Five Year Road Improvements Plan from Engineer O'Neal.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Route 12 Complex. Call 908:788-1110 or email [hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us) for details.

B. 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.

C. The second Township Committee meeting in November will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

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

E. 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.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 22, 2009, Regular Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried with one abstention, Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes.

October 22, 2009, Executive Minutes were approved on a motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried with one abstention, Mr. Martin, to approve the minutes.

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

Dick Ginman, 125 Mountain Road, spoke about previous difficulties in tree trimming and communicated that JCP&L made some progress; however, some trees without branches were left standing. He asked that the Township let resident Parker on Mountain Road know about activities.

Grey Jones, 170 Mountain Road, raised his concerns about a milling operation on property belonging to Mike Fiscor, who is his neighbor; he also presented his concerns to the Planning Board last night. Highlights included the following: Mr. Jones provided photos for the governing body; he is concerned with a milling operation in conjunction with Mr. Fiscor's forest management plan -- there is offsite lumber being brought to the property for milling in an all day

process beginning as early as 7:40 a.m. and ending after dark; he mentioned continuous noise, an operation "totally out of character for the Sourlands," and large vehicular traffic on a road not suitable for such; he spoke about the forest management plan over-riding local ordinances and incentives for consultants in timbering; the Zoning Officer cited Mr. Fiscor in September for running a commercial operation, but activities have not slowed down; Mr. Jones mentioned the ecology of the Sourlands, noise violations, and the effect of the operation on his quality of life; Mr. Jones asked that steps be taken to stop the commercial operation, mentioning the destruction of a beautiful environment.

Mayor Kneski mentioned researching forest management plans, which do allow milling practices. He agreed that materials coming from off-site are a "different story," and the Zoning Officer "may have to take the next level beyond issuing a violation."

Mr. Cushing questioned whether the forest management plan would be able to supersede local ordinances, including the tree harvesting ordinance. Some comments were exchanged between Mr. Jones, Mr. Cushing, and the governing body on state jurisdiction, local ordinances, SADC or CADB right to farm rules, and forest management plan requirements, among other items. Mr. Tatsch commented on being pro-active to preserve the Sourlands, also suggesting that the Planning Board may want to amend the tree ordinance for further protection of the forest.

The governing body agreed that Mr. Cushing should look at the details of the state's requirements for farmland assessment and forest management plans with respect to local ordinances. Mr. Jones provided his phone number to Mr. Cushing for follow-up. Comments were made about a conversation between the Zoning Officer and the attorney for Mr. Fiscor on the matter.

John Seramba, 111 John Ringo Road, spoke about a legal opinion he received on Stormwater Management with many redactions; it was explained to him that the redactions dealt with a personnel issue.

Mr. Seramba raised a concern that there was a budget for an ad hoc committee, which was not created by resolution or ordinance; he spoke about spending tax dollars, using authority to spend money, and abolishing the committee until it is set up properly. Mr. Cushing commented on his findings that while not created by ordinance or resolution, the committee was advisory and had to ask the Township Committee to spend funds. Further comments were exchanged between Mr. Cushing and Mr. Seramba, including having bills go through the governing body, having a secretary providing minutes, and having the committee look at engineer's bills, among other items. Mr. Cushing agreed to be fair, the committee should have an ordinance and rules.

Mr. Seramba spoke about lobbyists on committees and their potential influence, expressing his concerns about a major effect to the town "down the road."

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, asked that funds not be paid to Mr. Cushing for the forest management plan issue because of expenses to be incurred. She also commented on the redactions in the legal opinion on stormwater management, mentioning that Andrea Bonette's name has been used publicly in several meetings since July. Ms. Gavigan commented on the following: redactions in the opinion being "disingenuous" and the opinion on the stormwater management committee "being a stretch"; Ms. Bonette testifying in July as Chair of the Stormwater Management Committee and the Mayor calling on her as such; in-availability of minutes when requested and perceptions of the public; a letter to the Township calling for action and "shadow kitchen table government" and "cleaning house for harm that has been done under the umbrella of the township"; expenses for engineering services; among other items. She concluded that the Township should "do something."

Glorianne Robbi, 144 Lambertville-Hopewell Turnpike, noted that 61% of local voters approved the bonding question for farmland/open space, with East Amwell being third in the County after Lambertville (71%) and Frenchtown (67%). She also reiterated a comment by Mr. Jones earlier that the Township appreciates open space.

Mr. Tatsch requested that the Mayor close the meeting to the public since the session was forty five minutes long already; the public will be invited to speak at the second open to the public session.

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Public Hearing:**

ORDINANCE 09-12: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 08-22 REGARDING COAH DEVELOPMENT FEES

As proof of publication, the Clerk provided the legal notice from the October 29, 2009, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since introduction on October 22, 2009.

Mayor Kneski commented on the revision to the adopted ordinance to collect COAH fees on residential structures with more intense use or expanded cubic footage.

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

There being no comments from the public, motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to close to the public.

Ordinance 09-12 was adopted on a motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously by roll call vote: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Tatsch, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

**SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS - None**

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CLAWSON PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Cregar referenced the 10/29/09 advisory committee minutes, the 10/9/09 letter from Mr. Bacon on Hart Lane, and the 9/28 proposal from Hopewell Valley Engineering for the Survey and Improvement Plan. Their committee was in favor of having the engineer also address Mr. Bacon's concerns in the plan.

Mr. Matheny explained that he visited the park and Hart Lane with Engineer O'Neal and Acting DPW Superintendent Kadezabek, referencing a small area of a topographical map to "see what was going on." There is an issue of an insufficient swale behind Mr. Bacon's house near the back of the park. Files and drainage easements will be checked, and Mr. O'Neal will adjust his proposal to include this issue if it is determined that the Township is contributing to Mr. Bacon's problem.

Mrs. Cregar mentioned that she was contacted by a woman wishing to make a donation to the park in memory of her mother. Mrs. Cregar asked for ideas, such as a tree, drinking fountain, etc., since the woman will be returning to the area at Thanksgiving. Mr. Tatsch suggested getting a notice on the website or in the VIP, and ideas should be provided to the Clerk.

Mr. Tatsch also mentioned the importance of making the public aware that there are critical drainage problems at the park affecting adjacent properties, and the engineer was asked to provide alternative solutions.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION**

Glorianne Robbi, Chair, and Dick Ginman, Vice Chair, were present at this time. Mr. Ginman commented on various board members with agendas who contribute to specific agencies, including his support to agencies related to preservation. He is a strong advocate of preservation of farmland and open space and will continue to advocate his cause.

Mrs. Robbi outlined some of the agencies to which she contributes, commenting on committee work as a volunteer to further the quality of life for East Amwell residents.

1) Zuegner, Block 17/Lot 34 Funding Approval: Mrs. Robbi mentioned the certified market price of the property at \$13,000 per acre, and the property owners have signed to proceed with preservation. She further explained that earlier in the year, the Township agreed to provide funding up to 40%, if necessary, since the County was only offering \$9,500 per acre as a base price and the property owners did not wish to proceed with the low offer and went to the State. Mrs. Robbi also mentioned monthly meetings with Hunterdon County, and they are reconsidering an offer to the Zuegners to provide 20% of the certified market value (\$13,000 rather than \$9,500). The intent is to proceed with the application since SADC has approved it, i.e., proceeding with possible 40% funding with the understanding that Hunterdon County will be providing 20% in 2010. Mrs. Robbi also explained that this property was and will be highly ranked in the County's list.

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**RESOLUTION #140-09**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby commit to final funding approval for the Zuegner Farm, Block 17/ Lot 34 (77 acres more or less) for its share of cost, based on the appraisal value of \$13,000.00 per acre.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the motion by roll call vote: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Tatsch, yes; Mrs. Cregar, yes; Mr. Kneski, yes.

2) 10/2 NJ DEP Green Acres Enabling Resolution & Funding Award: Some comments were made about the letter from NJ DEP allocating funding to the township and preservation plans to utilize funding.

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**RESOLUTION #141-09**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$500,000 from the State to fund the following project(s): Acquisition of the Meszaros and Gutkowski/Paulson properties, B. 38/L. 21; B. 35.01/L. 38; B.35.01/L. 39; B. 35.01/L. 37 at a cost of \$500,000 (*project cost*);

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Mayor Peter Kneski or the successor to the office of Mayor of East Amwell Township is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell

1. That the Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Open Space and Recreation Land;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$500,000.
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

3) Driveway Permit for Rynearson, Block 3/Lot 3.04: Mrs. Robbi explained the matter of a subdivision of two large lots approved by the County and local Planning Boards with required access to one lot off of Dunkard Church Road. There is an 1995 agreement between Delaware Township and East Amwell, which authorizes Delaware Township to issue driveway permits for the road. Mrs. Rynearson's attorney advised her not to sign the preservation agreement until the driveway permit was issued, and Delaware Township has conditions for the driveway permit with respect to stormwater and floodplains ordinances.

Mr. Cushing has been in contact with Delaware Township's attorney, and he believed that the quickest way to resolve the matter is to get a driveway permit from East Amwell Township. He also suggested that the Township consider updating their road agreement with Delaware Township, mentioning specific points of the existing agreement about administration of the driveway permits in another municipality. Mr. Cushing suggested that East Amwell will approve the driveway permit for the property and work it out with Delaware Township that their concerns are addressed, further suggesting that the East Amwell Engineer contact Delaware Township's Engineer to work out the details to their satisfaction. Mr. Cushing spoke about making a quick amendment to the interlocal agreement to allow East Amwell to issue the permit, and he believed that Delaware Township would go along with this. He recommended that Mr. Matheny look at the wording of the agreement.

Some comments were exchanged by the governing body and the attorney about language changes to the agreement to have the maintaining township continue their work but permits would be approved by the municipality where the property was located with a copy submitted to the maintaining municipality.

Mr. Ginman explained the objective of having the preservation paperwork "sealed and delivered," and Mrs. Rynearson's attorney is looking for an unconditional approval for the driveway, which may not be possible. A suggestion was made to have Mr. Cushing call the property owner's attorney to explain and negotiate an agreement, and further comments were made about driveway permit requirements. Mrs. Robbi spoke about Mrs. Rynearson's commitment to preserving the property. FOSPC representatives explained that this property has been under preservation consideration for about five years, and the state is threatening to cut funding unless a closing is imminent.

The conclusion was that Mr. Cushing would speak with Mr. DiBianca, and if an agreement could be reached, the engineers for both Townships will talk about conditions; it was noted that the permit could not be issued without conditions.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to authorize the attorney to proceed with negotiations.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

1) Authorization for Conservation Easements Letter to Property Owners (see 10/26 & 28/09 emails from Sue Parsons): Mr. Cushing previously reviewed the proposed letter, and it was amended to address his concerns. He explained that the Commission wants to examine and follow up on easements, and the intent is that there is some dialogue with the property owners to insure that the Commission does not go beyond the scope of the easement rights agreement. Mr. Cushing stated that "the office is comfortable" with the proposed letter.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously to authorize the letter offered by the Environmental Commission to send to easement owners.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1) DPW Superintendent: This item will be tabled until after executive session.

2) Municipal Building Ramp and Building Façade: Work is complete with the planter removed, ramp over-layed and widened, and stone on front of the building. An additional estimate of \$5,500 was obtained and funding is available in the building and grounds budget if the governing body agreed to continue the stone across the other side of the building.

3) Limited Traffic Enforcement: As requested, Mr. Matheny contacted Raritan Township about the possibility of limited traffic enforcement, and he met with Chief Tabasco on November 5. He referenced an agreement Rocky Hill has with South Bound Brook in a similar arrangement, and their cost is \$3,600 a month for 50 hours of service. Raritan Township is very interested, and logistics must be discussed, e.g., using off duty traffic officers to provide better service, court and revenue issues, etc. Mr. Matheny asked the governing body to give him a budgetary number to proceed with discussions and a "sense of direction." Comments were exchanged, with Mr. Tatsch concluding that the biggest resident concern is speeding, suggesting using what could be reasonably afforded in the budget and "seeing what it would buy." Mr. Martin deferred to Mr. Matheny's expertise, asking if he could determine an effective amount to use, e.g., was using a lesser amount of money "throwing it away" because of inconsistent service or was there any positive effect. Mr. Matheny commented on his familiarity with police patrol systems giving an impression of "being everywhere all the time," which was beneficial. He noted that a system would have to be worked out with Raritan Township to send traffic control officers to do strong enforcement and using the speed trailer along with enforcement to "change behavior and not just generate money."

Mr. Matheny again asked for parameters. Mayor Kneski spoke about grant availability, noting that the Township would assist Raritan Township in their applications. Mayor Kneski felt that \$10-15,000 was a good working figure, and the governing body agreed. Mr. Matheny concluded that the intent is to reduce violations and have the public perception of enforcement to become more aware of speed limits.

4) East Amwell Township School Shared Service: Mr. Matheny prepared a draft memorandum of understanding, which he provided to Superintendent Ed Stoloski for review about ten days ago. He is looking for feedback on items that could be mutually shared, and he will discuss details in the future.

5) Holiday Tree Lighting: Mr. Matheny mentioned a concern raised about food in the meeting room with new carpets, and the conclusion was that the annual event should proceed as in the past.

6) JCP&L Credits for Energy Upgrades: Mr. Matheny contacted JCP&L, our energy providers, to see if they had incentive programs, as PSE&G does, for up to 80% pay back over time on implemented energy saving items. JCP&L does not have a similar program, and they suggested to him that he go to the NJ Clean Energy site for information.

Mr. Matheny is continuing to work with setting up the solar energy meeting with the school representatives.

COMBE LANDFILL SOUTH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Mr. Cushing explained that his 10/15/09 letter was an update for the governing body on the status of the settlement. He stated that no action was necessary at this time.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**RESOLUTION #142-09**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township Committee is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of East Amwell wishes to discuss personnel issues, litigation, contract negotiations and receive advice from the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then minutes can be made public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

Executive session began at 9:17 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:55 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

HUNTERDON COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING ON WERTSVILLE ROAD, BRIDGE E-174  
(See 11/9/09 email from Frances Gavigan)

Ms. Gavigan commented on attending a Hunterdon County Freeholder's meeting where a resolution to hold a public hearing on right of ways was scheduled for December 2; she followed



Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Jay Monroe, 27 Ridge Road, spoke about a letter read into the record of the August 13, 2009 minutes, which was retracted a few days later by his wife without his knowledge, and he asked that the letter be reinstated into the record. The Attorney agreed that the minutes could reflect that the letter is reinstated.

Mr. Monroe was troubled by the fact that Mrs. Bonette was still in a position of authority, mentioning problems she caused him, including spending over \$35,000 in fees with false accusations, which he believed were criminal and illegal and "trampled on rights." He further mentioned his concerns of her comments at public meetings. He spoke at length about friendships among officials, conspiracies, and past employees who together with Mrs. Bonette put pressures on Zoning Officers. Mr. Monroe commented on the Board of Adjustment matter from 2001 - 2003 regarding an animal shelter, noting that it was expensive and caused his wife anguish. He asked that the record indicate that he believed that Mrs. Bonette was "a conniver and someone totally untruthful." He offered to provide the Township Committee detailed information and was willing to talk to the group about what happened.

Mayor Kneski commented that Mr. Monroe was free to express his opinions at this time.

Mr. Monroe continued by stating his displeasure with actions that his friends advise him about. He agreed to put together a recount for the governing body, which he will provide to the Clerk. He concluded that he came to East Amwell for tranquility, but explained his displeasure with what transpired.

Mr. Monroe reiterated that he wished that his August 13, 2009, letter be reinstated into the record, as completely written, explaining in detail why the retraction letter was sent at the following meeting by his wife.

Tim Mathews, 72 Linvale Road, spoke about the recent driveway repair near his property. He commented on a needed repair for ten years that took place when he was running for election. He further complained about the quality of workmanship, removal of a pipe which was not replaced, discussions about this with the engineer, and the conclusion that he was not happy with the repair and the pipe should have been replaced. He concluded that running for office would prioritize work areas.

John Seramba, 111 John Ringo Road, mentioned getting close to getting grants for police services in Raritan Township in 1999, and a call to the Administrator at Raritan Township would be in order. He also mentioned working with East Amwell and Delaware Township on a shared service committee when he was Mayor in Raritan Township.

Richard Spiegel, 1 Mountain Road, commented on the completion of the exterior of the building, asking a question about how the hole in the original façade developed. He recommended putting bollards or a railing in front of the exterior for protection.

Mr. Spiegel spoke about the ad hoc committee on stormwater management, commenting on the formation of the committee and the gatekeeper position and adding that former Mayor Hoffman agreed to the creation of the committee to look at re-doing ordinances. He spoke about finances since 2006 and the mandate of a gatekeeper, and he concluded that a committee is not needed since Mr. McManus is the gatekeeper and forwards violations to the Coordinator. He commented on wasting tax payer money, adding that the committee is acting outside its original creation to look at ordinances. Mr. Spiegel asked that the item be put on the agenda when the attorney is present.

Mayor Kneski stated that the Township Committee had already agreed that they would like to have a discussion with the ad hoc committee members; the Clerk explained that she usually puts action items on the next agenda, i.e., November 24 is the next regular meeting.

Frances Gavigan, 123 Wertsville Road, apologized to Mr. Cushing, mentioning her focus on the letter she sent to the governing body in the summer, on stormwater applicability to farming operations, and contributions to conservation groups.

Ms. Gavigan asked the Township Committee to consider cost savings to the municipality by a non-competitive bidding process for professionals, commenting on looking into contingency planning for the future and trying to minimize impact on tax payers.

Ms. Gavigan asked that the Township Committee consider her request to serve on a Township board or committee, having handed in her request to do so earlier in the meeting. She mentioned that she regularly attends meetings and helped with an ordinance. She asked that the Committee look at others with expertise, including Mr. Seramba, "to save everybody money and be more inclusive." She concluded that she appreciated the Township's efforts with the County.

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

Mr. Cushing left the meeting at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Continued**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**RESOLUTION #144-09**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township Committee is of the opinion that circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of East Amwell wishes to discuss personnel issues; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then minutes can be made public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Motion by Mrs. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Martin, and it was carried unanimously to approve the resolution.

Executive session began at 10:48 p.m.

Regular session resumed at 11:10 p.m.

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE, Continued:**

DPW Superintendent Position: Based upon a recommendation made by the Township Administrator, the Township Committee discussed the appointment of Robert Kadezabek as the Department of Public Works Superintendent.

Mr. Tatsch commented favorably on Mr. Kadezabek’s professional demure over the past year, noting that he “was pleased with the work that the DPW and Mr. Kadezabek are doing with ... stretching limited resources and using their talents to the fullest.”

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**RESOLUTION #145-09**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby appoint Robert Kadezabek as the Department of Public Works Superintendent for a one year probationary period, maintaining his present salary but not eligible for overtime until after 300 hours have been accrued, effective the next payroll period, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2009 Salary and Wage Resolution be so amended.

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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Committee members briefly discussed the possibility of having Mr. Kadezabek attend the next Township Committee to formerly introduce him as the DPW Superintendent.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

TREASURER LUHRS:

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**RESOLUTION #146-09**

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
General Administration		
Other Expenses	\$3,000.00	
Zoning Board of Adjustment:		
Other Expenses	\$6,000.00	
Affordable Housing Agency		
Salaries & Wages		\$4,500.00
Other Expenses:		\$1,500.00
Stormwater Permit – Public Health:		
Other Expenses		\$3,000.00
 Total	 \$9,000.00	 \$9,000.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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**RESOLUTION #147-09**

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Board of Health of the Township of East Amwell that the following witness fees can be refunded;

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

Applicant	Amount Refunded
Bayer-Risse Engineering, Inc. (B.30/L.16)	\$200.00
Bayer-Risse Engineering, Inc. (B.40/L.1)	\$360.00

By Order of the Township Committee,

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Peter Kneski, Mayor

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

Bills of the evening were approved on a motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and carried unanimously.

All other administrative reports were noted for filing.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk updated the Committee on a conversation with Hunterdon County Parks Director John Trontis regarding the letter to set up a meeting with representatives on development of the ball fields near South County Park. The Freeholders will be notifying the municipality shortly.

Mr. Tatsch commented on water test results he reviewed; it was determined that the results were for Clawson Park, not the municipal building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Cregar, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk