

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

June 20, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

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 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Stephen Bergenfeld, Deputy Mayor Gary Hoyer, Committeemen James Cally, John Dale and Zachary Rich, Acting Clerk Maria Andrews and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III.

Acting Clerk Andrews 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 5, 2018, 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 Acting Municipal Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

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

AGENDA REVIEW BY ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK

Acting Clerk Andrews noted Resolution #82-2018: NJDEP Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant has been added to the agenda under New Business. She noted the Fire Department has already received the grant, the resolution is simply an administrative detail to complete the required paperwork.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Municipal Office Summer Hours to Begin July 2nd (8 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Thursday, CLOSED Fridays July and August)
- Exterminator Mark Johnson owner of "Varmint Vacator" Donated his Services to the Township, re: Squirrels in the Police Department
- 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 Rich to approve the Township Committee's 6/6/18 Regular Session minutes with no revisions noted was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve the Township Committee's 6/6/18 Closed Session minutes as revised was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Bergenfeld opened the floor to public comment. Martha Gulick of 2 Gulick Road came forward and expressed concern over the traffic and speeding on Rocktown Hill Road and Gulick Road. She commented it appears more people are using these roads as a cut through to avoid traffic on Route 31, including tractor trailer drivers. Ms. Gulick remarked the roads are not built for heavy truck traffic. She suggested speed bumps or signage indicating these two roads are for "local traffic only."

Mr. Rich asked when the truck traffic is most prevalent. Ms. Gulick indicated between 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM and then again from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. He stated he would follow up with the police department regarding additional traffic enforcement during these time frames.

Director of Public Works and Roads, Ryan Rollero was present at the meeting and spoke up from the public explaining there is a lot of upcoming road work planned for Gulick Road including drainage projects.

Dave Beaumont of 205 Rock Road West came forward and expressed agreement with Ms. Gulick regarding speeders on many roads within the township. He suggested a subcommittee be established to review all of the roads in West Amwell to determine what issues, if any, exist on each one. Mayor Bergenfeld suggested the Planning Board could address this matter.

Seeing no other members of the public come forward, Mayor Bergenfeld closed the floor to public comment.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Reports by Department Heads

It was noted for the record that no reports were presented.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Introduction: Ordinance 08, 2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 99, Article I, Section 99-4.1 of the Code of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey – (Trash Depot; Required Fees)

Mayor Bergenfeld read Ordinance 08, 2018 by title.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

Ordinance 08, 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99, ARTICLE I, SECTION 99-4.1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – (TRASH DEPOT; REQUIRED FEES)

WHEREAS, West Amwell Township has long required that residents apply for and be issued a permit to use the weekly municipal garbage depot; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the current annual assessment needs to be changed to offer Township residents additional options; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Committee that Chapter 99 Article I Section 99-4.1 be amended as follows:

Section 1

A. West Amwell residents wishing to use the Municipal Garbage Collection must make application in person at the Municipal Clerk's Office by providing proof of residency and paying an annual fee according to the program level cost schedule in place for the current year.

B. The annual fee schedule and/or package pricing will be posted each year, (or as changes occur) on the Township website, in the Clerk's Office and at the Depot.

C. The fiscal period of collection at the Garbage Drop-Off Depot is July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the subsequent year. Fees must be paid by June 30th in order to participate in use of the facility. Persons who have not remitted the proper fees will not be permitted to drop off household refuse.

D. Payment of fees may not be carried beyond the current depot fiscal season, (July 1st – June 30th). However, part-year and/or season remainder, and/or additional package extensions will be offered based on a pro-rated assessment to be determined during the months of October through June of the fiscal collection period for residents who did not previously acquire a trash depot package or have depleted their allotment.

Section 2

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3

This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

A motion by Dale, seconded by Rich to introduce Ordinance 08, 2018 on first reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

A public hearing date on Ordinance 08, 2018 was set for July 18, 2018.

Introduction: Ordinance 09, 2018 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 173, of the Code of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey – Sewage Disposal System, Individual

Mayor Bergenfeld read Ordinance 09, 2018 by title.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

Ordinance 09, 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 173, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM, INDIVIDUAL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Chapter 1173 of the Code of the Township of West Amwell be amended in part as follows:

“§173-21. Reserved Disposal Areas. Be and the same is hereby repealed.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

1. All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency;
2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective;
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to introduce Ordinance 09, 2018 on first reading was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

A public hearing date on Ordinance 09, 2018 was set for July 18, 2018.

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

Possible Amendments to Education, Conference, and Seminar Policy

It was noted for the record that this matter will be carried to the 7/18/18 agenda in order to allow the Committee additional time to review the policy.

Update: East Amwell Township Traffic Enforcement

Mr. Rich reported everything is “status quo” for the time being.

Possible Re-location of Police HQ to Municipal Building Basement

Mayor Bergenfeld explained the requirements for fire proofing the ceiling in the basement have been addressed and final drawings from the architect will be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

Roll Off Container Contract Award/Disc. – Possible Approval of Resolution #80-2018

Director of Public Works and Roads, Ryan Rollero came forward and explained the main benefit of providing roll off containers is the cost savings over having the DPW Department haul the trash and recycling. He noted the department will now be able to focus more on road projects.

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He clarified that recycling currently costs \$55.00 per ton and the proposal from Republic Services, Inc. is \$28.00 per ton.

Mr. Cronic spoke up from the public and asked about tarps over the dumpsters to keep trash from blowing out. Director Rollero agreed tarps will be needed and noted he is working on figuring out the best way to deal with covering the dumpsters.

Mr. Beaumont spoke up from the public and thanked the Township Committee for their efforts in addressing the abuse of the depot services and suggested implementing a flat amount to all residents such as \$50.00 as part of the tax bill. Mr. Dale commented that he believes many residents would take issue with such a fee because the depot is not utilized by everyone in the Township. He used the example of sidewalks in West Amwell, saying there are many that he has never walked on.

There was some continued discussion on how the depot workers will need to be vigilant with the process, making sure everyone using the depot has their permit with them and is turned away if they make more than one trip per day. The Committee agreed to increase the permit fee to \$180.00 and believed a 10 bag maximum should be implemented so the excessive dumping done by some people will cease to occur.

It was noted that trash permits will go on sale July 19, 2018 and all depot users must have their new permit by August 1, 2018 or they will not be allowed to dump.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #80-2018

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the West Amwell Township Committee that there is a need for Roll Off Container Services; and,

WHEREAS, quotes have been received as follows:

Republic Services, Inc. – Three 30 cubic yard roll off containers for weekly use of Saturday ID-10 solid waste collections, emptied weekly on Monday:

Year 1: \$223.20 per haul/load
Year 2: \$234.36 per haul/load
Year 3: \$246.07 per haul/load
Year 1: \$66.00 tipping fee per ton

Republic Services, Inc. – One 30 cubic yard roll off container for use of Saturday residential single stream recyclables collections, emptied weekly on Monday:

Year 1: \$148.61 per haul/load
Year 2: \$156.04 per haul/load
Year 3: \$163.84 per haul/load
Year 1: \$26.72 tipping fee per ton

Waste Management Services of NJ, Inc. – Three 30 cubic yard roll off containers for weekly use of Saturday ID-10 solid waste collections, emptied weekly on Monday:

Year 1: \$390.00 per haul/load
Year 2: \$402.00 per haul/load
Year 3: \$414.00 per haul/load
Year 1: \$68.00 tipping fee per ton

Waste Management Services of NJ, Inc. – One 30 cubic yard roll off container for use of Saturday residential single stream recyclables collections, emptied weekly on Monday:

Year 1: \$221.00 per haul/load
Year 2: \$228.00 per haul/load
Year 3: \$235.00 per haul/load
Year 1: \$50.00 tipping fee per ton

WHEREAS, Republic Services, Inc. is the apparent low bidder and has submitted a Business Registration Certificate (BRC); and,

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available in the Current Expense account for this expenditure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Committee that the quote for Roll Off Container Services, Inc. be awarded to Republic Services, Inc., 9 Frontage Road, Clinton, NJ 08809, at the rates specified above.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve Resolution #80-2018 and award roll off container services to Republic Services, Inc. was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Resolution #79-2018: Salary Change Road Class C – Thomas J. Burd

RESOLUTION #79-2018

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the salaries and compensation for officials and employees below shall be as follows for 2018:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Resolution</u>
Road Class C – Thomas J. Burd, Jr. – Effective 6/6/18	\$18.50/hour

A motion by Hoyer, seconded Rich to approve Resolution #79-2018 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Request from County, re: Possible Municipal Partnering for an “Ident-a-Shred” Event

Acting Clerk Andrews explained that County Clerk Melfi had sent an email out asking if any municipality was interested in doing a shared shredding day noting any participating site would need to have a large parking lot area. There was no interest by the Township Committee to participate in this event, but it was suggested that perhaps the High School may wish to take advantage of the opportunity.

Request from Director of Public Works and Roads, re: Hiring of Alternate Waste Security Laborer

Director of Public Works and Roads Ryan Rollero explained Mr. Eldridge has resigned from his job at the trash depot and stated he would like permission to go ahead and hire someone else. A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale authorizing Director Rollero to hire additional staff for the trash depot was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Resolution #82-2018: NJDEP Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve Resolution #82-2018 approving the Fire Department’s grant application in the amount of \$1345.10 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

OTHER

Resolution #81-2018: Closed Session – Personnel/Contracts – Litigation/Affordable Housing

A motion by Dale, seconded by Cally to approve Resolution #81-2018 to enter into Closed Session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Resolution #81-2018

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.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to return to open session was unanimously approved.
Roll Call Vote: Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes, Bergenfeld: Yes

The Committee was in Closed Session from 8:47 PM – 9:30 PM.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Bergenfeld opened the floor to public comment. Seeing no members of the public come forward, he closed the floor to public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Treasurer – Award of Bond Anticipation Notes

It was noted for the record that no comments were made on the memo provided by CFO Carro regarding the awarding of the bond anticipation notes.

Approval of Bill List 6/20/18

A motion by Rich, seconded by Dale to approve the vouchers for payment as listed on the 6/20/18 bill list was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Cally: Yes, Dale: Yes, Hoyer: Yes, Rich: Yes, Bergenfeld: Yes

Tax Collector – Monthly Report/May 2018

It was noted that no comment was made on the Tax Collector's report.

Construction – Monthly Report May 2018

It was noted that no comment was made on the Construction Office report.

Zoning Office – Monthly Report May 2018

It was noted that no comment was made on the Zoning Office report.

Court Report – Monthly Report May 2018

It was noted that no comment was made on the Court report.

Police Report – Monthly Report/May 2018

It was noted that no comment was made on the Police report.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Rich, seconded by Dale to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Maria Andrews, Acting Municipal Clerk

Approved: 7/18/18