

SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date at 4:33 p.m. Present: Mayor Corboy, Committeemen Masterson and Molnar. AHB Chair Susan Molnar, interviewees Stacey Smith-Bohn (4:33) and Don Meisel (5:15), and Karen Baldino and Chester Urbanski

In compliance with the Public Meetings Act, Mayor Corboy announced that this Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act with notices faxed to the Lambertville Beacon, the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on March 6, 2009. 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION #59-2009

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:
PERSONNEL - Interviews
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.

Molnar moved for approval of the Resolution and Masterson seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:05 p.m. The advertised position will be offered to Ms. Smith-Bohn.

POTENTIAL MENDMENT TO TOLL CONTRACT:

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Open Space chair that Toll Brothers has indicated that no formal contract amendment is needed to cover the requested work. They will proceed with the asbestos testing, etc. as outlined in the March 6th letter from Attorney Dragan.

FARMERS MARKET ISSUE:

Chester Urbanski presented the following items prepared by Karen Baldino for the Farmers Market committee: 1) projected revenues/expenses for 2009; 2) a spending mechanism comparison; and 3) the proposed dedicated by rider resolution. Mrs. Baldino explained that a reasonable approach in determining the proposed \$2100.00 in receipts and expenditures was employed. Also, the comparison between a budget appropriation and a dedication by rider scenario for the operation of the farmers market favors the latter course of action as the funds would not have to wait on budget approval in order to be collected and spent. Mrs. Baldino stated that she spoke with the State about the proposed dedicated by rider and that the State will approve it. She recommended that the dedicated by rider approach be taken so as not to add the \$2100 to an already tight budget. Mr. Molnar agreed with this approach as it would keep the market as a separate entity and self-supporting.

Mr. Urbanski urged the Committee members to adopt the Dedication by Rider resolution this evening, instead of waiting for the March 18th regular meeting, in order to get a timely return from the DCA so that monies can be collected, deposited and available for

expenditure as soon as the ordinance creating the market is in place. Mrs. Baldino stated that as treasurer for the Farmers Market, she will follow approved purchasing procedures and will discuss specific concerns about payment schedules with CFO Luhrs.

RESOLUTION #60-2009

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY
RIDER FOR RECREATION FEES PURSUANT TO PL 1999, C 292**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, PL 1999, C 292 allows municipalities to receive amounts for costs incurred for Recreation Fees; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Committee hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Recreation purposes per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of West Amwell is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Molnar motioned to adopt the Resolution and Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk