

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee, was called to order on May 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Mark Castellano and Committee members Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, John Mills, Rick Wolfe and Jenna Casper-Bloom. Also present was Township Attorney Frank Whittlesey, Chief Financial Officer Margaret Pasqua, and Pamela Dymek Deputy Clerk to adopt the 2022 Municipal Budget.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Deputy Clerk Pamela Dymek announced the notice of this meeting had been published in the May 5, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and that a copy of the agenda for this meeting had been forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Times of Trenton, the Courier News, the Star Ledger, posted on the bulletin and filed in the Township Clerk's Office on May 23, 2022.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Castellano provided an explanation of Hunterdon Central's Certificate and Report of School Taxes for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Mayor asked Margaret Pasqua, CFO if there were any recommendations with 2021 audit. She responded none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 AUDIT

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
FORM OF RESOLUTION**

Resolution #66-22

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2021 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Deputy Clerk of the Township of East Amwell pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON May 26, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Jenna Casper-Bloom, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the 2021 Audit was conducted by roll call vote:

Ms. Casper-Bloom: Yes, Mr. Mills: Yes, Mr. Wolfe: Yes, Ms. Ramsey: yes, Mr. Castellano: Yes

PUBLIC HEARING: 2022 EAST AMWELL BUDGET ADOPTION

The Deputy Clerk announced that the budget was introduced on April 28, 2022, and copies have been available to the public since that time. The Deputy Clerk provided the legal notice showing the budget summary, which was published in the May 5, 2022, issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

A motion made by John Mills, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to open the meeting to the public for comment on the budget was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting was open to the public for comment.
Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Rick Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

There were no comments from the governing body or the CFO.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 EAST AMWELL BUDGET

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
Notice of Budget Adoption

Resolution #67-22

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the 2022 East Amwell Township Budget was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Committee held on May 26, 2022.

(as attached to the original set of minutes)

(FILL OUT BUDGET FROM MARGARET ATTACH TO MINUTES)

Mayor Castellano asked for a motion to approve the 2022 budget.

A motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by John Mills to approve the 2022 East Amwell Budget was conducted by roll call vote:

Ms. Casper-Bloom: Yes, Mr. Mills: Yes, Mr. Wolfe: Yes, Ms. Ramsey: yes, Mr. Castellano: Yes

The notice of adoption will be published in the June 2, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by Rick Wolfe to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Rick Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by Rick Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk