

SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
December 13, 2010; 7:00 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Molnar, Committeeman Fisher, Committeeman-elect Rich, David DeVecchio, Rob Tomenchok, Art Newfeld, Paul Cronic, Hal Shute, Thomas Brys and Jeffrey Raymond.

In compliance with the Public Meetings Act, Mayor Molnar 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 December 6, 2010. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

David DeVecchio, Mayor of Lambertville, led the assembled group in the pledge to the American flag.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system and a copy of the CD is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

SOUTH HUNTERDON RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATIVE (SHREC)

Mr. Fisher observed that there were no new faces in the audience to hear the presentation—those in attendance have all been involved in the process. Tom Brys overviewed the bid summary for the design and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, noting that the Birdsall Services Group assisted in the technical, economical and financial evaluation of proposals received in response to the Co-op’s PV system RFP. A total of two proposals were received—Main Street Power & Swan Creek Energy LLC. These were briefly described (see attached). The recommendation by BSG is that SHREC prepare to expedite award of a contract no later than December 15th.

Mr. DeVecchio added that the receipts to the Township would be \$30,000 annually for a lease on the land, with a 2% increase each year for the 15 year term.

A question was raised as to when the contract would be available for review. Mr. Brys indicated that it is currently in draft form as to technical content but is basically a performance contract. It should be available for the group to review shortly. Also noted was that a lump sum payment to the Township would be made on the anniversary date of substantial completion, which is anticipated during the 2nd quarter of 2011. With a signed contract the Township should be able to anticipate the revenue in their 2011 budget.

RESOLUTION #162-2010

“A Resolution Authorizing the Contract for the PPA Agreement for the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative”

WHEREAS, the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative is comprised of representatives from the City of Lambertville, the Lambertville Public School, the Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, the West Amwell Township Municipality, the West Amwell Township Elementary School and the South Hunterdon Regional High School, and

WHEREAS, the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative is an approved entity by the Director, Division of Local Government Services for Cooperative Purchasing which is defined and regulated by N.J.A.C. 5:34-7, and

WHEREAS, the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative completed a competitive contracting process by issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the installation of solar electric (photovoltaic or PV) systems financed through a Power Purchase Agreement and received two proposals as follows:

	KW	PRICE	ESC	EE ALLOWANCE
Main Street Power	1,000	\$.099	3.5%	\$150,000
Swan Creek Energy	1,061	\$.086	2%	\$175,000

WHEREAS, both Proposals were reviewed and found to be responsive and responsible proposals by Thomas Brys and Jeffrey Raymond of Birdsall Services Group, Consultant for the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative, and

WHEREAS, after the review, Birdsall Services Group has determined Swan Creek Energy to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered, and

WHEREAS, the members of the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative met on Thursday, December 2, and took action to approve the award of the contract to Swan Creek Energy with a motion made by Rob Tomenchok of West Amwell Elementary School and Daniel Seiter of South Hunterdon Regional High School. An affirmative voice vote from the following individuals Rob Tomenchok – West Amwell Elementary School, Daniel Seiter – South Hunterdon Regional High School, George F. Fisher - West Amwell Municipality, David M. DelVecchio - City of Lambertville, Tom Horne -Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, and Steve Wolok - Lambertville Public School, to support the award of the contract to Swan Creek Energy, for a duration of fifteen (15) years, as per the recommendation of Birdsall Services Group, subject to the contract having all said provisions as discussed and outlined in the proposals submitted, and the following conditions:

1. A Public Meeting will be held in each entity of the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative, and
2. Each Entity, which includes the City of Lambertville, Lambertville Public School, Lambertville Municipal Utilities Authority, West Amwell Township Municipality, West Amwell Township Elementary School and South Hunterdon Regional High School, shall adopt a resolution supporting the award of the contract to Swan Creek Energy, and
3. The Power Purchase Agreement shall be reviewed and commented upon by an Attorney of the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative who shall put forth a recommendation on the terms of the contract, prior to the signing of said contract, and
4. A lease agreement between Swan Creek Energy and West Amwell Township for the lease of the land for the amount of \$30,000, with an escalator of 2% per year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon in the State of New Jersey, that Swan Creek Energy shall be awarded the contract for the Power Purchase Agreement for the South Hunterdon Renewable Energy Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of West Amwell that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Lambertville are hereby authorized to sign the contract for the Power Purchase Agreement with Swan Creek Energy as the lead agency in the South Hunterdon Renewable Cooperative.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Hal Shute stated that it has been a pleasure working with the group.
- Mr. DelVecchio expressed appreciation for what has been accomplished and relayed that this was a team effort—the secret of which was that everyone was an equal partner. There was a consensus vote on every item and that everyone won as there is something in the deal for all parties involved.
- Mr. Byrs noted that the group saved between \$40,000 and \$50,000 by doing this work themselves, which was a huge benefit.
- On behalf of the residents, Mr. Molnar expressed appreciation for the work that has been accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk