WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The regularly scheduled meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:36 PM. Present were Mayor James Cally, Deputy Mayor Gary Hoyer, Committeemen John Dale and Lucas Lyons along with Township Clerk Maria Andrews and Township Attorney Katrina Campbell. It was noted for the record that Committeeman Stephen Bergenfeld was also present via cellphone speaker.

Mayor Cally announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 13, 2022, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on that date and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Cally led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Clerk Andrews noted there were no changes to the posted agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During the Meeting

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to approve the Committee's 4/6/22 Regular and Closed Session meeting minutes with no revisions noted was approved by roll call vote. Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Cally opened the floor to public comment. Sylvester Kolakowski of 62 Passaic Avenue, Ogdensburg, NJ, Mark Wonka of 5 Willow Road, Lawrenceville, NJ and Helen Spilatro of 5 Willow Road, Lawrenceville, NJ came forward to discuss the outstanding violation fees on their recently purchased Goat Hill Road property. The Committee expressed understanding for their financial situation but reminded them that they were aware of the fines prior to buying the property and pointed out that they had already agreed to accept half (*\$27,250*) of the \$54,500 total amount due and indicated they would not renegotiate any further on the matter.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, Mayor Cally closed the floor to public comment.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #52-2022: Request for County Superintendent to Investigate School De-regionalization It was noted for the record that this resolution was tabled to the Committee's 5/4/22 meeting.

Resolution #53-2022: ABC License – Person-to-Person Transfer

Resolution #53-2022 Person-to-Person Transfer of ABC License #1026-33-001-008

WHEREAS an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1026-33-001-008, heretofore issued to Shyamshvet, Inc. for premises located at 394 Route 31, Ringoes, in West Amwell Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the license business; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Amwell Township Committee does hereby approve, effective April 28, 2022, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Manishkumar Chimanbhai Patel, Krishna M. Patel and Bharatkumar C. Zala (*Ringoes Liquors, Inc.*), and does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Manishkumar Chimanbhai Patel, Krishna M. Patel and Bharatkumar C. Zala (*Ringoes Liquors, Inc.*), effective April 28, 2022."

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the West Amwell Township Committee at their meeting on April 20, 2022.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk

A motion by Dale, seconded by Lyons to approve Resolution #53-2022 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES <u>Public Hearing</u>: Ordinance 2, 2022: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Cally read Ordinance 2, 2022 by title.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL ORDINANCE 2, 2022

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of the West Amwell in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$36,912.86 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget, shall be retained as an exception to final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the township of West Amwell in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of West Amwell shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$129,195.02 and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of West Amwell be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

STATEMENT

This Ordinance to permit an increase in the Municipal Budget to 3.5% over the previous year's final in cap appropriations and to establish a CAP bank in accordance with law.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES} Bergenfeld, Dale, Hoyer, Lyons, Cally

ABSENT} No Committee Members were Absent

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK** which was introduced at the meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee on April 6, 2022 and adopted at the meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee on April 20, 2022.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to open the floor to public comment on Ordinance 2, 2022 was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes

Seeing no members of the public come forward to speak, a motion was made by Hoyer and seconded by Dale to close the floor to public comment. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion by Dale, seconded by Lyons to adopt Ordinance 2, 2022 upon second reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes

<u>Public Hearing</u>: Ordinance 3, 2022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO AMEND CHAPTER 140, "TAXATION," ARTICLE 1 "CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX."

Mayor Cally read Ordinance 3, 2022 by title.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 03, 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO AMEND CHAPTER 140, "TAXATION," ARTICLE I "CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX".

WHEREAS, the Township previously adopted Ordinance 06, 2021 setting a cannabis transfer tax for medical and adult use cannabis businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to amend Section 337-13 to increase the transfer tax for medical cannabis dispensaries to the maximum allowable under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon that the Code of the Township of West Amwell be amended as follows:

Section 1

§ 337-13 Medical Cannabis Transfer Tax.

There is hereby established a medical cannabis transfer tax in the Township of West Amwell, which shall be fixed at a uniform percentage rate of 2% on the purchase price of any medical cannabis dispensed by a medical cannabis dispensary in the Township, including medical cannabis that is furnished by the dispensary to a medical cannabis handler for delivery to a registered qualifying patient or the patient's caregiver, and which shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the dispensary.

Section 2 Severability. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this article be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this article.

Section 3 Repealer. All prior ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES} Dale, Hoyer, Lyons, Cally

ABSTAIN Bergenfeld

ABSENT} No Committee Members were Absent

ATTEST:

By Order of the Township Committee

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

James Cally, Mayor

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to open the floor to public comment on Ordinance 3, 2022 was approved by roll call vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining. *Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes*

Linda Meier of 224 Rock Road West asked for clarification on the tax rate applying only to medical dispensaries. Attorney Campbell said yes, that it applies to medical dispesaries.

Dave Beaumont of 205 Rock Road West asked if the Township will get any tax from the pending application to grow medicinal cannabis within the building on the former church property. Deputy Mayor Hoyer clarified the Township cannot charge a tax on that facility.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward to speak, a motion was made by Hoyer and seconded by Dale to close the floor to public comment. The motion was approved by voice vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining.

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to adopt Ordinance 3, 2022 upon second reading was approved by roll call vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining. *Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes*

Introduction: Ordinance 4, 2022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 "CANNABIS LICENSING, REGISTRATION AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS"

Mayor Cally read Ordinance 4, 2022 by title.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 4, 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 "CANNABIS LICENSING, REGISTRATION AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS"

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, the Township adopted Ordinance 09-2021 to create Chapter 62 "Cannabis Licensing, Registration and Business Regulations"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to amend Ordinance 09-2021 to revise the licensing and registration process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon that Chapter 62 "Cannabis Licensing, Registration and Business Regulations" of the Code of the Township of West Amwell be amended as follows:

Section 1.

Section 130-4 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§130-4 Local licensing authority. A Township Cannabis Advisory Committee (CAC) as appointed below will act as the body for local review for the Township for all cannabis establishments but the authority and responsibility to activate suspend and revoke such licenses remains with the Township Committee. Under all circumstances in which State law requires communication to the Township by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission or any other State agency with regard to the licensing of cannabis establishments by the State, or in which State law requires any review or approval by the Township of any action taken by the State licensing authority, the exclusive authority for receiving such communications and granting such approvals shall be communicated through the Township Clerk's Office upon recommendation by the Township Cannabis Advisory Committee and authorized by the Township Committee.

A. Members of said CAC shall include residents located within the Township. The CAC shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) appointees shall include at a minimum one member from the following categories:

- (1) Mayor or Designee
- (2) Township Committee member or Designee
- (3) West Amwell Township Zoning Officer

(4) Up to Two (2) Appointees by Township Committee of residents of the Township in accordance with Section 130-4(C) below.

B. The Committee shall be supported by the Township Attorney and Township Planning & Zoning Office. The Committee may request additional resources as necessary to effectuate the responsibilities of the Committee.

C. Of the members of the Committee, no member shall be affiliated with or related to a New Jersey Adult Use Cannabis Business or Medical Cannabis Establishment or prospective licensee, but all shall be resident of the Township within the past five (5) years.

D. Duties of the Committee will be to advise the Township Committee as to the issuance of Cannabis Business Permits within the Township of West Amwell. The CAC's review shall be based on the information contained in the Request for Proposals issued by the Township Committee and shall be made consistent with the criteria outlined in this Chapter, in addition to the issuance of detailed application criteria made available prior to RFP release.

E. No member of the committee may hold interest in, or be related to an applicant.

Section 2.

Section 130-7 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§130-7 Evaluation.

The Committee shall evaluate all applicants and issue a recommendation of award after consideration and evaluation to the Township Committee. Presentation by an applicant before the Township Cannabis Committee is required. Any ties shall be broken by the Township Committee. Each application shall be reviewed within the confines of the license category being sought. (For example, a retailer should focus on customer service, marketing, branding and architectural presentation, and public access issues, while a cultivation, distribution, wholesale operation on security, job environment, truck access and loading, and security. Micro-licenses should focus on their business plan and tangentially related experiences and support structures.). Subjectivity in regard to personal tastes and aesthetic matters should be restrained in favor of the thoroughness and level of detail by which an applicant responds. Prior to issuing the request for applications §130-7 the Committee shall establish and publish final criteria and weight categories in accordance with any applicable laws and regulations, which shall be timestamped. Generally, the Committee shall utilize the following upon finalizing criteria for publication:

Applicant's owners' or principals' qualifications and experience operating in highly regulated industries, including cannabis, but also healthcare, pharmaceutical manufacturing, retail pharmacies, or other relevant industries with preference to experience operating such businesses within the State of New Jersey.

Applicant's brand and proposal for the physical presence of the business. Including but not limited to: the site's ability to meet all land use regulations (parking, landscaping, signage, etc.), handle future expansions if applicable, architectural treatments, customer experience (where applicable), etc.

A summary of the applicant's operational plans; including, but not limited to: storage of products, currency and transport, physical security, video surveillance, security personnel, and visitor management.

Applicant's orientation to research and development of Cannabis. Including but not limited to: its owners' experience conducting, supporting, and/or future plans to conduct institutional review board-approved research related to medical cannabis or substance abuse. Include whether the applicant has had any assurance accepted by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services indicating the applicant's commitment to complying with 45 CFR Part 46 (human subjects); and whether the applicant has a research collaboration or partnership agreement in effect with an accredited U.S. school of medicine, or osteopathic medicine with experience conducting cannabis-related research, or other institutions of higher learning dedicated to cannabis research or occupational training

Applicant's or its owners' demonstrated commitment or sufficient experience as responsible employers, defined as the applicant entity being a committed to a local program in collaboration with organizations committed to the well-being of residents, including, but not limited to the Township and surrounding service area. Provide evidence in letters of support and agreements. (Local workforce hiring and development plan, Community service, Collaborations with a university or specialized training facility such as, but limited to Vo-Tech, and dedicated support to social justice initiatives.).

Summary of the applicant's environmental impact/mitigation, and sustainability plan; whether the applicant entity or its parent company has any recognitions from or registrations with federal or New Jersey state environmental regulators for innovation in sustainability; and whether the applicant entity or its parent company holds any certification under international standards demonstrating the applicant has an effective environmental management system or has a designated sustainability officer to conduct internal audits to assess the effective implementation of an environmental management system.

Applicant's demonstrated commitment to the community and any ties to the host community demonstrated by at least one shareholder's proof of residency in the Township for five or more years in the past ten years, or at least one shareholder's continuous ownership of a business based in town for five or more years in the past ten years.

Applicant's experience and/or commitment to community health related programs and associated charitable organizations, including but not limited to, particular attention toward prevention of drug and alcohol abuse including but limited to youth and vulnerable persons both locally and regionally.

Diversity in its ownership composition and hiring practices; Including applicant's commitment to utilize local sources of labor and associated building materials.; Applicant's commitment to supporting and working with local micro-licensees, including but not limited to contracting with and/or training/mentorship; The applicant entity or its parent company holds any certifications as a NJ minority-owned, women-owned, or veteran-owned business.

Annually, up to two (2) applicants for a Cannabis Retailer may be recommended to the Township Committee for their consideration in granting a conditional Township Cannabis Business Permit with all scores, application submittals and recommendations in a detailed report to be submitted to Committee for their consideration. Upon receipt of the Committee's recommendation, the Committee reserves the right ask for public presentations when and where appropriate as part of their review process.

Section 3 Severability. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this article be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this article.

Section 4 Repealer. All prior ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5 Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES} Dale, Hoyer, Lyons, Cally

ABSTAIN} Bergenfeld

ABSENT} No Committee Members were Absent

ATTEST:

By Order of the Township Committee

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

James Cally, Mayor

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to open the floor to public comment on Ordinance 4, 2022 was approved by roll call vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining. *Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes*

Linda Meier of 224 Rock Road West asked about an Advisory Committee which is referenced in the Ordinance. Mayor Cally noted that there is no Advisory Committee at this time and Attorney Campbell clarified that an Advisory Committee is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

Ms. Meier asked if it will become the Township's responsibility at some point to review cannabis applicants. Attorney Campbell noted the State holds all discretion on licenses and clarified the Township only reviews applicants for the purpose of providing potential letters of support.

Seeing no members of the public come forward to speak, a motion was made by Dale and seconded by Hoyer to close the floor to public comment. The motion was approved by voice vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining.

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Lyons to adopt Ordinance 4, 2022 upon second reading was approved by roll call vote with Committeeman Bergenfeld abstaining. *Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes*

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

Discussion: Muller Lane Road Maintenance

It was noted for the record that NJDOT notified the Township that Muller Lane has a catch basin that is in need of repair. DPW Director Rollero had indicated that Muller Lane serves as the primary entrance to the NJDOT maintenance facility and provides access to 2 residential properties as well as 1 commercial business. It was noted that West Amwell has never accepted Muller Lane into its road system and has never plowed or maintained it.

Attorney Campbell stated she would send a letter to NJDOT letting them know that Muller Lane is a private roadway which is not owned or maintained by the Township and that the property owners are responsible for any repairs.

Discussion: Police Department Staffing

Present for the discussion was Lieutenant EJ Skillman. Lt. Skillman stated he is requesting approval to hire 1 additional full time Police Officer. He expressed difficulty with being an Administrator and running a 24 hour department. He also commented that he believes it will be more cost effective to hire another Officer rather than continuing to pay overtime.

It was noted for the record that the Committee supported the request to hire an additional Police Officer. Mayor Cally suggested Lt. Skillman speak to CFO Mustafa about the potential new hire so she can address the salary needs in the budget accordingly.

Discussion: Zoning Office Shared Service Agreement with East Amwell Township

It was noted for the record that East Amwell Township wished to enter into a Shared Service Agreement for West Amwell to cover their Zoning Officer/Department needs. There was some brief discussion on the existing Construction Office Shared Service Agreement coming up for renewal at the end of the year with a few comments made about how the agreement seems to be working well and will likely be renewed.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve the Zoning Office Shared Service Agreement with East Amwell Township was unanimously approved by roll call vote. *Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Reports by Department Heads

OEM Director Harry Heller came forward and provided an update on the Hurricane Ida reimbursements. He noted he is keeping an eye out for a bank transfer and commented that the Township is getting close to receiving its reimbursement.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Open Space: No report was given.
- B. Environmental: No report was given.
- C. Ag Advisory: No report was given.
- D. Finance Committee: No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was noted for the record that there were no unfinished business matters listed on the agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Lyons to open the floor to public comment was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Dave Beaumont of 205 Rock Road West came forward again and asked for clarification on the deregionalization and taxes. Attorney Campbell explained the Township would simply be asking the County Superintendent for details on the feasibility to de-regionalize. Mayor Cally commented that the Township was told years ago that regionalizing would save tax dollars and he remarked that never happened.

Jen Batchellor of 158 Rocktown-Lambertville Road came forward and asked if the residents will be able to comment on the resolution to withdraw from regionalization prior to the meeting. Mayor Cally clarified that there is no public comment on the resolution because it is a function of the NJ statutes that allow for the municipality to request the County Superintendent provide the details on the feasibility to de-regionalize.

Mayor Cally asked Construction/Zoning Office Manager Gail Brewi the status on the listing of commercial properties in the Township, which she has been working on. Ms. Brewi indicated there are 74 properties zoned commercial within the township noting some have multiple businesses at particular sites. She commented there is an opportunity for the Township to make money if annual fire inspections are done.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion by Dale, seconded by Lyons to approve the 4/20/22 bill list was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Lyons: Yes, Cally: Yes

OTHER

<u>Resolution #54-2022: Closed Session – Personnel/Contracts – Litigation/Affordable Housing</u> Resolution #54-2022

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of West Amwell Township, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Mt. Laurel Litigation, personnel, contracts and subjects falling under Attorney-Client privilege.
- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to approve Resolution #54-2022 and enter into Closed Session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion by Lyons, seconded by Dale to return to Open Session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

It was noted for the record that the Committee was in Closed Session from 9:05 PM – 9:39 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted for the record that the Committee ordered the correspondence listed on the agenda to be filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Lyons, seconded by Hoyer to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

Approved: 5/4/22