

The Regular Meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell was called to order by Mayor Jenna Casper-Bloom at 7:00 PM on August 10, 2023.

Ms. Giliberti read the "Statement of Compliance" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Michael Dendis, Ms. Tara Ramsey, Mr. Dante DiPirro, Mayor Jenna Casper-Bloom

Absent: Mr. John Mills

Also present were Attorney Donald Scholl and Municipal Clerk Linda Giliberti. There were approximately 7 members of the public present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The municipal building will be open from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM on Tuesday evenings and 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM on Fridays through Friday, September 8, 2023. 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.
- The Municipal Court Office will be closed August 7 - August 22, 2023. There will be office coverage on Wednesday, August 9th and Tuesday, August 15th from 9am-3pm. Please send questions to email: jennifer.budrewicz2@njcourts.gov
- East Amwell Parks and Recreation Committee's Friday Night in the Park will be held on August 18, 2023 from 4pm. until dusk. There will be live music by Snap Dragon. Taxi Cab Food Truck and Kona Ice will be available for purchase. A fun evening in the park for all!
- The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair takes place on Wednesday, August 23 through Sunday, August 27, 2023 at the fairgrounds located off of Route 179 in Ringoes. See the Hunterdon County website at www.hunterdoncountyfair.com for further information.
- Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 9am - 1pm at the Hunterdon County Complex at 314 Route 12, Flemington. Contact 908-788-1351 for details.
- The Municipal Offices will be closed on September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day.
- The Ident-a-Shred at the Hunterdon County Complex at 314 Route 12, Flemington will be held on September 9, 2023 from 8 - 11:30 am OR until the truck(s) are full.
- The Flemington Area Food Pantry's main fundraiser is happening this year on Friday, September 29th at the Pantry from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. "The Empty Bowl" is an annual drive-up lunch event which raises funds to provide food and personal care items to approximately 1,600 income-qualified Hunterdon County families who are food insecure.

This year's \$30 donation will provide a delicious take-out lunch with a restaurant soup, a mini sandwich, a dessert, water and a handcrafted bowl. Purchase your ticket online and just drive up to the Food Pantry, located across the parking lot from the Flemington WalMart, and your tasty lunch and unique bowl will be delivered right to your car.

For more information, see the attached PDF or visit <https://flemingtonfoodpantry.org/empty-bowl>. Tickets will be available in late August. Please check back as participating restaurants are confirmed.

Residents are strongly encouraged to regularly check the East Amwell Township website for updates regarding the Township.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A motion made by Tara Ramsey, seconded by Dante DiPirro to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Linda Ranft – Ms. Ranft questioned the meaning of impervious ground cover in relation to the stormwater management Ordinance 23-09, on the agenda for adoption tonight. Mr. Di Pirro explained the difference between impervious and pervious and explained that it is set at the state level.

Seeing there were no further comments from the public, a motion made by Michael Dendis, seconded by Dante DiPirro to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 13, 2023 Regular Session Minutes

A motion was made by Dante DiPirro and seconded by Michael Dendis to approve the July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and were approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH ADAMOW, DPW SUPERVISOR

Mayor Casper-Bloom acknowledged the retirement of DPW Supervisor, Joseph Adamow. She thanked Joe for all his years of service and said he was an asset to the town and he will be missed. The Mayor read comments from Jason Silverthorn, DPW Superintendent: “Joe has worked for East Amwell Township since November of 2007. Through the years he has proven to be one of the biggest assets to the Township. His dedication and work quality have gone unmatched for the last 15+ years. He will be missed by all the employees and the resident that he has worked with over the years.”

LANDIS BURIAL GROUND

Mayor Casper-Bloom commented that the Landis Burial Ground is an old cemetery dating back to the 1700’s and there is no owner of the property. The Township has filed a motion with the courts to take possession of the property. Mayor Casper-Bloom will provide an update once she hears back from the courts.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

- APPOINTMENT OF KENNA LARSEN – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – ALTERNATE NO. 2 – TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2024

The appointment of Ms. Larsen was confirmed on motion of Mr. Dendis, seconded by Mr. Di Pirro and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mayor Casper-Bloom added that the Township Committee received an email from the Environmental Commission stating that Alison Kavchok has been working with the state to plant a pollinator garden at some of the state-owned jug handles in East Amwell. The state has approved the plan and the Mayor thanked Ms. Kavchok for her volunteer efforts to make this happen.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-09 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 23-09 was read by title by Ms. Giliberti “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”

EXPLANATION

Mayor Casper-Bloom explained that this ordinance establishes minimum stormwater management requirements and controls for major development and minor development.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion made by Mr. DiPirro, seconded by Ms. Ramsey to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Frances Gavigan – Ms. Gavigan asked the Township Committee to clarify what was being amended in this ordinance. Mr. Di Pirro responded that everything in the ordinance that has changed was a state requirement.

A motion made by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. DiPirro and carried unanimously, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 23-09.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Dendis, Ramsey, Di Pirro, Casper-Bloom

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

ORDINANCE NO. 23-10 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 23-10 was read by title by Ms. Giliberti “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY II, LLC. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”

EXPLANATION

Mayor Casper-Bloom explained that this ordinance grants renewal of municipal consent to Comcast to construct, connect, operate and maintain a cable television and communications system in the township.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for this ordinance is being carried to the September meeting as it is still under review with the Board of Public Utilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

2023-111 REFUND OF DRIVEWAY PERMIT BOND

2023-112 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BILLS AND CLAIMS

On motion of Mr. DiPirro, seconded by Mr. Dendis and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve Resolution Nos. 2023-111 and 2023-112, as filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Recorded Vote

Aye: Dendis, Ramsey, DiPirro, Casper-Bloom

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bills of the Evening –August 10, 2023

A motion made by Michael Dendis, seconded by Dante DiPirro to approve the bills of the evening was conducted by roll call vote:

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Dendis, Ramsey, DiPirro, Casper-Bloom

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A motion made by Michael Dendis, seconded by Tara Ramsey to approve the Administrative Reports was unanimously approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES**
- **UNITED STATES**
- **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
 - MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF BEEKEEPING ACTIVITIES IS PROHIBITED
 - NJDOT – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
 - NJ SENATE – SHIRLEY K. TURNER - \$40,000 APPROPRIATION FOR DEMOLITION OF KLEINSCHMIDT HOUSE
 - NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – 2023 SPOTTED LANTERNFLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM
 - STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – NOTICE OF RULE PROPOSAL
- **HUNTERDON COUNTY**
 - RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REMOVAL OF \$200 MILLION FOR MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT COST RELIEF
- **EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**
 - KENNA LARSEN – SEEKING CLASS A MEMBERSHIP ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
- **SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES**
 - RARITAN TOWNSHIP – ORDINANCE NO. 23-16 – AMENDS THE PERMITTED USES IN THE O-2 BUSINESS OFFICE ZONE DISTRICT
 - MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
 - TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE – NJ SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES PER PERSON)


A motion made by Dante DiPirro, seconded by Michael Dendis to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Seeing there were no comments, a motion made by Dante DiPirro, seconded by Tara Ramsey to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion made by Mr. DiPirro, seconded by Ms. Ramsey to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


 Linda Giliberti, RMC
 Township Clerk

9/14/2023
 Date Approved