

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2019 - 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 7:38 PM by Deputy Mayor Gary Hoyer. Present were Deputy Mayor Gary Hoyer, Committeemen Stephen Bergenfeld, James Cally and John Dale along with Township Clerk Maria Andrews. It was noted for the record that Mayor Zachary Rich arrived at 7:45 PM.

Deputy Mayor Hoyer 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 10, 2019, 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 Township Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

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

AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Township Clerk Andrews noted the High School has requested Rocktown-Lambertville Road be closed during the graduation ceremony this year and stated the discussion will be added under New Business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SHRHS Graduation is 6/18/19 at 6:00 PM – Seniors Will be Parking at the Township's Municipal Lot at 5:00 PM
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During the Meeting

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Dale, seconded by Cally to approve the Township Committee's 4/17/19 Regular Session minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote with Deputy Mayor Hoyer abstaining.

A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale to approve the Township Committee's 4/17/19 Closed Session minutes with no revisions noted was approved by voice vote with Deputy Mayor Hoyer abstaining.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Hoyer opened the floor to public comment. Mary Dupuis of 19 Hewitt Road and Sue Simonye of 13 Hewitt Road came forward.

Ms. Dupuis expressed concerns about the recycling depot hours and the excessive costs for private garbage service in the Township. She explained that in speaking with her neighbors and several other residents, she has learned that Raritan Valley Disposal (RVD) is charging drastically different rates for the same service throughout the township. She noted her disposal costs were \$365.94 for the year in 2007 and escalated to \$938.53 in 2017. Ms. Dupuis commented that RVD is apparently the only company that will service West Amwell Township because all other garbage haulers she called indicated they will not come here.

With regard to the Township's recycling depot, Ms. Dupuis suggested additional evening hours to accommodate residents who work on the weekends or work shifts and cannot make it to the depot on Saturday mornings. She also asked the Committee to revisit garbage pickup as a service that could be part of the taxes.

Committeeman Cally commented that garbage and recycling are big, costly issues that all municipalities are facing. He noted the depot is considering implementing evening hours one night per week starting in June which was previously discussed.

Mayor Rich commented that 2 years ago the Township was getting paid for tonnage and now we pay \$110.00 per ton for recycling. He remarked SWAC Coordinator Rollero is trying to get creative in an effort to limit costs.

Mayor Rich also noted that Mr. Rollero has received a grant for a digital speed sign that will be installed on Rock Road West.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, a motion was made by Cally and seconded by Bergenfeld to close to the public. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Presentation by Mary Lyons of Phoenix Advisors, LLC, re: Serial Bonds

Present for the discussion was Mary Lyons from Phoenix Advisors, LLC and Township CFO Thomas Carro. Ms. Lyons explained the bond is for \$1.8 million and will allow for the Township to pay off an existing bond anticipation note (BAN) and also provide funding for an existing affordable housing obligation.

Deputy Mayor Hoyer stated he and Hal Shute of the Finance Committee spoke with CFO Carro regarding the serial bond. CFO Carro commented this is a good option for the Township. He noted there will be an annual payment of about \$180,000 with the payment dropping in 2026.

Kylie Osgood of 147 Rocktown-Lambertville Road spoke up from the public and asked what the tax impact is. Ms. Lyons stated approximately \$100,000 but noted part of that will come out of premiums so the amount will be “cushioned.” Mayor Rich remarked the Township continues to drop its debt, noting when he starting serving on the Committee 10 years ago the Township’s debt was \$6,000,000 and now it’s about \$3.5 million.

Mayor Rich asked for a motion on Resolution #66-2019.

Resolution #66-2019

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES AND DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE OFFERING OF \$1,846,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The \$1,846,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 (the “Bonds”) of the Township, authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof, shall be combined into a single issue of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,846,000 to be issued in one series or multiple separate series aggregating said amount and to memorialize the obligations of the Township.

Section 2. The principal amount of General Obligation Bonds authorized by each ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the ordinance number, description and date of final adoption, amount of issue and average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Description and Date of Final Adoption</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
20-09	Acquisition Of Real Property To Meet COAH Obligation, Finally Adopted August 12, 2009	\$273,879	20 years
10-11	Various Capital Improvements, Finally Adopted June 22, 2011	\$488,628	11.17 years
09-14	Acquisition of Equipment, Finally Adopted June 25, 2014	\$200,199	5 years
07-15	Acquisition of Garbage Truck, Finally Adopted July 15, 2015	\$41,500	5 years
07-16	Various 2016 Capital Improvements, Finally Adopted June 15, 2016	\$229,044	8.66 years
05-18	Various 2018 Capital Improvements, Finally Adopted April 4, 2018	\$612,750	15.81 years
	TOTAL	\$1,846,000	

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

(a) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the amount of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average periods of usefulness therein determined, is not more than 12.90 years.

(b) The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated “General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019” (or such other designation if such General Obligation Bonds are issued in multiple separate series to memorialize the applicable obligations of the Township) and shall mature within the average period of usefulness hereinabove determined.

(c) The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”), that are applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances set forth in Section 2 hereof.

(b) The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which General Obligation Bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and some of such improvements or purposes, if applicable and permitted by law, a deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 5. The Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on June 15 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2020	\$126,000	2025	\$250,000
2021	125,000	2026	250,000
2022	125,000	2027	250,000
2023	125,000	2028	250,000
2024	125,000	2029	220,000

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to June 15, 2027 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after June 15, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the Township, in whole or in part, on any date on or after June 15, 2026 in accordance with the terms provided in the Notice of Sale authorized herein and attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Notice of Sale”). The Bonds shall be ten (10) in number, with one bond certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be designated and numbered GO-1 to GO-10, inclusive.

Section 6. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form, without coupons. One certificate shall be issued for the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year. Both principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America. Each certificate will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), which will act as Securities Depository (the “Securities Depository”) for the Bonds. The certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records recording the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, except that any bonds in excess of the largest principal amount equaling a multiple of \$5,000 shall be in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and shall bear interest from the date of delivery, which interest shall be payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of June and December of each year (each an “Interest Payment Date”), until maturity or prior redemption, as applicable, commencing June 15, 2020, at such rate or rates of interest per annum as proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Township, or some other paying agent as the Township may designate and appoint, on the maturity dates and due dates and will be credited on the maturity dates and due dates to the participants of DTC as listed on the records of DTC as of each June 1 and December 1 preceding an Interest Payment Date (the “Record Dates”). The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer of the Township under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested to by the manual signature of the Clerk of the Township (the “Clerk” or “Township Clerk”). The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the Bonds:

- Date of Bonds

Date of Delivery
- Principal Payment Dates:

June 15, 2020 and each June 15 thereafter until maturity or prior redemption, as applicable
- Interest Payment Dates:

Semiannually on each June 15 and December 15 until maturity or prior redemption, as applicable, commencing June 15, 2020
- Place of Payment:

Cede & Co., New York, New York

Section 7. The Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of DTC, upon advice of Bond Counsel (as hereinafter defined).

Section 8. The Bonds shall be sold upon receipt of electronic proposals on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. by the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township via the Parity Electronic Bid Submission System (“PARITY”), in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein. The use of the services provided by PARITY and the fees associated therewith are hereby approved. Archer & Greiner P.C., Bond Counsel to the Township (“Bond Counsel”), on behalf of the Clerk of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for (i) the publication of a summary of such Notice of Sale to be published not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of sale in The Bond Buyer, a financial newspaper published and circulating in the City of New York, New York, (ii) the publication of the full text of such Notice of Sale in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and (iii) the posting of the full text of the Notice of Sale on the website provided by or for PARITY. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-34, the Township hereby designates the Chief Financial Officer as the financial officer authorized to sell and to award the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein, and such financial officers shall report in writing the results of the sale to the Township Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting thereafter. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township is hereby further authorized and directed to do and accomplish all matters and things necessary or desirable to effectuate the offering and sale of the Bonds.

Section 9. The Notice of Sale, as well as the “Summary Notice of Sale” shall be substantially in the forms set forth in Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively, attached hereto each with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer to market the Bonds, upon advice of Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor (as defined herein) to the Township.

Section 10. The Bonds shall have affixed thereto a copy of the written opinion with respect to such Bonds that is to be rendered by Bond Counsel. The Clerk of the Township is hereby authorized and directed to file a signed duplicate of such written opinion in the office of the Clerk of the Township.

Section 11. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized and directed, as applicable, to arrange for the printing of the Bonds and for the printing and electronic posting of the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) and the Official Statement (as hereinafter defined), and any and all fees associated therewith, and any such actions undertaken heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement are hereby authorized to be prepared by Bond Counsel; Ardito & Co. LLP, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Auditors to the Township (the “Auditor”); Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey (the “Municipal Advisor”) and other Township officials and professionals, and any such actions undertaken heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed. Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor are each also authorized and directed to arrange for the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement on behalf of the Township to those financial institutions that customarily submit bids for such Bonds, and any such actions undertaken heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are each authorized and directed to execute and deliver any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement. Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, and the Auditor are further authorized and directed to obtain ratings on the Bonds and to prepare and submit financial and other information on the Township to each rating agency and the preparation and submission of any such application is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 12. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequently imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Bonds, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Bonds, if necessary.

Section 13. The Township is hereby authorized to make representations and warranties, to enter into agreements and to make all arrangements with DTC, as may be necessary to provide that the Bonds will be eligible for deposit with DTC and to satisfy any obligation undertaken in connection therewith.

Section 14. In the event DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds or is removed by the Township and if no successor Securities Depository is appointed, the Bonds which were previously issued in book-entry form shall be converted to Registered Bonds (the “Registered Bonds”) in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, except that any bonds in excess of the largest principal amount equaling a multiple of \$5,000 shall be in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The beneficial owner under the book-entry system, upon registration of the Bonds held in the beneficial owner’s name, will become the registered owner of the respective Registered Bonds. The Township shall be obligated to provide for the execution and delivery of the respective Registered Bonds in certified form.

Section 15. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to “deem final” the Official Statement (the “Official Statement”) prepared with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and pursuant to the provisions of the Rule (as hereinafter defined) and to execute a certificate regarding same, and any such actions undertaken heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to authorize and approve the use and distribution of the Official Statement in preliminary form (the “Preliminary Official Statement”) in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, and any such actions undertaken heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be modified, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Municipal Advisor, to reflect the effect of the sale of the Bonds and said modified Preliminary Official Statement shall constitute the final Official Statement (the “Final Official Statement”). The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Final Official Statement to the purchasers of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Rule, for its use in the sale, resale and distribution of the Bonds, where and if applicable.

Section 16. The final Official Statement to be dated on or about May 30, 2019 (the “Final Official Statement”), prepared with respect to the issuance of the Bonds, is hereby authorized to be executed on behalf of the Township by the Chief Financial Officer, and delivered to the purchaser of the Bonds in connection with the sale, resale and distribution of the Bonds, where and if applicable. The Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township are each hereby further authorized and directed to deliver any certificates necessary in connection with the distribution of the Official Statement.

Section 17. The Township hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the respective Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Certificate”) which will set forth the obligation of the Township to file, as applicable, budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as amended and supplemented (the “Rule”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented. The Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Certificate to the purchasers of the Bonds, evidencing the Township’s undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Township to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Bonds, as applicable; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance, to cause the Township to comply with its obligations hereunder and thereunder.

Section 18. The Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township are each hereby authorized and directed to sell the aforesaid Bonds and to determine all matters in connection with the Bonds (including adjusting the maturity schedule or any other matters set forth in this resolution that are deemed necessary and advisable to change by the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township prior to the sale or closing of the Bonds, all in consultation with Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor and the Auditor), and the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer of the Township upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Clerk of the Township and any other Township Official or professional including, but not limited to, Bond Counsel, the Municipal Advisor, the Auditor, the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney (collectively, the “Township Officials”), are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such documents as are necessary to consummate the sale and closing of the Bonds, and to take such actions or refrain from such actions as are necessary for the issuance of the Bonds and all such actions or inactions taken by the aforesaid Township Officials heretofore are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 19. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, MARIA ANDREWS, Clerk of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the “Township”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed resolution entitled, “RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES AND DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE OFFERING OF \$1,846,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” is a copy of a resolution which was duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Township Committee duly called and held on May 1, 2019 in full compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout and which resolution has been compared by me with the original thereof as contained in the minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of such governing body and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of the original minutes so far as they relate to the subject matters referred to within and aforesaid resolution has not been repealed, amended or rescinded but remains in full force and effect on and as of the date hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Township as of this 1 day of May, 2019.

MARIA ANDREWS, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve Resolution #66-2019 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

ActiveSolar Development, LLC – Presentation by John Drexinger

John Drexinger from ActiveSolar came forward and explained there are opportunities for municipalities to take advantage of the recent implementation of the Community Solar and Remote Net Metering solar programs available in New Jersey. He noted ActiveSolar is interested in exploring a 25 year land lease agreement which would allow the township to act as a host site for the solar project but not be obligated to purchase the electric generated from the project unless they wanted to.

Mr. Drexinger commented that the proposal would likely be for a 5 megawatt solar facility on the municipal building property, 150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road. He explained that over the 25 year land lease term the Township would likely receive a total of approximately \$2.5 million in revenues. He clarified it is about \$5000 per acre for a 25 acre site and noted there is a 1% escalator. Annually the Township could expect to receive approximately \$125,000. Mr. Drexinger also noted that it may be possible for about 250 residences within the JCP&L service area to buy into the solar program if there was an interest.

ActiveSolar has 3 main project investors: NJ Natural Gas, Constellation Energy and Goldman Sachs.

Mayor Rich commented that Attorney Campbell is currently working on a few of these proposals in her office and the process would be for West Amwell to seek a Request for Qualification (RFQ) or a Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Drexinger remarked that ActiveSolar is taking applications for the next 30 days.

George Fisher of 608 Brunswick Pike spoke up from the public and confirmed this proposal is simply a land lease deal. Mr. Drexinger said yes.

Mr. Shute of the Finance Committee spoke up from the public and asked about the 1% escalator. Mr. Drexinger explained the percentage is standard but noted other public entities have asked for 2%. Mr. Shute asked if a performance bond would be established for decommissioning of the site. Mr. Drexinger said yes.

Mr. Shute asked about the equipment details. Mr. Drexinger explained there would be approximately 13,500 solar panels plus the racking components.

Mr. Shute suggested a new property/site survey be done. Mr. Drexinger agreed and noted surveys are routinely done for all projects by their civil engineers.

It was noted for the record that Mayor Rich would reach out to Attorney Campbell regarding the RFQ/RFP.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Introduction: Ordinance 7, 2019 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153, SECTION 153-3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Towing and Storage of Illegally Parked Vehicles)

It was noted for the record that Ordinance 7, 2019 was tabled in order for AOIC Skillman to provide additional input on why the amendments are needed.

Introduction: Ordinance 9, 2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVERSE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 38 “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” PART 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” ARTICLE III “PROMOTIONS,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CLARIFY THE PROMOTION PROCESS

Mayor Rich read Ordinance 9, 2019 by title.

ORDINANCE 9, 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 38 “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” PART 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” ARTICLE III “PROMOTIONS,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CLARIFY THE PROMOTION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell wishes to amend Chapter 38 “Police Department,” Part 1 “General Provisions,” Article III “Promotions” to clarify the promotion process within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Township Committee’s attention that §38-10 and §38-11 have conflicting rules regarding the procedure for promotions within the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wished to amend the Ordinance to ensure that all candidates have a clear understanding of the Township’s promotion process; and

WHEREAS, the Township Police Department Rules and Regulations Volume 1, Chapter 5 “Promotional Process” further conflicts, in part, with Chapter 38 of the Township Code and so the Township shall delete Chapter 5 in its entirety and replace it with a citation to the Township Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Chapter 38, “Police Department,” Part 1 “General Provisions,” Article III “Promotions,” of the Code of the Township of West Amwell shall be amended as follows:

Section 1.

§ 38-7. Eligibility.

A promotion of any sworn full-time member of the Department to a superior position shall be made from the membership of the Police Department. Due consideration shall be given to the member so proposed for promotion and to the length and merit of his service. No person shall be eligible for promotion to be a superior officer unless he shall have previously served as a patrolman, shall have completed three years of service with the West Amwell Township Police Department and served a minimum of two years in his/her present rank.

Section 2:

§ 38-8. Minimum ratings requirements.

No member of the Police Department shall be eligible for admittance to a promotional examination if his relative efficiency rating has been less than 70% over three consecutive rating periods.

Section 3:

§ 38-9. Completion of training programs.

Satisfactory completion of assigned police training programs shall also be among the prerequisites for a member to become eligible for promotion within the Police Department.

Section 4:

§ 38-10. Accreditation.

Upon creation of a vacancy in higher rank, replacement shall be determined on the basis of accreditation to be applied as follows:

- A. Seniority. The candidate shall be credited with one-half point for each year of continuous service with the West Amwell Township Police Department.
- B. Written examination. Written examination shall be conducted by the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association. The possible total valuation of the written examination shall be 50 points with 100% being perfect, and the applicant must attain at least 35 points (i.e., a passing grade of 70%) from this examination to be eligible for promotion to the next rank.
- C. Oral interview. The Township Committee shall interview each candidate for promotion. Each candidate shall be graded as a result of the interview, with 25 points being perfect.
- D. Personnel record. The personnel record of each candidate shall be judged by the Township Committee and having a possible total valuation of 25 points. The points credited shall be the Committee's decision.

Section 5:

§ 38-11. Procedures for promotion.

- A. Vacancy. When the governing body determines that it wishes to fill a vacancy for a position as a superior officer, it shall announce the opening to officers within the West Amwell Police Department by posting the same in a central location within headquarters.
- B. Eligibility. All officers, who meet the eligibility requirement of §38-7, are eligible to be promoted to any available rank within the Department.
- C. Register with Township Committee. All officers who desire to take the test for the purpose of selecting a superior officer will complete a registration form to be filed with the Township Committee.
- D. Written examination. The New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association or any other entity authorized by the governing body will administer the written examination.
- E. List to be prepared. After the written examination has been concluded and scored, the list of applicants and their respective scores will be forwarded to the Township Committee. The results of the examination shall apply to the vacancy in the higher rank for which the examination was held.
- F. Recommendation by the highest-ranking officer. The highest-ranking officer will prepare a summary of the service record for each applicant who completes the written examination. This summary will include commendations, disciplinary action, productivity and a recommendation by the highest-ranking officer, supported by documentation, as to whether or not the candidate is worthy of promotion. These summaries will be forwarded to the Township Committee. If the highest-ranking officer is one of the candidates or otherwise has a conflict, the Township Committee shall review each applicants personnel file and any available productivity or statistical reports available.

- G. Promotion. After completing all phases of the accreditation process as described in §38-10, the governing body will select the applicant with the highest score for promotion. If the governing body concludes that none of the applicants are suitable for promotion, the position may remain vacant. If the candidate declines the position the governing body may choose to offer the position to the next highest scoring candidate or may decide to leave the position vacant. Final decision for promotions or appointments shall rest with the Township Committee.

Section 6:

All other sections shall remain unchanged.

Section 7:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 8. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Committee of the Township of West Amwell held on May 1, 2019, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on June 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 150 Rocktown Lambertville Road, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to introduce Ordinance 9, 2019 upon first reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

It was noted for the record that the public hearing for Ordinance 9, 2019 is scheduled for 6/19/19 at 7:30 PM.

Approval of Resolution #65-2019: Resolution Amending West Amwell Township Police Department Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Volume 1 “Administration,” Chapter 5 “Promotional Process”

It was noted for the record that Resolution #65-2019 goes along with Ordinance 9, 2019 so that the Police Department Policy and the Township Ordinance are consistent.

RESOLUTION #65-2019

AMENDING WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, VOLUME 1 “ADMINISTRATION,” CHAPTER 5 “PROMOTIONAL PROCESS”.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell has determined that Volume 1, Chapter 5 of the West Amwell Police Departments Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures conflicts with the Township Code and therefore must be amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that Volume 1 “Administration,” Chapter 5 “Promotional Process,” of the West Amwell Township Police Department’s Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Administration
Promotional Process
Vol. 1, Chapter 5**

Promotional Process: All promotions within the West Amwell Police Department shall be done in accordance with Chapter 38, Article III, Sections 7 through 11 of the Code of the Township of West Amwell.

CERTIFICATION

I, MARIA ANDREWS, Township Clerk of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, at a regular meeting of said Committee held on May 1, 2019.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve Resolution #65-2019 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

Introduction: Ordinance 10, 2019 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO MILL ROAD, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFORE (INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Rich read Ordinance 10, 2019 by title.

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL
BOND ORDINANCE 10, 2019**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO MILL ROAD, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFORE (INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey (the “Township”). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$200,000, which is inclusive of a grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of

Transportation in the amount of \$150,000 (the “Grant”), and \$10,000 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose required by the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the “Local Bond Law”). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes or from moneys actually held by the Township.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$200,000 appropriation not provided for by application of said down payment, and until the Grant has been received, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$190,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$190,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is roadway improvements to Mill Road, which improvements shall include, as applicable, excavation, milling, paving, reconstruction and boxing out and resurfacing or full depth pavement replacement, and where necessary, the sealing of pavement cracks, the repairing and/or installation of associated curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons, resetting utility castings, drainage work, and aesthetic improvements, and also including all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) Until the Grant is received, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvement or purpose is \$190,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$200,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, and until the Grant has been received, being the amount of \$10,000 is comprised of the down payment for said improvement or purpose.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Hunterdon, and/or a private entity make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township, including the Grant, for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Hunterdon and/or a private entity. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, the County of Hunterdon and/or a private equity, including the Grant, shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Township as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Capital Budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$190,000 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 9 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

SECTION 10. The Township Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Township Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 11. The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: May 1, 2019

MARIA ANDREWS, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Dale, seconded by Bergenfeld to introduce Ordinance 10, 2019 upon first reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

It was noted for the record that the public hearing on Ordinance 10, 2019 is scheduled for 5/15/19 at 7:30 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Open Space – No report was given.

Environmental – No report was given.

Aq Advisory – No report was given.

Finance Committee – No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PennEast Status

It was noted for the record that no status update was provided.

Discussion: SHREC Lease Agreements Onyx, LLC – Possible Approval of Resolution #31-2019: Estoppel Certificate

It was noted for the record that this matter will be carried to the Committee's 5/15/19 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

Resolution #64-2019: Salary & Wage Resolution for 2019

RESOLUTION # 64-2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the salaries and compensation for officials and employees shall be as follows for 2019:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Resolution</u>
Mayor Rich	\$ 3,617.00
Township Committee members:	
Bergenfeld, Cally, Hoyer, Dale	\$ 3,033.00/each
QPA – DeAngelis	\$ 4,000.00
Township Clerk Andrews	\$ 73,071.00
Registrar Andrews	\$ 3,161.00
Deputy Township Clerk Haberle	\$ 33,511.00
Deputy Registrar of VS Haberle	\$ 2,556.00
Escrow Clerk Haberle	\$ 3,796.00
Tax Assessor Gill	\$ 36,947.00
CFO/Treasurer Carro	\$ 36,473.00
Certifying Officer for Pensions Carro	\$ 1,402.00
Assistant Treasurer Haberle	\$ 13,401.00
Payroll Clerk Haberle	\$ 3,328.00
Planning Board Secretary Andrews	\$ 16,075.00
Board of Adjustment Secretary Andrews	\$ 7,669.00
Board of Health Secretary Andrews	\$ 3,711.00
Dog Registrar Haberle	\$ 2,678.00
Municipal Housing Liaison/AA	\$ 5,895.00
Judge Barson	\$ 15,037.00
Court Administrator Hoagland	\$ 47,435.00
Violations Clerk Williamson	\$ 25.00/hour

Zoning Officer Latini	\$ 8,500.00
Construction Official Rose	\$ 21,755.00
Plumbing & Mechanical Sub Code Official Rose	\$ 20,910.00
Electric Sub Code Official Buchanan	\$ 24,444.00
Building Sub Code Official Rosso	\$ 26,555.00
Fire Sub Code Official Langon	\$ 10,877.00
Fire Official Langon	\$ 6,255.00
Substitute Electric Sub-Code & Inspectors (Petto & Steele)	\$ 33.98/hour
Construction/Zoning Office Mgr Brewi	\$ 47,543.00
Assistant Collector of Taxes Brewi	\$ 4,457.00
Police Administrative Secretary Currie	\$ 20.00/hour
Open Space Secretary	\$ 17.12/hour
Rabies Clinic Secretarial Haberle & Andrews	\$ 26.14/hour/each
Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$ 14.59/hour
Waste Security Laborer Dowd	\$ 12.27/hour
Custodian/Police Bldg. – Gibney	\$ 15.95/hour
Custodian/Municipal Bldg. – Durborow	\$ 250.00/monthly
Dir. Of Public Works & Roads Rollero	\$ 36.60/hour
DPW Coordinator	\$ 30.00/hour
Road Foreman	\$ 27.41/hour
Road Class A – Pearson	\$ 22.41/hour
Road Class C – Gabel	\$ 18.92/hour
Road Class C – Janyszeski	\$ 18.92/hour
Road Class C – Cronce	\$ 20.00/hour
Road Laborer – Carom	\$ 18.00/hour
Road Laborer Venettone	\$ 15.99/hour
Summer DPW Worker TBD	\$ ____/hour
Temporary DPW Worker TBD	\$ ____/hour
Part-time Officer Gibney	\$ 25.56/hour
Part-time Officer Venettone	\$ 25.56/hour
Part-time Officer TBD	\$ ____/hour
Police Matron (min. 4 hrs pay if call out between 9 p.m. & 6 a.m.)	\$ 20.00/hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be retro-active to January 1, 2019.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the West Amwell Township Committee at their regular meeting held May 1, 2019.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale to approve Resolution #64-2019 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

Resolution: #67-2019: Hiring Police Secretary S. Currie

RESOLUTION #67-2019

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell advertised for the position of Police Administrative Secretary; and

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted with several applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that Suzanne Currie is best qualified for said position; and

WHEREAS, Suzanne has accepted the Township's offer for the position

WHEREAS, the hours to be worked are flexible, between 20 to 25 hours per week Monday – Friday; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Suzanne Currie be appointed Police Administrative Secretary effective May 8, 2019 at a rate of \$20.00 per hour with a 1 year probationary period.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the West Amwell Township Committee at a special meeting held May 1, 2019.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve Resolution #67-2019 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

Appointment: Paul Hunt to Ag Advisory Committee

It was noted for the record that Mayor Rich appointed Paul Hunt to the Ag Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/20.

Discussion: Garbage Permit Rate Increase 2019-2020 Season

It was noted for the record that this discussion will be carried to the Committee's 5/15/19 meeting in order for SWAC Coordinator Ryan Rollero to be able to attend and provide input.

Discussion: SHRHS's Request to Close Rocktown-Lambertville Road for Graduation

Clerk Andrews explained a request has come in from the High School to close Rocktown-Lambertville Road for approximately 1 hour during graduation this year. The ceremony is being held on the field hockey field, not the football field due to the new track being installed, and the field hockey field is directly next to the road. Since there is a limited sound system the school is asking for the road to be closed from 6 PM and 7 PM on 6/18/19.

It was noted for the record that AOIC Skillman had indicated this would not be a problem and could coordinate the closures from the intersections of Mt. Airy-Harbourton Road/Rocktown-Lambertville Road and Mill Road/Rocktown-Lambertville Road. It was also noted that local traffic and vehicles needing to get to the municipal building for the Planning Board meeting that night will be allowed through.

The Committee believed the request was reasonable and agreed to accommodate the road closure for graduation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Rich opened the floor to public comment. Dave Beaumont of 205 Rock Road West came forward and updated the Committee that the SHRHS tax rate is flat for West Amwell. He noted their budget went down, but the levy increased. Mr. Beaumont has requested clarification from the school on that but has not yet heard back.

Additionally, Mr. Beaumont expressed concern for a situation he recently witnessed near the intersection of Rock Road West and the Rock Road Ext. He explained he saw a mother and child riding bikes in the road and the child was nearly hit by a car coming from Route 518. Mr. Beaumont offered the following suggestions:

1. Installation of a stop or yield sign on Rock Road Ext. at the intersection of Rock Road West
2. Revise Township Code 153-19 by removing Rock Road West from the list of “through” roads
3. Adopt a new Ordinance that amends Ordinance 12, 1992, to rename Rock Road Ext to Rock Road West and then rename the part of Rock Road West past the intersection to Rock Road West Ext.

Mayor Rich commented that he would take this information under advisement. Seeing no other members of the public come forward, a motion was made by Bergenfeld and seconded by Cally to close to the public. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

OTHER

Resolution #68-2019: Closed Session – Personnel/Contracts – Litigation/Affordable Housing

A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Cally to enter into Closed Session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

Resolution #68-2019

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.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk

A motion by Cally, seconded by Rich to return to Open Session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bergenfeld: Yes, Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes

The Committee was in Closed Session from 9:08 PM – 10:09PM.

It was noted for the record that the Committee authorized the hiring of Nisivoccia, LLP Certified Public Accountants & Advisors to perform an independent audit of the municipal court per the request of the New Jersey Superior Court Vicinage 13 Assignment Judge.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It was noted for the record that no comments were made on any of the administrative reports listed on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee ordered the correspondence listed on the agenda, filed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Rich, seconded by Bergenfeld to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

Approved: 5/15/19