

# SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## October 28, 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, Attorney Howard Cohen

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 October 14, 2009, with revised notice faxed to same and posted on the bulletin board on October 26, 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 #172-2009**

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:  
**LITIGATION**
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 5:38 p.m. Attorney Cohen departed.*

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR 2010 & BUDGET ITEMS**

Discussion centered on whether a so-called 'fair and open' or a 'non-fair and open' process would be implemented for upcoming professional services contracts. Information was provided at an earlier meeting and the details involved with each were overviewed. The decision was to continue with the non-fair and open process due to the limited amount of committee and staff time available to develop the required paperwork.

A special closed session meeting has been requested by Judge Barson and will be scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Corboy relayed that the police study meeting will be held sometime after November 15<sup>th</sup>.

A recent Beacon article quoted the mayor as saying that employee work hours would be reinstated in January. The staff is interested in knowing if this should be anticipated and if salaries would be restored at that time. No decision made.

A preliminary budget discussion was anticipated but the Clerk was advised by the CFO that this is a bit early. However, a plan for both the Perrine property and the Hancock property needs to be developed and should be given some thought. A brief discussion ensued about the possibilities for the former (new well, RO, or COAH housing) and funding of preliminary work for the latter (demolition/cleanup plus appraisal/purchase of an adjoining parcel). Barbara Walsh, the new housing MHL/AA, has been requested to assist with this determination. Propane is on order for the former Perrine property to avoid water line freezing with cold weather coming on. Water testing will resume on the property in December after almost a year's hiatus due inability to access. The DPW

yard remediation is another unfinished piece of the area's salt contamination that will have to be dealt with at some point.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lora L. Olsen, RMC  
Township Clerk