

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
May 22, 2013 - 7:00 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 7:03 p.m. Present were Mayor Zachary T. Rich, Deputy Mayor Thomas J. Molnar, Committeeman George A. Fisher, Clerk Lora Olsen and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III. Also in attendance were Tom Carro, Sean Pfeiffer, Hal Shute, Cathy Urbanski, John Cronic, Jeff Ent, Dave Beaumont, Justin Holohan and Porter Little

Mayor Rich 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, 2013, 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.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

CFO Tom Carro led the assembled group in the pledge to the nation's flag.

AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

The following items were added: 9.A Closed Session. 9.A Open Space minutes and 13. B&C were deleted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Municipal Offices Closed May 27th for Memorial Day
- Regionalization Town Hall Meeting, June 3rd @ 7 p.m., Municipal Building
- Primary Election, June 4th from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Municipal Building
- Fire Company Chicken Bar-B-Q, June 8th from 4-7 p.m., Firehouse
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The May 13, 2013 Regular and Closed Session minutes were unanimously approved on motion from Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing: 2013 West Amwell Open Space Trust Fund
Mr. Rich read the Trust Fund by title and opened the public hearing.

2013 WEST AMWELL OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Purpose: as designated by N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7, the tax may be used for acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, development of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes, maintenance of lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes, acquisition of farmland for farmland preservation purposes, historic preservation of historic properties, structures, facilities, sites, areas or objects for historic preservation purposes, payment of debt service on indebtedness issued or incurred by a municipality for any of the purposes above. During the budget process each year, a public hearing is held on the allocation of funds raised by the open space tax.

The 2013 Open Space Trust Fund will be used for the following:

Administrative Expense	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,200

Maintenance of Lands for Recreation and Conservation:	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,000
Other Expenses	\$ 9,800

Debt Service:	
Payment of Bond Principal	\$140,000
Interest on Bonds	\$140,000
Reserve for Future Use	\$ 18,204

John Cronce questioned the source of the last number. Mr. Carro stated that this was surplus from last year.

Sean Pfeiffer inquired whether preliminary expenses for appraisal work comes from the reserve and if the administrative category was being used for grant applications, not just minutes, stating that a volunteer could help out with the former. Mr. Carro relayed that the reserve is found on the balance sheet and that the salary & wage is a projection.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was unanimously closed.

The 2013 Open Space Trust Fund was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Molnar.

Public Hearing: 2013 West Amwell Township Budget
Proof of publication in the May 2, 2013 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat was presented. The following resolution was read into the record:

RESOLUTION #91-2013

WHEREAS, the 2013 Budget of the Township of West Amwell was introduced on April 24, 2013 and advertised on May 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 states that the budget, as advertised may be read by title only if at least one week prior to the public hearing the approved Budget as advertised shall be posted where public notices are customarily posted and copies made available to each person requesting same; and

WHEREAS, the above requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, assembled in public session this 22nd day of May 2013, that the 2013 budget be read by title only as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8.

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

Mayor Rich opened the public hearing.

Mr. Pfeiffer came forward about the increased municipal court numbers and was advised that fines and ticket receipts increased due to patrol officer activities. Also noted was the \$100,000 increase in the police budget. Mr. Pfeiffer indicated that he was pleased that the planning board budget line had been reduced. The significant drop in salary and wage for the zoning board was then questioned. Mr. Carro relayed that this was due to the separation of zoning official salary from the zoning board line item.

Comments returned to the table, with Mr. Fisher noting that he was not in attendance when the budget was introduced and has some problem with the amount of surplus being used--\$496,000 vs \$96,000 in 2012—or half the existing amount. This is a lot of money and something that took time to build up. Although the surplus is there to be used and smooth things out, he took exception to the 10% increase and anticipating 100% of certain fees, stating that the latter is aggressive and not prudent. He also noted the increase for delinquent taxes; that appropriations are up over 2012, as is debt; and, that the 1% drop in taxes isn't a prudent move.

Mr. Molnar agreed that the budget is aggressive. Also noted were the things being accomplished. However, if \$47,000 less is used from surplus, he will support it.

CFO Carro relayed that if a change is less than 5% of an original line item, an amendment can be approved this evening.

Keeping taxes flat and reducing the use of surplus by a point was advocated by Mr. Fisher as otherwise, there would be a 3-4 point increase next year. His stance was to look long term.

Mr. Rich then reviewed points that he highlighted at budget introduction. Although the budget uses surplus, that portion is not being spent; 10% is a healthy surplus; that the Township is in a better position for the future; the allocations pay off the fire truck in 3 years; actions taken have provided an improved credit rating; and, the use of open space funds for operating expenses was not sustainable. He's looking for long term stability and noted that it is possible to drop taxes and increase services. In reviewing plans, Mr. Rich noted that work is scheduled on roads; that the police have double shift coverage and the ability to purchase equipment; fire company equipment will be purchased; the staff is valued; there is proper management and people are held accountable; and, that the expectation is that folks will do their jobs.

Mr. Molnar agreed with the mayor's synopsis but again advocated using less surplus.

The public hearing was unanimously closed and the following amendment was read:

RESOLUTION #92-2013
Resolution to Amend the Introduced CY 2013 Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for 2013 was introduced on the 24th day of April 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said introduced budget

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of West Amwell Township, County of Hunterdon, that the following amendment to the introduced budget of 2013 be made

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this Resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the 2013 local municipal budget so amended.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL 2013 BUDGET

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Difference</u>
REVENUES ONLY:			
Surplus Anticipated	408,000.00	361,000.00	47,000.00
Amt to Be Raised by Taxes	1,155,562.13	1,202,562.13	47,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,428,855.00</u>		

Molnar motioned to approve the amendment and Fisher seconded. Roll call: Fisher-aye, Molnar-aye, Rich, no.

Opened for comment, Mr. Pfeiffer inquired whether the prior budget had a mayor's statement as has been past practice. Mr. Carro relayed that this is not a requirement.

The following resolution of an approved, amended budget was read into the record.

RESOLUTION #93-2013

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon,

That the 2013 budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the account of:

(a) \$ 1,155,562.13 for municipal purposes; and

(d) \$ 280,000.00 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1) General Revenues Surplus Anticipated	\$ 361,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	1,625,292.87
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	240,000.00

2) AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	<u>1,202,562.13</u>
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Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,428,855.00</u>
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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5) GENERAL APPROPRIATION	
Within CAPS	
(A & B) Operations including Contingent	\$ 2,219,636.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	207,378.00
Excluded from CAPS	
(A) Operations – Total operations excluded from CAPS	60,600.00
(C) Capital Improvements	-
(D) Debt Service	663,441.00
(E) Deferred Charges	22,800.00
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>255,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 3,428,855.00</u>

Fisher motioned to approve the budget Resolution and Molnar seconded. Roll Call: Fisher-aye, Molnar-aye, Rich-no

Introduction: Ordinance 5, 2013

Attorney Faherty relayed that this concerns the property at 83 Belvidere; overviewed the history of the property to this point; and, noted that the Township will receive the property in lieu of past due taxes. A signed deed was presented which is to be filed upon the final adoption of the ordinance. Once established as a building lot, the property can be offered to adjoining property owners or sold outright.

The following ordinance was read by title and introduced on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

THAT

Section I: Purpose

This Ordinance is adopted to provide for the acquisition of real property in the Township of West Amwell.

Section II: General

A) There exists in the Township of West Amwell, a tract of land known as part of Block 46 Lot 6, known as Old Lambertville Land Association lot 477, 83 Belvidere Avenue, Lambertville, New Jersey.

B) This tract has been deeded to the Township of West Amwell by Wilma Johnson, sole heir at law and next of kin of Willie R. Johnson, deceased and Lillian Johnson, his wife, also deceased, in lieu of payment of back taxes in an amount in excess of \$13,700.00 for which the Township of West Amwell holds a tax lien. In addition, the Township has issued an Unsafe Dwelling Notice for this property. The conveyance to the Township by the said Wilma Johnson will relieve her of responsibility with respect to that notice.

C) New Jersey Statutes 40A:12-5 as well as 40A:12-8 allow a municipality, by ordinance, to acquire real property in lieu of enforcement of claims.

Section III: Effect

The passage and adoption of this ordinance shall constitute formal acceptance of the deed to the aforementioned tract of land and the Clerk of the Township shall, upon final adoption forward the deed to the County Clerk's Office for recording.

Section IV: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section V: Adoption

Upon adoption, this ordinance shall become part of the Code of the Township of West Amwell.

Section VI: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Fisher moved to introduce the Ordinance on first reading and Molnar seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing will be held June 10th.

Introduction: Ordinance 6, 2013

The following ordinance was read by title and introduced on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1, 2013 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 2013.

Judge	\$11,250.00 - \$13,817.00
Summer DPW Workers	\$9.00 - \$11.00/hr

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.

Rich moved to introduce the Ordinance on first reading and Fisher seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing will be held June 10th.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Open Space

- *Hunting Regulation Changes:* Hal Shute presented a few proposed changes to the existing regulations. These include allowing permit holders to modify their roster; requires renewal fees be paid by June 30th; and, that fees be accompanied with a list of deer taken in the previous season. The latter is to help keep track of the herd. Another change involves the use of Township provided signs for posting by the groups involved. Boundary checks will be made by members of the Open Space committee. The application period has also been changed. If the permit holder does not renew on a parcel, that parcel goes back into the lottery to be held August 16th. These changes were unanimously approved by the Township Committee.

As for sign purchase, Mr. Shute relayed that the cost will run \$600. This expense will come out of the open space trust/maintenance of parks line. A proposed mower purchase could be partially funded through this account as well.

- *Wooden Financing:* Mr. Shute presented the most recent breakdown of the financing for this parcel, which was accomplished through a give and take with D & R, and noted that this is a good example of a partnership. The Township's contribution will be less than \$13,000 but will hold 62% of the deed on this 42 acre piece. Also relayed was that there are a couple good projects coming up.

John Cronce inquired how to know when to stop with purchases and Mr. Shute commented that there are signs that funding will run out without a major funding effort in the State.

- *Toll North Update:* Closed Session – Held.

Environmental

- *Authorization to Post April 11, 2013 Minutes to Website:* Approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Possible Appointments: none

Updates: 1) A hefty bill was received from Comcast for **e-mail** accounts as supposedly the

Township was to have only four. Moving accounts to QScend immediately was proposed. Using a consistent structure was advanced and the possible designation change noted. As to whether to send the current e-mails to the new site or archive same, new ones will be set up. Dave Beaumont will handle the arrangements. As for the **website**, a draft proposal was been received from QScend and a meeting will be held on May 28th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss it further. 1.A) Mr. Beaumont also gave an update on **regionalization**. The four municipalities are to pass a resolution on the history and a September 24th vote. All wheels on this endeavor are in motion although there is no official confirmation from the State as yet. All are invited to the next meeting at South as well as a town hall gathering on June 3rd at the municipal building. The subcommittee will present FAQs and a slide show. The best way to advertise was questioned. A re-organization will be held June 12th. 2) An announcement was sent out through South's list serve for **summer help** at the DPW. One application and two requests have been received. A flyer of similar nature has been prepared for distribution at Saturday's depot. 3) Mr. Shute relayed that contact was made with Les Alpaugh and that paperwork and options were reviewed. His recommendation is to give the money back to the State, although that is not their preferred course of action. The possible utilization of the trees on the former Toll property with a disadvantaged community could be a grant application if the matter was to proceed. Cathy Urbanski advised that to keep the money, the Township needs a five member Community Forestry Committee as the Environmental Commission is not available to assist. Core training of both a volunteer and an employee is required each year as well as a report and educational credits. The endeavor began under a former committee person but is really intended for a Shade Tree Commission. Mrs. Urbanski noted that a lot of work is involved and that Mr. Robinson has spent lots of time on it. The decision on the **Community Forestry Plan/Grant** was to pull the plug and refund the money. Mr. Alpaugh will be so advised. 4) Porter Little overviewed progress on potential **clean up day(s)** and relayed information on how these are handled in Delaware Township, although they have six containers vs the Township's three...all of which are filled with the 50 permits that are sold there. Issues such as participant fees and disposal and hauler costs remain a concern as even a \$50 per permit fee will not cover these expenses. The possibility of holding mini events from 1-3 p.m. on a Saturday was advanced. Frequency of these events and the availability of DPW staff, as well as those costs, also need to be factored in. Performance Tire of Clinton will take tires for \$150/ton or around \$3.00 per tire. John Scott is the contact person and the group services 4 municipalities in Hunterdon and Warren. Mr. Fisher suggested that perhaps the Township should purchase its own roll off. A revised ordinance will be needed once decisions are made. 5) Captain Bartzak has advised the Clerk that the speed machine should be available the first week in June for the **Corsalo intersection/Rock Road** speed control issue raised at the last meeting. Mr. Beaumont relayed that the issue is with the speed of the cars. The road is heavily used by walkers but the road bed is narrow; there are deep ditches; and, the cars do not slow down. His solution to the problem was to lower the speed limit, which would involve an ordinance. Attorney Faherty advised that the speed limit depends on the number of houses, noting that enforcement is key. A recommendation from Captain Bartzak for speed control was requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Professional Services Resolution for Public Defender & Contract:

RESOLUTION #94-2013

WHEREAS there exists a need for the hiring of various professionals without competitive bids as a non-fair and open contract process; and

WHEREAS the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq. allows governing bodies to execute agreements without competitive bidding for professional services; and

WHEREAS these executed agreements must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2013 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, that an agreement be executed with the following professional:

Stanley J. Troy, Esq., public defender

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agreement are awarded, subject to contract discussions, without competitive bidding as defined under the appropriate section of the Local

Public Contracts Law, because each of the above mentioned individuals is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Business Entity Disclosure Statement be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof.

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

RESOLUTION #95-2013

WHEREAS pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 256 (N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1), a municipality may employ an attorney-at-law as a public defender,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 256 (N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1), Stanley J. Troy, Esq. is hereby appointed to serve as West Amwell Township Public Defender to present defendants assigned to the Municipal Public Defender in municipal court.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher.
The mayor executed the contract with Mr. Troy.

Salary & Wage Resolution Amendments:

RESOLUTION #96-2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the 2013 Salary and Wage Resolution, adopted January 2, 2013 be amended as follows:

Position	Salary/Compensation
<u>Add:</u> Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$12.84/hr
<u>Delete:</u> Assistant Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$12.05/hr

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

RESOLUTION #97-2013

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 2013:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Resolution</u>
Mayor Rich	\$ 3459.00
Township Committee members: Molnar, Fisher	\$ 2901.00/each
Township Clerk Olsen	\$ 61,856.52
Registrar Olsen	\$ 2,779.38
Deputy Township Clerk Haberle	\$ 26,682.12
Deputy Registrar of VS Haberle	\$ 1,027.50
Director of Public Assistance Kuhl	\$ 1,480.62
Tax Assessor Gill	\$ 31,941.89
Tax Collector Hyland	\$ 16,035.16
CFO/Treasurer Carro	\$ 32,070.33
Certifying Officer for Pensions Carro	\$ 1,233.00
Assistant Treasurer Haberle	\$ 10,005.79
Payroll Clerk Haberle	\$ 2,748.56
Planning Board Secretary Andrews	\$ 13,896.93
Board of Adjustment Secretary Hall	\$ 6,267.75
Board of Health Secretary Olsen	\$ 3,327.04

Animal Control Officer Barson (shared service)	\$ 25,000.00
Dog Registrar Haberle	\$ 2,055.00

Judge Barson	\$ 13,000.00
Court Administrator Hoagland	\$ 41,007.52
Construction Official Rose	\$ 9,598.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official Rose	\$ 5,009.00
Electrical Sub Code Official Janoski	\$ 9,083.10
Building Sub Code Official Rosso	\$ 10,480.50
Fire Sub Code Official Langon	\$ 5,548.50
Fire Official Fretz	\$ 5,804.34
Zoning Officer Baldino	\$ 8,739.91
Police Administrative Secretary Griffiths	\$ 27,669.54

Violations Clerk Augustine	\$ 18.49/hour
Open Space Secretary Rosikiewicz	\$ 15.41/hour

Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$ 12.84/hr
Waste Security Laborer Sutch	\$ 10.78/hour
Substitute WSL Aneskewich	\$ 10.78/hour
Building Custodian (Admin & Police) Sutch	\$ 10.78/hour

Technical Assistant to Construction Taylor	\$ 18.89/hour
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Road Supervisor Hoagland	\$ 31.92/hour
Road Foreman DeFazio	\$ 24.26/hour
Road Class A Pearson	\$ 19.39/hour
Road Class C Leary	\$ 15.41/hour
Part-time Officer Goccia	\$ 21.48/hour
Part-time Officer Breuer	\$ 21.18/hour
Police Matron Griffiths & _____ (min. 4 hrs pay if call out between 9 p.m. & 6 a.m.)	\$ 17.45/hour/each

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be retro-active to January 1, 2013.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Justin Holohan inquired about the Garden Solar application and how this all transpired. Mr. Fisher overviewed the issues that led up to the suit; the various steps that were taken; and, why. The ordinance was subsequently changed so Garden Solar is now back in front of the Zoning Board.

Mr. Beaumont expressed appreciation to the Committee for speaking with DPW concerning needed ditch work as well as for the forests, open space and environmental elements that make walking the roads in the Township such as pleasure. Thanks were also extended to the land owners, committees and individuals responsible for their contribution in making this happen. As for the budget, with school taxes going up, balance is nice.

Mr. Pfeiffer extended appreciation to the mayor for his 'no' vote on the budget. He also referenced a solar editorial in the newspapers concerning the State Energy Plan that mentioned statutory language that would discourage solar installations if a property has been farmland assessed for the prior 10 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer –

RESOLUTION #98-2013

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Planning Board of West Amwell Township that the following applicant's escrow fees are in excess of what was needed to cover their charges, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board 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 applicants:

Applicant	Amount Refunded
Amwell Valley Conservancy Inc	\$409.06

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

Presentation of Bills for Approval: Mr. Molnar called attention to the Meskill bill on page 14 for a circuit panel at the DPW. This was needed due to the required filter retro-fit on older trucks. The location is in the far bay. Also commented on was the \$2700 transmission in the 2008 Crown Vic and the replaced window motor in the 2011 Tahoe.

RESOLUTION #99-2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the vouchers listed on the Bill List, in the amount of \$858,959.16, dated May 22, 2013, as presented by the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, be paid from existing appropriations.

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

Treasurer Report: Appropriations through May 22, 2013 were provided and reviewed.

Website Review: Held

The reports were unanimously accepted as filed.

The Closed Session item from Open Space that was held earlier was invoked.

RESOLUTION #100-2013

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:
PURCHASE, LEASE OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY
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 Fisher.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was ordered filed.

The amount of police overtime was noted, especially in light of the full complement of officers. However, a good job is being accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:04 p.m. on motion from Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk

APPROVED: June 10, 2013