

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 4, 2017 - 7:30 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 7:35 p.m. Present were Mayor John Dale, Deputy Mayor Stephen Bergenfeld, Committeeman Zachary T. Rich, James Cally, Gary Hoyer, Clerk Lora Olsen and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III. Also in attendance were 40+ people, including George Fisher, Dave Beaumont, Craig Reading, Lou Muenker, Pat Durborow, Erik Hagman, Mike Spille, C. Williamson, Tim Vanatta, Robert Tomenchok, Jr., Kiyle Osgood, Ryan O'Hara, Jen Batchellor, Barbie Asplundh, Michael Heron, Eric Richard, Heidi Tomenchok, Bill Burr, Harry J. Heller, Krista Parsons, Steve Murzenski, Mark Sirak, Mark Valente, Ellen Cattani, Tim Lelie, Karen Lelie, Connor Healy, Kevin Koveloski, Joe Romano, Olga Napoleon, Renee Soto, and David Krasne.

Mayor Dale 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 2, 2017, 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.

## FLAG SALUTE

The mayor led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

## AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

The following correction was made to 11.B. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (not Girl Scouts)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Municipal Offices Closed October 9, 2017 for Columbus Day
- West Amwell Fire Co Auxiliary Dinner, October 14, 4 to 7 p.m. (Please come; it's good)
- Last Day to Register to Vote in November General Election is October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Early Voting, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Until 7 p.m.; Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., County Clerk's Office, Main Street, Flemington
- County Ident-a-Shred Days @ Court House, 9 a.m.to Noon on Oct 7, Nov 4 (County residents only; No Businesses; 10 Box Limit)
- County Hazardous Waste Day, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-1 p.m., Route 12
- PSE&G/Asplundh ROW Herbicide Application, Begins August 15<sup>th</sup>
- JCP&L Fall Routine Inspection of Transmission Lines Begin October 13th (helicopters)
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

## PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve the September 20, 2017 Regular meeting minutes with no revisions noted carried unanimously.

*A departure from the agenda order was approved given the public turnout.*

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Craig Reading re: Soccer/Track Field – Joint Venture with School District on Municipal Property  
Mr. Rich relayed that this is an item that needs to be nailed down tonight as to direction and that an initial meeting was held a month ago to re-vitalize the idea of a real track. Eighty percent of the information needed for a decision is now at hand and would include an agreement with the school to operate and maintain the facility with West Amwell providing the land for the needed space.

Township Engineer Bill Burr presented a concept plan for a 100 foot x 300 foot soccer field and 300 foot x 600 foot track located on the east side the municipal building in an area that abuts school property. No additional parking was indicated; earth work would be required as well as under drainage; a well for irrigation; and, sod. The estimate for just the field and track was \$1.2 million. Amenities such as lights, bleachers, scoreboard, fencing, signage, etc. would run another \$250,000 with engineering services coming in at around \$150,000. Mr. Burr relayed that scheduling is tight for a September 2018 season given the various permits needed, design time, bids and construction items.

Craig Reading, South Hunterdon School Board member, reviewed the need for a full track due to the growing interest in the overall program, which includes shot put, pole vaulting,

etc. The track itself would consist of six lanes. The plan presented by Mr. Burr was called Plan B. Mr. Reading advised that Plan A would add this feature to the existing football field. However, this would involve moving the lights and leveling the field. The latter is of concern due to the area being filled with macadam, etc. In addition, it would mean that the 2018 football season would be played at Hunterdon Central as there would not be adequate time for the grass to grow; there would only be room for a five lane track; and, it doesn't address concerns about enough play and practice fields. Therefore, the school needs a Plan B to assist with space needs. The school has \$750,000 available from State capital funds as well as savings on local capital projects and the sale of a painting. The idea being floated involves a land lease between the School Board and the Township with the management of the facility to be by the school. Mr. Reading stressed that tax payer money is being managed in such a way that there is no need for additional funds. However, if the cost exceeds available funds, the project would have to go referendum which is something that they do not want to do given past experience. He also noted that there is a time constraint on the use of the available funds.

Lou Muenker, South Hunterdon Superintendent, relayed that there is no debate as to the need for soccer fields and, in the long term, a new school. Both plans are expensive propositions; Plan A means the loss of the football season; and, with a project of this size there are lots of challenges. The earliest that the School Board can look at the numbers provided is the end of the month although the buildings and grounds group will meet next week. He agreed with Mr. Reading concerning a referendum; that there is excitement for the athletic program; but, there are residents with concerns about athletics vs books. Mr. Muenker spoke about the three elementary schools, of which Stockton will close next year, and the options for them...doing nothing, making needed renovations, or building a new school. The latter was something discussed at one point as being situated on municipal grounds. These various items have been under consideration for a number of years. The current game and practice fields are being killed through over use. Mr. Muenker indicated that public meetings will be held and that if there are more questions, they'll return to the Township Committee.

John Cronic inquired as to the track surface and size and was advised that it would be a synthetic base with a top coat. The track would be a standard 400 meters with 6 lanes, as opposed to 5 lanes if placed around the current football field, and would require drainage and irrigation. Mr. Cronic also questioned the number of people coming out for soccer. According to Mr. Muenker, this would depend whether it's a weekday or weekend with Mr. Burr commenting that the rule is 25-30 spaces for a soccer field, of which there should be plenty of spaces available in the current municipal lot.

As to the parking question, Mr. Reading advised that a new 100 space lot is proposed for the theatre side of the school and an additional 50 spots behind the gym. Both of these are included in their current plans.

Committeeman Hoyer inquired where the other half of the \$1.4 million would come from as the school only has \$750,000 on hand and the maintenance budget, should the facility go forward. Mr. Reading relayed that the funding could be staggered over a couple of years; outlined the design to completion schedule; noted that the use of sod would require another \$1/2 million dollars; that scheduling of use would be handled by the athletic department with first priority to the high school, then South County, with the public given nights and weekends. Other successful collaborative efforts with the two entities was noted.

*Questions from the audience were solicited:*

- Barbie Asplough of Rock Road West inquired about money saved vs estimate and where the remainder would come from. *Mr. Reading advised this would come from the regular budget, including max 2% yearly increase; surplus; and, cap reserve.*
- Kylie Osgood of Rocktown-Lamb. Road questioned economic benefit to offset costs involved. *Mr. Muenker replied that it is a misnomer to get revenue from events to offset costs with Mr. Reading advising that there are three community groups that have funds to contribute above and beyond taxpayer dollars.*
- Jen Batchellor of Rocktown-Lamb. Road commented on the proximity of the track to her property; expressed concern about the removal of trees; and, that use of the track/field outside school hours puts the public in her backyard, especially as they have a pool. Although she is okay with a track and soccer field, if this will be open to tournaments on the weekend, it will have a big impact on her family and home. *Mr. Burr advised that the trees would not be touched; that the track would slope away from her property; and that there is more concern over the width. Committeeman Bergenfeld inquired about height and was advised that there would be a 5-6 foot cut at the Batchellor end with that material used to fill the lower end and would require the construction of a retaining wall. Committeeman Cally asked about screening.*
- Robert Tomenchok, Rocktown-Lamb. Road, who is also the Chair of the Planning Board, advised that the project will have to come to the Board for review and comment. He further noted that they would work with the school; that Mr. Burr is also the Planning Board Engineer;

and that the Township has worked cooperatively with the school in the past.

-Steven Murzenski of Terrell Road, commented that the concept is 'shoe horned' and questioned whether there would be room for concession stands, bathrooms, bleachers, etc., as well as the cost of a soccer field, multiple uses, lights and turf. *He was advised that space is needed for soccer fields.*

- Jim Rosso, Frontage Road, suggested that the money be spent on the football field to include soccer and track. *Mr. Reading advised that this suggestion is Plan A and that home games would be lost. Mr. Muenker added that it is difficult to maintain the fields due to current usage groups.*

-Mike Heron commented on the two plans, noting that Plan B will delay the process as it needs to go to the Planning Board. *Mr. Muenker advised that there would be the November to January time frame for the bid, with Mr. Reading noting that they would need to come the Board either way.*

- Joseph Petrucci, Woodens Lane, spoke in favor of the plan in that between track, cross country and soccer it's the best alternative and provides space with the increased footprint.

- Hal Shute, Rocktown-Lamb. Road, and a member of the Planning Board, commented that 'shoe horn' is a good phrase. There are two different uses and two different properties. The plan is too tight; doesn't work as the distance to the municipal building is but 50 feet; and, minimum side yard setbacks are not met. He suggested that an area be carved out and the property transferred to the regional school as this would be cleaner due to the setback.

- Dave Beaumont, Rock Road West, commented that he is thrilled about the growing soccer program and, with the closing of the Stockton school, there will be sufficient money freed up for this use. He also agreed with the comment about the challenge of referendums.

Committeeman Rich re-iterated his position that the Committee come to agreement tonight so as move this to the School Board.

*A motion by Rich that the concept is acceptable to the Township Committee was seconded by Cally. Motion approved unanimously.*

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

Mr. Beaumont came forward concerning the upcoming referendum and relayed that the Community Outreach Committee is working on making information available on the financial aspects and the current police force. He suggested making the information available on the website and Facebook as well as having flyers in the municipal building and at the depot. A possible direct mailing was also raised. Mr. Beaumont anticipates a release for posting by Friday and proceeded to overview the major points of the financial Q&A document. As for current police services, a meeting was held last week about the two aspects of the department, which are law enforcement and guardian. A draft containing that information should be ready for review and subsequent posting within a week.

Mike Spille, Hewitt Road, commented on the odd phrasing of the referendum question of either a '\$400 tax increase vs. outsourcing the police,' average assessment and tax side of the \$3.5 million dollar budget. He questioned what the value of \$400 is over several years; caps on increases; whether the budget problem is due to the police; the need for information on gains vs loss of the department; net impact of the loss on internal policing; and dollars savings vs what is lost in the process. Mr. Spille offered that a township meeting is needed on this topic as lots of people have questions and it's a big issue. The proposed outreach is not enough.

Eric Richard extended appreciation to Mr. Beaumont and looks forward to receiving information to answer questions posed. Concern was expressed about timing as there are probably 15-20% of residents who have already voted without the information being presented. He questioned the statistics referenced concerning State funding; noted that this has not changed in years; why there is now a crisis facing the Township that requires the \$400 increase; and, is confused as to the rational. Mr. Richard asked 'why now' and commented on this being a slippery slope with details forthcoming, but none yet available, for a yes or no vote as to the specific impact on police or taxes and that residents do not understand. Mr. Richard also questioned whether the vote will lead to a ballot CAP question; noted his desire for an educated voter; and, if there was an estimate on the potential tax increase as voters need to know what the impact will be on the budget.

*The mayor questioned the early voting numbers and Committeeman Rich agreed about doing a better job on the communications process. He relayed that the intent is to get it right; the Committee has known for a couple of years as to the shortfall; and, that things won't get better without accountability. If the residents want a service and the money is not there due to no economic growth, they have to pay for it. Hence, the question is being asked. As for timing,*

*an attempt is being made to get ahead of the issue. Discussion ensued over attempts made to save \$200,000 in the 2017 budget; uncertainty about State aid; and, rising costs in general.*

Connor Healy, Steepleview, expressed concern over a 'yes' vote and outsourcing as this would mean selling the cars, computers, etc., and once the initial contract is up, the sweet deal could be dead and the cost escalated. There would be no bargaining chip left and wondered what the Township would do then.

*The mayor confirmed that there would be no going back if the department was disbanded and the concern was appreciated. Information on the services provided by the police department is anticipated to be available early next week.*

A brief discussion over a meeting allocated to the topic of the referendum resulted in the decision to hold this at the scheduled October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. This was approved on motion by Rich, seconded by Bergenfeld. Motion carried unanimously. Due to the previous commitment for a closed session at that meeting, it was agreed to change the meeting start time to 7 p.m. to accommodate. Legal notice of the change will be published, sent to the website, and to Mr. Heller.

The chatter on Facebook was also mentioned by Mr. Healy in that there's the feeling out there that this is a smoke screen to raise taxes without getting people mad at the Township Committee. The matter has upset folks with most okay with the \$400 increase in order to keep the police. He also relayed that the police should not have even been mentioned in the referendum as they're part of the municipality. His opinion is that the Township should have just said that they have to raise taxes. Right now the officers cannot sleep due to this issue and he questioned why this is being done to them.

*Mayor Dale advised that the item is controllable in that it is being brought to the public. It's an important referendum in that the issue has been brought up at least 4 times in recent years, although through the back door. The Committee is being upfront and wants to hear from the residents. Committeeman Hoyer advised that this is an economic matter, not a police one. Control at the municipal level is required but finding savings has not materialized. Even if nothing is done, taxes will rise anyway. There has to be a balance between revenue, expense and debt, of which is latter is not palatable. Therefore, the only option is to raise taxes and confirmation by the public as to yes/no on the options is sought.*

Mr. Tomenchok offered historical perspective by noting the merger study completed through a grant several years ago. Although Lambertville was interested, it was a non-starter in that the residents wanted no part of Lambertville. This is West Amwell and the residents support their police. The Finance committee has worked over the budget and the Township Committee sees they're in trouble. The funding situation since the Gross Receipts & Franchise Tax was lost to fund State budgets and turned into COMPTRA was noted. The original level of funding will never return so something has to be done.

Tim Lelie, George Washington Road, commented favorably on the Road Department as to his particular road, and inquired where a police department outsourcing would go as the only options would be Lambertville and Delaware Township. As for the possibility of using State Police, their response time would be at least 35 minutes. He cautioned that there will be a large turnout, probably in the neighborhood of 300, for the next meeting that will need a police presence. Mr. Lelie also inquired about the availability of a grant writer as there are federal dollars available to bolster police departments.

Dave Beaumont advised that the total State funds lost is \$4.5 million. At one time State funding amounted to 40% of the budget. This is now down to 25% with 37% raised through a tax levy. He compared this to the 50% tax levy of surrounding municipalities.

Steve Murzenski, Terrell Road, relayed that he's been a resident for six months; questioned if the cost of outsourcing was known; and, to whom. He was also curious as to how police vs \$400 was identified; wondered what would happen should outsourcing be more than the current expenditure; and, if costs were investigated prior to this.

*Committeeman Hoyer advised that any savings have to be material ones and that the driver is economics. The police department is the largest item in the budget and that the focus has been on opportunity for savings. If there are no savings, taxes will increase. The question is do we look for cost savings or not. The taxpayers get to decide. Committeeman Bergenfeld commented that other municipalities have achieved savings through outsourcing.*

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, this portion of the meeting was closed.

It was announced that hard copy of the Q&A will be available in the municipal building and on the website. Appreciation was extended to all in attendance for coming out this evening. Most attendees left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Beaumont again took the floor with the suggestion that they use the next meeting to clarify the issues, not one that attempts to convince the Township Committee by grandstanding and selling a position. This would keep the time frame down. Discussion ensued over the 'how and why' of the police information. Mr. Beaumont explained that an offer was made to prepare the paper concerning the police as law enforcement and guardians. Mr. Heller commented on the topic of grant writing, noting that he has done this but that one needs to know how to tailor for a particular year. Also mentioned was that it's not the \$400 that needs clarification but the assessment angle and other possible revisions to the draft Q&A were raised.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S) - continued**

Reports by Department Heads – OEM Director Harry Heller inquired as to the status of the firehouse generator as there is still a cover plate flopping around due to there being no lock. Whenever the work is completed, he'll work on getting reimbursement from the State. He needs the actual sign off from the Construction office as to permit close out as well as word from Township Engineer Burr, Fire Chief Jeff Ent and Public Works Director Rollero that all is well. He commented that hurricane season is upon us and 'to be ready.'

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING - none**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - none**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Possible Appointments – none**

Updates – 1) No comment on **cost savings measures**. 2) Attorney Faherty relayed that the Tax Sale Certificate for **Block 46** Lots 5, 6, 7 has been sent to the County for cancellation. A corrected deed is required due to a consideration that forgave the taxes owed. This corrective deed from the Township to the Township was signed by Mayor Dale and Clerk Olsen. Attorney Faherty will file with the County. The situation concerning the three lots was reviewed. It was confirmed that these constitute a substandard lot which would require zoning board approval in order to build and that there is a structure on one lot. Possible sale options were relayed with more information to be forthcoming at the next meeting. 3) Attorney Faherty has written a letter to ABC concerning the **Unionville Winery Outlet/Salesroom** but has not received a response. He also noted receiving a call from Unionville concerning a variance on property adjoining them.

**Decision Concerning Application for 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program** – An application for the remainder of Rocktown-Lamb. Road was the recommendation of the Township Engineer. Recommendation accepted and approved.

**Resolution Amending Resolution #113-2017 Municipal Alliance Submission** – An incorrect dollar amount was inserted in the original resolution. This will correct that error so that it is on the record.

#### **RESOLUTION #123-2017 (Amending Resolution #113-2017)**

WHEREAS, the amount of the South Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for SFY 2018 was cited incorrectly as \$181,380.00 as the alliance receives only a portion of that amount

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that item 1 in Resolution #113-2017 be corrected to read as follows:

1. The Township Committee does hereby support the submission of an application for the South Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for SFY 2018 in the amount of **\$16,108.00.**

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Cally, seconded by Bergenfeld.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Resolution on Outside Employment (Best Practices)** – With the approval of this policy resolution, twenty one points will be achieved on the survey. This means there will be no loss of State funds.

RESOLUTION #124-2017

BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Committee that the following policy concerning outside employment be made part of the West Amwell Township Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and be effective upon adoption of this Resolution.

I. PURPOSE:

Outside employment is specifically monitored for Department Heads to determine that no conflict of interest exists that could impinge on municipal governance. This monitoring is in compliance with the NJ Best Practices Checklist.

In regard to all employees, the Township does not limit an employee's activities during non-working hours unless those activities interfere with or are in conflict with the performance of his/her job, or creates a conflict of interest. If an employee has question as to whether outside employment creates a conflict, they should talk to the Township Clerk and/or Township Attorney.

II. PROCEDURE:

1. Consistent with "best practices" enumerated by the State of New Jersey, the Township is requiring that all **Department Heads** provide information on any outside employment so that the Township can assure that no conflicts of interest impinge on municipal governance.
2. The attached form shall be completed by each department head upon the effective date of this policy or upon taking a Department Head position, and will be kept on file with the Township Clerk.
3. If the Department Head does not engage in outside employment, the form will still be completed and reflect same.
4. If any department head should gain new outside employment or change employers or positions, the employee shall contact the Township Clerk and file a complete and updated form.
5. This information will be reviewed by the Township Clerk/Township Attorney for possible conflicts of interest.
6. The Form is attached and is a part of this policy.

**West Amwell Township**

Department Head  
Report of Outside Employment

Do you engage in employment outside of your employment with the Township of West Amwell?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If the answer to the above question is "YES", please provide the following information:

Name of Employer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Employer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information that may be relevant to a determination of conflict of interest:

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This information will be reviewed by the Township Clerk and Township Attorney for possible conflicts of interest. If you gain new outside employment or change employers or positions, you shall contact the Township Clerk and complete this form.

_____ Name Printed	_____ Department
_____ Signature	_____ Date

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale.*

**Request from Sixth Grade Class for Clothing Drive @ Depot** – The sixth graders are fund-raising for their trip to Washington DC. The request is to hand out flyers during Saturday depot hours for a clothing drive. The flyers would be handed out on October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> with donations collected on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The students will be supervised by parent volunteers. Request approved.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Beaumont spoke to the matter of the referendum and receiving the finalized explanation for posting. Suggestions were made for changes to the draft document as presented. Specifically noted by Mr. Rich was that this is about not enough revenue to cover where the township is financially. Mr. Beaumont relayed that the separate police paper would be ready Friday for Captain Bartzak’s review. Once approved, it will be submitted to the Outreach committee. Also mentioned was that 99% of the information gleaned from the meeting with the police department focused on school involvement and the question raised was what other services are provided.

On another matter, Mr. Beaumont relayed that the State’s Table of Equalized Valuation was received. The percentage number of 101 was spot on with his and Assessor Gill’s estimates. How this translates into next year’s taxes was explained.

Mr. Cally commented on the letter received from Director of Public Works Rollero concerning depot problems. It was also noted that at a recent Recycling meeting that a grant is available to offset the cost of fencing for the garbage and recycling area but would leave the mulch area available. Concern over the use of the latter by residents of other municipalities was relayed. The consensus of the governing body was for Mr. Rollero to work on a grant for the proposed fencing and solicit bids that would be covered by it.

Mayor Dale relayed his encounter with a resident upset about conditions on Rock Road West. A request was made to Captain Bartzak to step up patrols in the area. The answer received at the recent meeting with the department was that the speeders are Rock Road West residents.

Mr. Rich questioned how the school board presentation was received. Mr. Beaumont offered that he thought that Mr. Burr held a pessimistic position; that the Superintendent does not particularly want it; and, that Mr. Reading was not selling the project. Mr. Shute commented that it’s a bad plan and mentioned the category 1 stream issue that pushed the location. He suggested that it be located around the solar array and be pushed over to the school line.

A brief exchange about how to increase property values and possible tie-in to school facilities and test scores ensued. Mr. Shute offered that the school is not the way to go in this regard.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Treasurer –**  
- Refund Resolution

RESOLUTION #125-2017

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that the following soil test witnessing fees can be refunded due to the cancellation event; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Health has approved a refund of the following amount

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following amount to the applicant:

Applicant	Amount Refunded
Great Job, LLC (Phil Muller) 36 Rocktown-Lamb. Road Lambertville NJ 08530	\$700.00
Laura Cooper 45 Hamp Road Lambertville NJ 08530-2408	\$300.00

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Cally, seconded by Dale.*

**Tax Collector –**

- Resolution for Block 46 Lot 6

RESOLUTION #126-2017

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #2-2008 for Block 46, Lot 6; 83 Belvidere Ave assessed to Lillian Johnson c/o Wilma Johnson was sold on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 to West Amwell Township, and

WHEREAS, West Amwell Township accepted the donation of this property to the Township, on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 by means of a quit claim deed from Wilma E. Johnson, the sole child of Lillian Johnson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Tax Sale Certificate #2-2008 be cancelled of record and that this property be declared tax exempt for as long as it owned by West Amwell Township.

*The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale.*

- The monthly report for September 2017 was received showing receipts in the amount of \$111,389.46.

**Police** – The September 2017 Monthly Report showing 900 incidents, 96 summonses, 2 warnings and 5 special complaints was received. Nineteen (19) summonses were issued in conjunction with the shared service with East Amwell.

**Website Review** – no comment

*The preceding reports were accepted as received and without comment.*

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was ordered filed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:28 p.m. on motion from Dale.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lora Olsen, RMC  
Township Clerk

APPROVED: October 18, 2017