

SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 10, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date at 5:05 p.m. Present: Mayor Molnar, Committeemen Fisher and Rich, Hal Shute (6:15)

In compliance with the Public Meetings Act, Mayor Molnar announced that this Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act with notices faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on January 5, 2011. 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 not recorded.

2011 APPOINTMENTS, continued:

Mayor Molnar confirmed two appointments from January 1st – Safety Coordinator, Frank DeFazio and PAIC Commissioner, Randy MacDade. New appointments were as follows:
Environmental Commission – Alt #1 Karen Baldino
Alt #2 Becky Smith-Casey
Open Space – (unexpired 3 year term) Judy O’Brien

Mrs. Olsen offered a correction to the original appointment list under “Standing Committees.” Sourlands/Smart Growth should have read Sourlands Municipal Alliance. Appointees Cathy Urbanski and Joel Coyne remain the same. Also noted was that a replacement is needed for the Historic appointment made at the Re-organization meeting. Ms. Hoff apparently resigned from that committee last year.

Concerning the position of Fire Official, the Committee has 45 days from the date of the initial vacancy to appoint another certified person or to request a 30-day extension according to a letter on file from the NJ Division of Fire Safety. Mr. Molnar appointed Mark Ciarlariello, a former employee of the township, as interim Fire Official at \$5429/year. It was requested that Mr. Ciarlariello be brought in to discuss the position further.

Mr. Rich requested that a meeting with Assessor Gill and Construction Official Rose be set-up as well. Mr. Fisher inquired about letters to residents that were not re-appointed to committee slots. Both items were approved for action.

Fisher motioned to approve the mayor’s appointments and Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

In line with the evening’s appointments, and to correct a couple of items on the Salary & Wage resolution adopted January 1st, the following amendment was presented:

RESOLUTION #32-2011
SALARY & WAGE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the 2011 Salary and Wage Resolution, adopted January 1, 2011 be amended as follows:

Position	Salary/Compensation
<u>Remove:</u> Township Committee member Masterson	\$2844.00
<u>Add:</u> Township Committee member Rich	\$2844.00
<u>Remove:</u> Fire Official Donnerstag	\$6,032.00
<u>Add:</u> Fire Official (interim) Ciarlariello	\$5,429.00

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

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION # 33-2011

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 Fisher, seconded by Molnar.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:12 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2, 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES (see attached)

Mr. Fisher relayed that this ordinance was been worked on for some time and although he is not totally thrilled with it, the in-house sentiment is that it is better to get something in place than not. Although major changes cannot be made at the public hearing, he was advised that the Ordinance can be amended at a later date should changes of substance be required. There was a brief discussion about decommissioning a solar facility with Hal Shute indicating that a tax lien would be placed on the facility to ensure this. The timing of such a lien will be raised with the attorney.

Fisher motioned to introduce the Ordinance on first reading and Molnar seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing will be held January 26, 2011.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER FOR REDUCED RATES:

Mr. Fisher offered that he had reached out to Amanda Vassos of Dominion Energy Solutions but was not completely satisfied that she understood the Township's pending situation. A brief discussion ensued about eliminating two of the five accounts listed but the consensus of the Committee was not to move forward with the proposal. The Clerk was instructed to cancel the agreement.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on motion by Fisher, seconded by Rich.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk