

# **WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 29, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

The regular meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor George A. Fisher, Deputy Mayor Zachary T. Rich, Committeeman Thomas J. Molnar, Clerk Lora Olsen and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III. Also in attendance were Dave Beaumont, Art Neufeld, Randy Hoagland, David Gill, Sean Pfeiffer, John Cronce, Hal Shute, Cathy Urbanski, Jeff Ent, Howard Hope and Barbara Walsh.

Mayor Fisher announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 3, 2012, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on said 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 Municipal Clerk.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Jason Fuhr led the assembled group in the pledge to the nation's flag.

## **AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

The following items were added: 12. Administrative: Court and Police Reports.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements were made:

- Municipal Offices Closed September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day
- Township Agricultural Dinner – September 14<sup>th</sup>
- WA Ladies Auxiliary Roast Pork Dinner – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 p.m. @ Firehouse
- Hunterdon County Electronics Collections – October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day to Register to Vote in November General Election – October 16<sup>th</sup>
- PSE&G ROW Easement Trimming Along Branchburg & Roseland Lines  
to Commence July 1<sup>st</sup> and Continue Thru 2013
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

## **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The July 25, 2012 Special and Regular minutes were unanimously approved on motion from Molnar, seconded by Rich.

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Sean Pfeiffer came forward concerning the ROSI but, as a listed item, the comments will be entertained during that portion of the agenda.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Municipal Alliance:** Mr. Fuhr was not in attendance but left word with the Clerk that the golf tournament raised over \$10,000 for distribution.

**Regionalization Study:** Dave Beaumont overviewed recent happenings including such items as: a meeting with legislators was held in the hopes of securing funding for the ballot; getting a sub-committee together to make sure that community stakeholders receive information for an informed decision and to focus on addressing issues surrounding non-supporters; getting the petition approved by the Board of Review; apportionment issues; that the opportunity for a November ballot question may have passed as the Board of Review failed to meet the required timeline; the difficulty faced with more than one ballot question if a special election is needed; and, the possibility of having to wait until next September. Mr. Beaumont is still hoping for a November ballot and noted that there's another meeting next week. Questions raised by Mr. Rich and Mr. Fisher concerning how the new board would be set up, and apportionment issues between the three towns, was noted by Mr. Beaumont as being unclear at this time. However, if the ballot initiative is passed, there will be an appointed Board but whether it will be permanent or transitional is unknown.

**Public Hearing:** Ordinance 15, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1, 2012 TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

Proof of publication in the August 2, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was presented. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since its introduction at the July 25, 2012 Township Committee meeting. Mr. Fisher read the Ordinance by title and opened the public hearing.

Hal Shute questioned why changes were needed and an explanation was provided.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was unanimously closed.

*Molnar moved for adoption of the Ordinance and Fisher seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Rich-no-aye, Fisher-aye*

**SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Open Space**

- *Declaration of Encumbrance – ROSI Update for Adam Property:* Mr. Cronic and Mr. Shute addressed the ROSI update needed to include the Adam property. The State has changed the form and a different key map had to be developed. In addition, two properties were added that the acreage didn't include the full easement total, bringing the total up to 100 acres from the previously filed ROSI.

Sean Pfeiffer commented that a lot of work has gone into this effort. He also noted that he had a couple of issues with what was presented, including: 1) that map key H for the 8 Hunter Road property is colored in, which was not the case in the prior version, and is something that the landowner does not want as the document gets recorded at the County as restricted acreage; 2) only public access areas should be recorded, per past discussions with Green Acres staff member Catherine Drake, with the Kilmer and Steifel properties noted as having been approved using the prior form for funding purposes. (A brief exchange occurred over whether the latter violated Green Acres rules requiring that encumbrances be on ROSI.); 3) that an amended conservation easement for a property on Mt. Airy-Harb. Road, given its previously recorded status, would need direction from Green Acres as an amendment involves lots of paperwork; 4) that the Titus total lot acreage should be checked as it now has some road ROW in the easement area; and, 5) that the acreage should not be rounded and needs to match the survey. Further discussion on these matters will be held at the next Open Space meeting.

- *Wooden North:* Mr. Shute produced a copy of the tax map showing the location of the 42.5 acre tract. The property was subdivided for estate planning/settlement purposes and has been for sale for a while. D&R and the owner have an agreement on price but there's no paperwork as D&R is looking for commitments from their funding partners before executing a contract. Specially, they're looking for 10% of the purchase price plus ½ of the soft costs, or \$50,000, from West Amwell and application has been made to the County and State for funding the remaining \$400,000+. The question of title holder is still undetermined as is how to keep the property farmed. No appraisals have been conducted as yet. A consensus on moving forward is needed as the deal is happening quickly and will be discussed further at the next Open Space meeting. Also noted was that the property is not in the ADA, which would require the ADA to be expanded. Questioned about the quality of the soils, Mr. Shute relayed that the local PIG would provide more flexibility and soils are an indicator; however, there are other things involved and the property has always been farmed. To the concern over someone having to maintain the property, Mr. Shute relayed that Bruce Wooden is interested in a farmland preservation deal on the South portion, and if he continues to farm, he may farm both the North and South properties as well as the former Bleacher property. Any public access would be in the form of the trail.

- *Farmland Preservation PIG Funding:* Mr. Cronic addressed an e-mail received from Tim Brill whereby a letter concerning the township's plans for the State funding previously allocated is needed by September 7<sup>th</sup>. The township's PIG account has a total of \$1,250,000 from two funding rounds--\$750,000 (2009) and \$500,000 (2011). There's a 3 year clock on the 2009 funds in that SADC regulations allow for the re-appropriation of State funds not expended within that time frame. The only active property is Nunn but this will not deplete the 2009 appropriation. Mr. Cronic would like to hold on to the funds in order to do Toll North with the municipal PIG in that the County is supposed to be working on this project but is not. A letter strongly in support of municipal purchase of Toll North was suggested by Mr. Shute. He also noted that there are farms listed on the municipal PIG that were done through different programs.

Mr. Rich suggested that a meeting with Kevin Richardson and the Freeholders be arranged to discuss the status of their action on the property. Mayor Fisher volunteered to follow up on this as something should be done before the next County Open Space meeting scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in September.

Mr. Shute then reviewed the properties in both the 2009 and 2011 PIG accounts, noting that Toll South was on the original PIG but was accomplished through other means; Runkle is still on; but, Hanover has never signed the option agreement. A letter will be sent to Tim Brill of the SADC.

As for the Nunn property, Mr. Shute relayed that they are moving forward with a draft letter to obtain appraisals. Technically, however, there should be an option agreement from the County before requesting appraisals. Both he and Kyle Kilmer have been in touch with them but they're not moving. Mr. Pfeiffer offered that he believes that the Nunn's signed the County option agreement a few years ago and suggested that it may be in the County files, or those of County Counsel. He also inquired whether the State was dragging on the funding.

### **Environmental**

- *Authorization to Post June 14, 2012 Minutes on Website:* Approved

### **Affordable Housing**

- *Program Update:* Housing Official Barbara Walsh reviewed a memo received from consultant Ed Geubtner noting that half of the six applicants are moving forward on the re-hab program. As the Township is not making a grant application for additional CDBG funds through DCA, there is no longer a requirement to abide by those rules and the program can revert to 0% interest with re-payment at time of property transfer. This would be preferable to chasing down monthly payments and avoids penalties. There would be no prepayment penalty for someone who wished to pay off the loan prior to transfer. Mrs. Walsh also noted that the Township's COAH plan has a requirement for 4 units of re-habilitated housing, with a minimum expenditure of \$10,000 per unit average. However, \$25,000 is recommended as being a more realistic number. The money expended in the program can only be used to address code violations. She also explained that the use of the money received from DCA is sufficient to cover the 4 units plus administrative expenses and that one of the units being considered is a COAH apartment. However, she would like to leave some money in the account in order to apply for a future grant. Also noted was that only development fee money can be used for rentals and that applicants falling in the gap between HUD and DCA limits would also use these funds. The USDA rural housing program is also being explored. There are no code requirements and seniors have no pay back; others would receive a 1% interest rate.

An exchange over how and under whose authority the funds would be expended ensued with Mrs. Walsh relaying that the consultant was hired to income qualify applicants, review re-hab requirements and prepare a work-up. There can be no discrimination. If the applicants meet the requirements and need the program, a basis for a refusal would be required. However, reports would be submitted. The program is first come, first eligible, first served.

In order to change the parameters of the previously approved program for re-habs, the prior resolution approving the program will be revised for consideration at the next meeting.

### **Aq Advisory**

- *Authorization to Post July 5, 2012 Minutes on Website:* Approved

### **Finance Advisory**

- *Authorization to Post July 5, 2012 Minutes on Website:* Approved

- *Possible Debt Refinancing:* Mr. Rich relayed that a note is up next year and there could be money saved. There are two options which boil down to whether the township wants to save \$15,000/year or \$91,000/year in interest for 10 years. The note comes due in March so there is time for discussion. Mr. Rich's biggest issues are that what is collected for open space is just paying interest to the banker and that open space is not sustainable without some tweaking. A special meeting with the CFO in either October or November is planned.

### **Recycling**

- *Clean Up Day Procedures/Discussion:* The acquisition of dumpsters is first on the list and Mr. Molnar will reach out to locate some 30-yarders. Once 3 to 4 of these are obtained, the process under consideration will involve several mini events. Mr. Cronic inquired how the roll offs would be moved and was informed that either a hauler would be hired or a truck purchased.

### **Parks & Recreation**

A brief discussion over whether or not to install split rail fencing to keep folks from parking on the grass and liability issues surrounding such an installation ensued. Also mentioned was the

need for some drainage work for the wet area and whether the fence around the ball field needs a wider access. This discussion will continue at the next Parks & Recreation meeting.

### **Technology**

- *Authorization to Post Webpage, Mission Statement & May 30, 2012 Minutes on Website:*  
Approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Possible Appointments** – Mayor Fisher made the following appointment changes:

Art Neufeld – replaces Joan Van der Veen as Env Rep to Planning Board, unexpired 3 year term (12/31/2014)

Mr. Neufeld and Ms. Van der Veen to exchange positions/terms on the Environmental Commission.

**Updates** – 1) The **Energy Audit** is now complete. Recommendations have been received and reviewed for both the DPW and Firehouse with the objective of saving both money and energy. Mr. Neufeld presented a list of six efficiency upgrades for the Firehouse and reviewed same, noting an estimated cost of \$15,180. Highlighted for more immediate implementation was the replacement of the fuel-oil furnaces with new natural gas ones. In addition, he noted that the building exterior is in serious need of repainting and repair of rotted trim; the light dimmers in the dining area need to be changed for CFL compatibility; and, one or more illuminated exit signs are missing or damaged and should be replaced with LED type signs.

As for the DPW, window sealing work and the installation of return air filters on the air handler to keep out dust that will make for lost efficiency over time was recommended.

Mr. Fisher relayed bad news in that money allotted in the capital ordinance will be used by the roof replacement project although there may be money for transfer in November. If not, these items may have to wait until the 2013 capital budget. Mrs. Urbanski offered that Sustainable Jersey may have grant money available for energy efficiency programs and suggested that this be researched. Jeff Ent noted that cutting the cost of fuel would provide money for other things and was supportive of the initiative. Mr. Rich also sees a change from oil to gas as important and suggested that CFO Carro be consulted for furnace money. Township Engineer Roseberry will be requested to spec out the heating units at the firehouse for quoting/bidding. Mr. Neufeld and Mr. Ent would like to be included in that discussion. 2) In a meeting with Brad Campbell about the **SHREC/Solar Installation**, it was relayed that a release from the original contractor is expected next week, after which a new contractor can be brought on board. Funding and permits are in place. The next meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. 3) The **Census** letter and package will be mailed tomorrow. 4) The Court Administrator has been alerted to the possibility of an **E-tickets** program, with Mr. Rich indicating that he would like to move on this effort. 5) Discussion concerning **Work Undertaken without Permits & Inspections** was held.

**Recommendation from Planning Board that Engineering Inspection Fees be Established**  
– Held.

**Municipal Building Thermostats & Recommendations for Heating** – Held.

**Receipt of Quotes for Mow & Snow** – Four quotes were received, reviewed and discussed with emphasis on bringing this down from 12 months to the remainder of 2012, which Mr. Molnar estimated to be 5 or 6 more cuts. An exchange ensued with Mr. Hoagland and Mr. Ent concerning the manpower shortfall and what the plan would be for emergencies, such as the recent storm. The suggestion was made by Mr. Rich to perhaps utilize some of the part-time employees. Mr. Cronic offered that other municipalities he works for take quotes from contractors for a stand-by contract for emergency work and suggested that an emergency list be assembled. He was requested to provide more information. Mr. Fisher noted that they're looking for better control over full time staff and that an outside contract would save money. Mr. Ent commented that vacation-sick-personal time off has to figure into whether there are enough employees to cover when someone is out. The DPW line item of \$50,000 is something that Mr. Rich would like to bring down while taking work off the department but at the same time increase service. Mr. Molnar expressed agreement with Mr. Ent's comments but supported a mowing contract, although he likes the idea of having a 4<sup>th</sup> man. Mr. Hoagland noted that there's a lot of work and Mr. Ent was supportive in that the budget had allocation for four men. The consensus of the Committee was to request that the two low bidders pro-rate their mowing quote through the end of the 2012 mowing season. The snow quotes were held for another meeting. The Committee was advised that contractors would need an extra insurance rider for snow work.

**Police Equipment –**

*- Amended State Purchasing Resolution:*

**RESOLUTION #147-2012**

Amending RESOLUTION #115-2012

BE IT RESOLVED that RESOLUTION #115-2012 Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Stated Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-12A is hereby amended to provide for 2013 Tahoe for the Police Department as follows:

<u>Commodity/Service</u>	<u>Referenced State Contract Vendors Vendor</u>	<u>State Contract #</u>
2013 Chevy Tahoe	Municipal Equipment Enterprises 2511 Fire Road, Ste. B8 Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234	A-79010

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Rich.*

*- Purchase Authorization Resolution:*

**RESOLUTION #147-2012**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to purchase SUVs for the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, this can be purchased through State Contract #A-79010; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$35,000.00; and

**WHEREAS** the CFO has certified to the Township Clerk that funds are available in the Ordinance 10, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, public bids are not required when the purchase is under a state contract in accordance with 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon that the CFO is hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a Purchase Requisition to Municipal Equipment Enterprises for the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe as described in the quotation received.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Rich.*

**Toll Property** – Mr. Molnar relayed that residents have inquired about buying some of the trees. The consensus was that this not be permitted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolutions for Consideration–**

*- Opposing A-323/S-2074 Dealing with Events on Preserved Farmland:*

**RESOLUTION #148-2012**

*A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A-323/S-2074*

**WHEREAS**, A-323 was approved by the General Assembly on March 15, 2012 and has been received in the state Senate and referred to the Senate Economic Growth Committee, joining its Senate companion, S-2074; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 would permit owners of preserved farmland to hold “special occasion events,” such as weddings or other “lifetime milestone events,” on their farms, provided that the annual income from those events accounts for less than 50% of the annual gross income of the preserved farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 would permit activities on farmlands that have no connection to agriculture, and would transform those farms into conventional commercial or quasi-commercial “event venues”; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 would subvert the purpose of the Farmland Preservation Program, as well as the purpose of the New Jersey Right to Farm Act; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 directly contradicts the sensible interpretation of the Right to Farm Act that has been advanced by the State Agricultural Development Committee, which has determined that weddings and other “life milestone events” are not agricultural-related activities within the meaning of the Right to Farm statute; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 makes no provision for local control or regulation over these events, despite the obvious noise, traffic and public safety issues they raise; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 makes no provision for interests of other municipal stakeholders - such as residents of the surrounding neighborhood, other commercial enterprises, or local elected officials – that might be directly affected by the frequency and duration of the events it permits; and

**WHEREAS**, A-323/S-2074 takes a “one-size-fits-all” approach that fails to recognize the diversity of New Jersey’s municipalities, and that does not permit each municipality to tailor its approach to “special events” to its particular balance of residential, agricultural, commercial and rural land uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Amwell believes it in its best interests, and in the best interests of the State of New Jersey, that A-323/S-2074 not be enacted in its present form;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of West Amwell formally opposes the enactment of A-323/S-2074 into law as written, for the reasons set forth above, and urges all members of the state legislature to oppose the legislation and to work for its withdrawal or amendment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution, once adopted, be forwarded to Senator Shirley Turner, Senate President Sweeney, members of the Senate Economic Growth Committee, the State Agricultural Development Committee, the League of Municipalities, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Rich.*

*- Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown:*

**RESOLUTION #149-2012**

*Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown*

**WHEREAS**, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, 25% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

**WHEREAS**, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

**WHEREAS**, the summer season and the Labor Day holiday in particular are traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown*; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 17 through September 3, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that West Amwell Township declares its support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown from August 17 through September 3, 2012 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Rich.*

**Receipt of 2011 Audit from WithumSmith & Brown** – The Committee is to review the document between now and the next meeting when a resolution will be presented for action. A synopsis will be published in the Democrat, posted, and provided to the website.

**Professional Services Resolution for Princeton Hydro 319h Grant** – The Township was awarded a \$550,000 grant. However, no contract is in place and it could take DEP several more months to finalize the program. Mr. Rich questioned the no-bid contract. Item held.

**Staffing Discussion** – 1) The ***Housing Official Walsh*** has advised that she is leaving at the end of the year and sooner if a suitable replacement is found. The position will be advertised. 2) The issue ***DPW Hiring/Possible Back-Up Staff*** was discussed earlier in the evening. 3) A ***meeting date*** of September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 P.M. to conduct interviews for Open Space secretary as well as several other items was set. Open Space members John Crouce, Hal Shute and Kyle Kilmer to be included. 4) Mr. Fisher relayed that he's met with Dave Del Vecchio, Roger Locandro and East Amwell concerning shared services, including ***Tax Assessor***, for multiple municipality bid. Mr. Molnar added that before proceeding, due to the controversy regarding shared services and tenure, he has placed a call to Judge Peter Buchsbaum.

**Surplus Vehicles** – In order to proceed with lining up an auction, pictures of the equipment to be sold as well as a description for each is needed. Mr. Molnar volunteered to get the pictures and will work with Road Supervisor Hoagland on the descriptions. Attorney Faherty has been requested to review the proposed agreement and procedures. The possible purchase of a tractor was raised as the International has died. There's a John Deere available but quotes are needed.

**Discussion re: Possible Revision to Food Handling Ordinance** - Held

**League Convention Registration** – Mayor Fisher and Committeeman Molnar requested that they be registered.

**Sludge Odors** – Mr. Fisher noted the receipt of correspondence from Bill Wolfe concerning the application of sludge, generated by Johanna Farms, on farm fields. Given the grant for the Alexauken Creek, and issues raised in the letter, the concerns have to be looked at. A DEP permit is in place but whether the material is spread correctly was questioned. Mrs. Urbanski attested to the horrific odor and relayed that when the materials is delivered it is kept behind the former Speranza home. If it is spread within three days, there's no odor. Any time frame beyond that, the material becomes anaerobic. It is also supposed to be disked in but is not and suggested that someone speak with Rob Fulper about the right way to handle the application as the DEP and County Health are seemingly nowhere involved. Mr. Fisher volunteered to speak with Mr. Fulper and explain this situation as relayed. The possible use of grant money to test the Alexauken for pollutants and nitrates was mentioned.

In a slightly related matter, Mrs. Urbanski noted that the mayor will be attending the League convention and requested that he be present to accept the Sustainable Jersey award. Mr. Fisher agreed.

### **Closed Session**

#### RESOLUTION #150-2012

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:  
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Rich.*

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

### Treasurer –

Presentation of Bills for Approval: Several items were questioned and pertinent information relayed in response.

#### RESOLUTION #151-2012

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the vouchers listed on the Bill List, in the amount of \$2,022,512.21 dated August 29, 2012, as presented by the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, be paid from existing appropriations.

*The Resolution to pay the presented bills was unanimously approved on motion by Rich, seconded by Molnar.*

Treasurer Report: Appropriations through August 29, 2012 were provided and reviewed.

**Tax Collector** – The monthly report for July 2012 was received showing receipts in the amount of \$59,681.40.

The *Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing* was received indicating completion as of August 1<sup>st</sup> with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter installment to be received by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Construction** – The Permit Fee Log details (15), Monthly Activity Report-Permits, Payment Audit Report (\$4,323.00 collected), Monthly Activity Report-Certificates (19), and Certificate Log Detail (21) were received for PermitsNJ. Deposits for July were \$4,173.

**Court** – The July 2012 report was received showing a ticket total of 456 (323 local) and the receipt of \$21,278.66 for the period.

**Police** – The July 2012 Monthly Report showing 192 incidents, 317 summonses and 1 warning was received.

**Zoning Officer Report** -- The July report of activities was received. Numerous phone calls and interpretations were noted, together with office meetings and correspondence. Four permits were issued. Deposits for July were \$150.00.

*The reports were unanimously accepted as received.*

*The Committee entered the previously approved Closed Session, returning to Open Session at 10:59 p.m.*

## CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was ordered filed.

## ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment the following resolution was considered:

#### RESOLUTION #152-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that Deputy Mayor Zach Rich declines his 2% increase for 2012.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Rich, seconded by Molnar.*

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:00 p.m. on motion from Molnar.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lora Olsen, RMC  
Township Clerk

APPROVED: September 26, 2012