

SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date at 7:03 p.m. Present: Mayor Fisher, Committeemen Rich and Molnar. Also in attendance were approximately 14 residents and 7 police officers, together with John Anderson, Richard King and Vince Cells of JCP&L and Anna Lustenberg of Verizon.

In compliance with the Public Meetings Act, Mayor Fisher 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 3, 2012. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system.

Rob Tomenchok led the assembled group in the pledge to the nation's flag.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICE JEFFREY JONES

Police officer Jones is moving to full time, patrolman first class, status. Attorney Faherty administered the oath of office. Patrolman Jones was warmly welcomed to the new position by the Township Committee and the contingent of Township police officers.

JOHN ANDERSON OF JCP&L

Mr. Anderson relayed that the purpose this evening is to provide a general overview of storm operations and West Amwell reliability, together with outage information statistics and some background, noting that JCP&L works 24/7 to keep the lights on. On a personal note, Mr. Anderson stated that he has been with JCP&L for 20 years and is a resident of Hunterdon County. He relayed that Hurricane Irene was like no other in its destruction, area covered and the number of crews involved. The latter, numbering up to 450, were pulled from all over the country to restore power and made this the storm of his career. The snow in October, when the leaves were still on the trees, was yet another disaster and created even more widespread damage than the hurricane. JCP&L has been working the BPU to review process and communications. Additional managers like himself will be brought in to work the 45 towns currently under his direction. Mr. Anderson expressed frustration that he couldn't be more proactive; noted that the company had issues; and, that they are making improvements. The meeting was then turned over to JCP&L engineer Richard King and Lead Circuit Reliability Coordinator, Vince Cells for a power point presentation of strengths and weaknesses in West Amwell. The presentation by Mr. King included charts on the various substations and circuits that serve the area; various reasons of outages experienced; cycle of vegetation management; the types of inspections and schedule for each; and, reliability-maintenance type issues, including a 'show and tell' of various pieces of equipment used and their function. An extended period of questions/discussion/frustration about the fuses and the outage experiences of Rock Road/Corsalo Road residents ensued. Information about various crew-types, their purpose, assignments and that strict adherence to safety protocols is needed to protect the safety of crews involved were relayed, together with an overview of the Rocktown substation shut down requested by Lambertville due to concern over flooding and the subsequent loss of power to said station due to broken poles, downed trees, etc. Concern was expressed about the hierarchy of restoration work—greatest number of residents affected—given that there are some homes that are the first to go out but the last to be restored, making them uninhabitable as without electricity there is no sanitary facilities, heat, water, or ability to cook, and whether there should be a priority for homes with wells was questioned. As for a well priority, this is being reviewed at the BPU and records updated. Currently, a homeowner can request to have their home listed as being on well water by completing a form that comes as a bill insert but this is something that could also be placed on the website. However, the priority is still with restoring the greatest number of customers affected in a particular outage. The problem with the daily calls being by zip code during the recent outage was raised in that this lumped West Amwell in with Lambertville. Mr. Anderson advised that their IT people are working on this so that the information will be available by tax district. As for the various problem areas relayed this evening, work will begin tomorrow; the customers will be contacted; and, the Township Committee kept in the loop. With expressions of appreciation for the information imparted and received, the JCP&L representatives left the meeting.

ANNA LUSTENBERG OF VERIZON

Ms. Lustenberg noted that she is the area director for five counties and has been dealing with a number of issues; specifically, the recurring static and outages at the municipal building, the Verizon employee strike and then the storms. Working with the construction and engineering

departments, a package has been put in place to deal with the issues and West Amwell has been made a high priority. Residents should first call repair to report the problem and obtain a ticket number. The next step is to call Ms. Lustenberg, who will take it to a higher level. The Township is welcome to place this information on their website.

Rob Tomenchok emphatically relayed that the static on Corsalo Road is still bad; overviewed his experience with a recent installation at his new home on Rocktown-Lamb. Road; and, offered that the copper lines are shot. Mr. Tomenchok also stated that there are ongoing problems with phone service at the elementary and high schools. In response to the information received, Ms. Lustenberg stated that she will speak with company engineers concerning pole and line problems. She also noted receiving a number of calls from the legislators on service issues. Questioned about the possibility of fiber-optics, this is tied in with the issue of OpportunityNJ.

Brochures about the availability of lifeline service for low income individuals were left with the Clerk. With expressions of appreciation, Mrs. Lustenberg left the meeting.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION #33-2012 RE-APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, Ray J. Barson was appointed to a three year term as municipal court judge on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ray J. Barson has served the municipal court well during his term

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of West Amwell Township that Ray J. Barson be re-appointed to a three year term as municipal court judge effective January 2, 2012

The Resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

Mayor Fisher then made the following appointments, which were unanimously approved:

Open Space – 3 year terms	Laurel Hills, Hal Shute
Planning Board – 2 year unexpired term (12/31/12)	Ted Hills
Substitute Technical Assistant – 1 year term	Diane McDaniels

Dawn Augustine was unanimously appointed temporary deputy court administrator on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher. An interview will be arranged. In the meantime, Mr. Rich will be researching overall court rates/hours and working with contacts in Trenton. Attorney Faherty relayed West Amwell's history with a joint court situation to explain why the decision was made to host their own. Mr. Rich requested that the number of tickets and money received for the last three years be provided.

Letters to the Township's current legislators concerning the requirement to appoint a Certified Recycling Coordinator were approved for the mayor's signature. Letters to the five municipalities with CRCs requesting information about sharing this service and for what cost and oversight were also approved. A letter from 2009 stated there were soon to be adopted regulations covering elements of the REA will contain responsibilities which will fall to the designed CRC, which will need to be executed regardless of that person's full/part time status, or whether one person is filling that role for one or more counties or municipalities...responsibilities are contained in the statute.

A draft of the shared service agreement for the position of ACO has been received for review and comment.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1, 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY.

SECTION 1

The following shall be the rate and ranges of compensation for officials and employees of the township for the year 2012.

Mayor \$3391.00

Township Committee	\$2844.00
Township Clerk	\$48,707.00 - \$59,531.00
Plus \$35.00/hr. for special & emergency meetings	
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$2,340.00 - \$2,860.00
Deputy Township Clerk	\$22,464.00 - \$27,456.00
Director of Public Assistance	\$1,247.00 - \$1,524.00
Assessor	\$26,891.00 - \$32,867.00
Collector of Taxes	\$13,500.00 - \$16,500.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.....	\$27,000.00 - \$33,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$8,424.00 - \$10,296.00
Payroll Clerk	\$2,314.00 - \$2,829.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$11,700.00 - \$14,428.00
Plus \$200.00 per additional meeting over 12/year	
Deputy Planning Board Secretary	\$200.00/meeting
Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$4,680.00 - \$5,720.00
Plus \$200.00 each for special meetings	
Deputy Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$200.00/meeting
Board of Health Secretary	\$2,239.00 - \$2,737.00
Plus \$50.00/hr. for special & emergency meetings	
Animal Control Officer (ACO).....	\$18,000.00
Dog Registrar	\$.50 per dog license issued
Judge	\$10,227.00 - \$12,561.00
Court Administrator	\$34,524.00 - \$42,196.00
Construction Code Official.....	\$8,303.00 - \$10,148.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official & Inspector.....	\$4,334.00 - \$5,297.00
Electric Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$5,850.00 - \$7,150.00
Building Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$6,750.00 - \$8,250.00
Fire Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$4,050.00 - \$4,950.00
Fire Official	\$5,429.00 - \$6,635.00
Zoning Officer	\$5,740.00 - \$7,016.00
Police Administrative Secretary	\$23,295.00 - \$28,471.00
Municipal Housing Liaison/AA	22.50 - \$27.50/hr
Office Assistant	\$12.17 - \$14.87/hr
General Office Secretary/Clerk	\$12.17 - \$14.87/hr
Building Custodian	\$10.30 - 12.58/hr
Waste Security Officer	\$12.84 - \$15.70/hr
Assistant Waste Security Officer.....	\$10.42 - \$12.74/hr
Waste Security Laborer	\$10.30 - \$12.58/hr
Substitute Waste Security Laborers	\$10.30 - \$12.58/hr
Deputy Court Administrator	\$12.17 - \$14.87/hr
Court Security Officer.....	\$100.00 per court session
Substitute MCO	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr
Substitute Plumbing Official & Inspector	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr
Substitute Sub-Code Officials & Inspectors	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr
Technical Assistant to Construction	\$15.91 - \$19.45/hr
Substitute Technical Assistant	\$15.91 - \$19.45/hr
Road Supervisor	\$26.87 - \$32.85/hr
Road Foreman	\$20.44 - \$24.98/hr
Road Class A (10 or more years of service)	\$18.69 - \$22.86/hr
Road Class B (5-10 years of service)	\$15.47 - \$18.91/hr
Road Class C (Less than 5 years of service)	\$14.51 - \$17.73/hr
Temporary Laborer	\$12.05 - \$14.72/hr
Part-time Officers	\$18.54 - \$22.65/hr
Part-time Officers Spec Duty	\$22.41 - \$27.39/hr
Police Matrons	\$17.27 - \$17.96/hr
with a minimum of 4 hours pay if called out between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.	

SECTION II

Definitions and Benefits are outlined in the West Amwell Township Policy Manual adopted December 28, 2005 with amendments through March 3, 2010

SECTION III

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

2012 SALARY & WAGE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #34-2012

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 2012:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Resolution</u>
Mayor Fisher	\$ 3391.00
Township Committee members: Rich, Molnar	\$ 2844.00/each
Township Clerk Olsen	\$ 55,201.00
Registrar Olsen	\$ 2,652.00
Deputy Township Clerk Haberle	\$ 25,459.00
Director of Public Assistance Kuhl	\$ 1,413.00
Tax Assessor Gill	\$ 30,477.00
Tax Collector Hyland	\$ 15,300.00
CFO/Treasurer Carro	\$ 30,600.00
Assistant Treasurer Haberle	\$ 9,547.00
Payroll Clerk Haberle	\$ 2,623.00
Planning Board Secretary Andrews	\$ 13,260.00
Board of Adjustment Secretary Hall	\$ 5,304.00
Board of Health Secretary Olsen	\$ 2,538.00
Animal Control Officer Barson (shared service)	\$ 18,000.00
Judge Barson	\$ 11,647.00
Court Administrator Hoagland	\$ 39,127.00
Construction Official Rose	\$ 9,410.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official Rose	\$ 4,911.00
Electrical Sub Code Official Janoski	\$ 6,630.00
Building Sub Code Official Rosso	\$ 7,650.00
Fire Sub Code Official Langon	\$ 4,050.00
Fire Official Fretz	\$ 5,538.00
Zoning Officer Baldino	\$ 6,506.00
Police Administrative Secretary Griffiths	\$ 26,401.00
Municipal Housing Liaison/AA Walsh	\$ 25.50/hour
Assistant Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$ 11.81/hour
Waste Security Laborer Coleman	\$ 10.71/hour
Building Custodian (Admin & Police) Sutch	\$ 10.30/hour
Substitute Construction Official Baldino	\$ 32.83/hour
Substitute Plumbing Official & Inspector V. Rose	\$ 32.83/hour
Technical Assistant to Construction Taylor	\$ 18.03/hour
Substitute Technical Assistant McDaniel	\$ 18.03/hour
Road Supervisor Hoagland	\$ 30.46/hour

Road Foreman DeFazio	\$ 23.16/hour
Road Class B Pearson	\$ 17.53/hour
Road Class B Baran	\$ 16.44/hour
Part-time Officer Pantuso	\$ 20.91/hour
Police Matron Griffiths & _____	\$ 16.66/hour/each
(min. 4 hrs pay if call out between 9 p.m. & 6 a.m.)	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be retro-active to January 1, 2012.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No comments received.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #35-2011

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 IN WHICH

THE PUBLIC BODY MAY BECOME INVOLVED (NJSA 10:4-12 B7)

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk