

The Executive Session meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Mark Castellano, Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey and Committee members Richard Wolfe, John Mills and Jenna Casper-Bloom. Also, present was Township Attorney Frank Whittlesey and Deputy Clerk Pamela Dymek.

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Mark Castellano, Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, Committee members Richard Wolfe, John Mills and Jenna Casper-Bloom. Also present was Township Attorney Frank Whittlesey and Deputy Clerk Pamela Dymek.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting, pursuant to the resolution adopted on January 3, 2022, with a meeting notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of January 13, 2022. A copy of the agenda for this meeting was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Times of Trenton and Star Ledger, posted on the bulletin board, Township website and filed in the Clerk's Office on July 11, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #79-22

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 to receive attorney advice; 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by John Mills to enter Executive Session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by John Mills, was carried unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. The meeting opened to the public at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION - Hiring of Municipal Clerk

Mayor Mark Castellano read the resolution hiring a municipal clerk.

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #80-22

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LINDA GILIBERTI AS MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of Municipal Clerk for the Township of East Amwell due to the resignation of the Acting Municipal Clerk on May 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 requires that every Municipality shall have a Municipal Clerk appointed for a three (3) year term by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell has recommended the Appointment of Linda Giliberti, RMC, CMR to the position of Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Linda Giliberti is a fully licensed registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, as follows: 1. Linda Giliberti, RMC is hereby appointed Municipal Clerk; 2. The salary for the Municipal Clerk position to be paid to Linda Giliberti, of \$75,000 Per Year with a start date of approximately August 10, 2022. 3. Salary is based on a 32.5-hour work week plus Township Meetings; 4. Enrollment in the State Health Benefits Program.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted as may be required to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Mark Castellano, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

Terms of Employment

Position: Registered Municipal Clerk

Name: Linda Giliberti

Start date: Approx. Aug 10th

Salary: \$75,000 per annum

Work week: 32.5 hours + Monthly Township meeting(s)

Vacation days, sick days & personal days schedule:

2022 – Ten (10) vacation days, three (3) sick days and three (3) personal days.

2023 through 2030 - Fifteen (15) vacation days and five (5) sick days and three (3) personal days.

2031 through 2038 - Twenty (20) vacation days, five (5) sick days and three (3) personal days

2039 and onward - Twenty-five (25) vacations days, five (5) sick days and three (3) personal days.

Health Plan: State Health Benefits Program (SHBP)

By Order of the Township Committee,

Mark Castellano, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

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Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey, seconded by John Mills to hire Linda Giliberti, Municipal Clerk for East Amwell Township was conducted by roll call vote:

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

AGENDA REVIEW - Remove Under New Business Discussion on Ordinance to Govern Commercial Solicitation and Canvassing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. East Amwell Recreation Committee’s Friday Night in the Park will be held on July 15 from 5p.m. until dusk. Live music by Coo Coo Cachoo (Simon & Garfunkel Tribute Duo) A fun evening in the Park for all!
- b. Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation will host the Hunterdon Harmonizers on July 21, the Best of the Eagles on July 28, and Southern Steel on August 4 at Deer Path Park from 7 - 9 p.m. Free Drive-In Movie Night Disney’s Encanto on August 13 from 8 - 10 p.m.
- c. The Rainbow Hill Road bridge (County Bridge E-228) will remain closed until October 3rd, 2022 to facilitate painting of the bridge once all Hurricane Ida flood damage repairs are completed.
- d. The office will be having summer hours. The office will be open Monday -Thursday from 8 am until 3:30 pm. and closing at 1p.m. on Fridays, through September 9. Please check our website or call the office prior to coming to the Municipal Building to make sure who you need to see is in the office.

East Amwell events and more can be found on the Community Event page on the Township website.

Committeeman John Mills acknowledged the retirement of Margaret Pasqua, CFO for East Amwell Township. We extend a big thank you for her years of service and dedication. The Township Committee and residents wish her happiness in her retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Jenna Casper-Bloom, seconded by John Mills to approve the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

June 9, 2022 Regular Minutes

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

June 9, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to approve the minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Castellano asked the public if the President of the Cycling Club was in attendance. Mr. Lock wasn't in attendance. The Township Committee approved the resolution with the stipulation that I call Mr. Locke and ask that the cyclists be courteous to drivers and no misbehaving.

Resolution to Approve of the Major Taylor Cycling Club Annual New Hope Ride Event

RESOLUTION #81-22

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell that they hereby support the Major Taylor Cycling Club Annual New Hope Ride; and

WHEREAS, the organization has made application for an event notification for a cycling event for Sunday, August 14, 2022 where cyclists will be passing through East Amwell Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, the Major Taylor Cycling Club Annual New Hope Ride event be approved and processed.

CERTIFICATION

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Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to approve the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Quarterly Report April – June

Letter from Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners awarded a Rediscover Hunterdon Communities Grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Mayor Castellano talked about the Grant. The funding will assist the East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee to restart and strengthen programs and events in the community.

Resolution to Approve the Rediscover Hunterdon Communities Grant

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #82-22

Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation NJSA40a:4-87

Certified to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of and County or Municipality when such item has 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 the 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 for the year 2022 in the sum of.....\$5,000.00

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenue

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated

With Prior Written Consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

State & Federal Revenue offset with Appropriations:

Rediscover Hunterdon Communities Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of\$5,000.00

Be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

Operations Excluded from CAPS

State & Federal Programs Offset by Revenue:

Rediscover Hunterdon Communities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval

By Order of the Township Committee

Mark Castellano, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Richard Wolfe seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Topics Not on the Agenda (limited to 10 min)
A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Linda Ranft - 148 Cider Mill Road, Flemington, NJ Ms. Ranft noted that at The Planning Board meeting on July 13, 2022 it was very hard to hear the Professionals speaking. She would like to donate battery microphones to Township for the meetings. Committeeman Richard Wolfe thanked

Ms. Ranft for her generosity. The Township will look into updating the technology and purchasing of microphones for use at the meetings.

Richard Hunt - 128 Stony Brook Road, Hopewell, NJ Mr. Hunt questioned why the Grit Yard was closed. Mayor Castellano said the DPW Superintendent closed the Grit Yard due to the abuse during the past three weeks. People were dumping off Ash trees with dump trailers. The Grit yard is for brush and shrubs. The prior contractor is no longer available to grind up the brush. We are in contract talks with another contractor and they need to get registered with the State. As soon as the contract is signed the brush will be ground up and the Grit Yard will be opened probably on a limited basis.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Committeeman Richard Wolfe asked for the Resolution in Support of Stigma Free Communities be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Request to Authorize the Deputy Clerk to Issue Amusement Licenses that may come in prior to the August Township Committee Meeting

RESOLUTION #83-22

This item referred to any license requests that come in to the Deputy Clerk between Township Committee meetings. The fair is slated for August 24 - 28, 2022, and approval at the August meeting may be too late for state processing.

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Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

Resolution Authorizing East Amwell Township to Pay the Summer Playground Directors for Lunch Bunch during the Month of July, 2022

RESOLUTION #84-22

WHEREAS, the East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee traditionally offers public recreational opportunities and events; and

WHEREAS, Summer Playground and Lunch Bunch are annual events provided by East Amwell

Township and held at the East Amwell Township School during the month of July: from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Summer Playground runs from 9 to 11:45 a.m., which is approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes.

WHEREAS, Lunch Bunch runs after Summer Playground for the same weeks from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., which is approximately 45 minutes.

WHEREAS, the combined staffing hours equates to 3 hours and 30 minutes.

WHEREAS, Lunch Bunch will be staffed by 2 of the following Summer Playground Directors Alice Scott, Erin Dolan, Loretta Truppelli, Nancy DeVincenzo, and/ or Lindsay Zengel who will be paid an hourly rate of \$20.00 and will add the 45 minutes lunch bunch time to their timesheets and mark such as "Lunch Bunch".

WHEREAS, Thyra Zengel, Summer Playground Supervising Director, an hourly rate of \$23.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey do hereby authorize payment of the staff members who will be overseeing Lunch Bunch during the month of July from the Parks and Recreation trust fund.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED East Amwell Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute payment to those overseeing Lunch Bunch activities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

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

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

Committeeman Richard Wolfe questioned what is East Amwell undertaking by adopting the resolution. Mayor Mark Castellano explained there are no financial obligations in support of the Stigma Free Communities Resolution and to recognize that mental health is an issue. We should

provide a safe environment and be welcoming as a community and avoid the stigma of mental health.

Resolution in Support of Stigma Free Communities

RESOLUTION #85-22

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that mental health issues are at the core of the numerous violent events around the nation, where so many have been randomly killed, wounded, or traumatized and that one of the key factors in preventing violent actions from occurring in the first place is to provide greater access to mental health services that includes breaching the barrier of the stigma associated with mental illness, and

WHEREAS, while a very small percentage of those in need of mental health care will ever turn violent, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and

WHEREAS, **Stigma-Free Communities** aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness, and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors, and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of feelings of shame or disgrace, being stigmatized, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of East Amwell wishes to lead our community in recognizing the need to eliminate the stigmatization of mental illness by designating East Amwell Township as a Stigma Free community, promoting awareness that there can be no “health” without mental health, breaking down barriers, and encouraging residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and to ask for help when needed, so recovery can begin, hope is inspired, and tragedies are avoided,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of East Amwell hereby designates East Amwell Township as a Stigma-Free Community, raising awareness of the resources available and encouraging those who may have need for mental health services to engage in care, as soon as the need is identified, and for all residents to demonstrate compassion, understanding, and support through the elimination of the stigma towards those living with mental illness,

Be It Further Resolved that East Amwell Township joins with Hunterdon County and many of the communities in the county in becoming Stigma Free By '23.

CERTIFICATION

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Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to approve the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

There was no resolution done for the online tax payments. Residents have been paying the \$2.95 fee with no complaints. The fee offsets the cost of the service. There is no profit from the fees and the service is beneficial for the residents.

Resolution Authorizing a Service Charge for Online Tax Payments

Resolution #86-22

WHEREAS, East Amwell Township will impose a service charge to the online tax payment for taxes due,

AND, WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of East Amwell to collect such a fee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the Tax Collector to charge the fee of \$2.95 per transaction, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Tax Collector.

CERTIFICATION

I, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell at a regular and duly convened meeting held on July 14, 2022.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the resolution was conducted by roll call vote:

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

Major Taylor Cycling Club Annual New Hope Ride

Mayor Castellano welcomed Cardel Lock President of the Major Taylor Cycling Club. Mr. Lock explained the route the cyclists would be taking on August 14. The New Hope Ride would begin in Newark around 7am with a police escort to New Brunswick, onto Route 206 and continue on Amwell Road. From Amwell Road a left onto Wertsville Road going across Route 202/31 and continuing on Route 179 into Lambertville across the New Hope Bridge. After lunch at the New hope fire station and back track to Newark. The course is 114 miles. There are also shorter routes of 50 or 66 miles. The Major Taylor Cycling Club is a non-profit organization and money raised will be used for inner city youths going to college and scholarships. There are about 150 cyclists that are spread out by ability.

Mr. Wolfe advised Mr. Lock that if there are no problems with the ride he wouldn't need to come back before the Township Committee meeting next year.

ORDINANCES- PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

ORDINANCE #22-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, CHAPTER 75-1, EVENT FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES, SPECIFICALLY ZONING FEES

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of June 16, 2022, was provided by the Deputy Clerk. The ordinance was posted and available to the public since introduction on June 9, 2022.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to open the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance #22-08 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to close the meeting to the public on Ordinance #22-08 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by John Mills seconded by Richard Wolfe to adopt Ordinance #22-08 was conducted by roll call vote:

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

The Notice of Adoption will be published in the July 21, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ORDINANCE #22-09 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SALT BARN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000.00 FROM RESERVE FOR SALT BARN

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of June 16, 2022, was provided by the Deputy Clerk. The ordinance was posted and available to the public since introduction on June 9, 2022.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to open the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance #22-09 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to close the meeting to the public on Ordinance #22-09 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to adopt Ordinance #22-09 was conducted by roll call vote:

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

The Notice of Adoption will be published in the July 21, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

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ORDINANCE #22-10 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS OF STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE, REPAIR AND RESURFACE ROADWAY, ESTABLISH ADA COMPLIANT SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OVERALL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF SANDRA ROAD AND ADJACENT CUL-DE-SAC STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$553,811.28 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS AND AMERICAN RECOVERY PLAN FUNDS

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of June 16, 2022, was provided by the Deputy Clerk. The ordinance was posted and available to the public since introduction on June 9, 2022.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Boom to open the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance #22-10 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to close the meeting to the public on Ordinance #22-10 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to adopt Ordinance #22-10 was conducted by roll call vote:

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

The Notice of Adoption will be published in the July 21, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ORDINANCE #22-11 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVELING, SUBGRADE RECONSTRUCTION AND SURFACE TREATMENT OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP ROADS AS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$150,000.00 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

As proof of publication, the legal notice from the Hunterdon County Democrat issue of June 16, 2022, was provided by the Deputy Clerk. The ordinance was posted and available to the public since introduction on June 9, 2022.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to open the meeting to the public for comment on Ordinance #22-11 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing no members of the public come forward, a motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to close the meeting to the public on Ordinance #22-11 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to adopt Ordinance #22-11 was conducted by roll call vote:

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

The Notice of Adoption will be published in the July 21, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ORDINANCES- INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL

ORDINANCE #22-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE

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 2022:

Office Assistant	\$15.00-\$25.00 per hour
Municipal Clerk	\$30,000.00-\$100,000.00 per year

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective upon publication, according to the law, and be retroactive back to July 1, 2022.

By Order of the Township Committee,

Mark Castellano, Mayor

Attest: _____
Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by John Mills to introduce Ordinance #22-12 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The Ordinance will be published in the July 21, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and the public hearing is set for the next regular township committee meeting on August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Ordinance to Govern Commercial Solicitation and Canvassing

This item was removed from the Agenda.

New Lead Paint Inspection Law taking effect July 22, 2022

Mayor Castellano spoke with West Amwell Township about the new law on Lead Paint. The law is requiring lead based paint inspections on certain 1 and 2 family home rentals built before 1978. The first round of testing will take place in July of 2024. West Amwell wasn't sure how to proceed with the new law. It was noted inspections may be done by the construction department or by Ordinance.

State of NJ DEP re: Notice of Reassignment from a Tier B to Tier A municipality under the Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System

Mayor Mark Castellano commented on the reassignment from Tier B to Tier A. No one is sure what the implications are. Mr. Castellano will have Mr. Bill Burr, the Township Engineer come in and do a summary once he's gone through the documents.

Committeeman Richard Wolfe believed grants may be available to help with compliance with the Salt Barn. He wasn't sure if the reassignment would have an impact on the chip seal program and salt placed on the roads. Mr. Wolfe is on the Board of Trustees of Raritan Headwaters and will see what he can find out and what this means for East Amwell.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Linda Ranft – 148 Cider Mill Road, Flemington, NJ Ms. Ranft read the Stigma Free resolution and felt it didn't mean anything to her. She felt they're not helping the mentally ill. Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey said the County is allocating three hundred thousand in American Rescue Grant funds to the Human Services Department to help provide support for mental health services.

Ms. Ranft said the \$2.95 fee for the online tax payments isn't unreasonable.

She also questioned if all of East Amwell or just parts of East Amwell went from Tier B to Tier A in the reassignment under the Storm Water System. Committeeman Richard Wolfe replied it's the entire Township being reassigned. Ms. Ranft asked if this will affect the Right to Farm.

Mayor Castellano emphasized the Township Engineer; Bill Burr would summarize the document and Mr. Wolfe will speak with Raritan Headwaters.

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Jenna Casper-Bloom to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills of the Evening – July 14, 2022

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the bills of the evening was conducted by roll call vote:

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to approve the administrative reports was unanimously approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

No discussion was held regarding correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion made by Richard Wolfe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tara Ramsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk