

# SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## January 25, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date at 6:40 p.m. Present: Mayor Fisher, Committeemen Rich (6:42) and Molnar and Assessor David Gill. Also in attendance were John Cronic, Hal Shute, Dave Beaumont and Cathy Urbanski

In compliance with the Public Meetings Act, Mayor Fisher 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 January 20, 2012. 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.

### **RE-ASSESSMENT UPDATE WITH ASSESSOR GILL:**

The purpose of the discussion was to obtain information on the status of the re-assessment effort and when exact numbers as to value would be available. The expectation is that residential numbers would be available by early next week with commercial shortly thereafter. A summary of land and improvement values, including net value, was presented and reviewed. An estimated 15% reduction in value is anticipated. Equalized valuations will result in higher taxes for some, especially to those who have appealed, but will level the field overall. Mr. Gill indicated that the re-assessment program will be an ongoing one with a focus on finished basements, decks and additions without permits.

A question was raised about the new development on Route 179 but, at this point, only the lots can be taxed as there are no houses. The amount of land with conservation easement was also noted.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:58 p.m. on motion by Molnar, seconded by Rich.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lora L. Olsen, RMC  
Township Clerk