

# **WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **December 30, 2009**

### **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 7:05 p.m. Present were Mayor William J. Corboy, Deputy Mayor Frank P. Masterson III, Committeeman Thomas J. Molnar, Committeeman-elect George Fisher and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III. Also in attendance were Cathy Urbanski, Sean Pfeiffer, Hal Shute, Betty Jane Hunt, Pat Masterson, Barbara Walsh, Fia Pfeiffer, Ron Shapella, Rob Tomenchok, Steve Bergenfeld, Zach Rich, Jane Luhrs, and Star Ledger reporter Veronica Slaght.

Mayor Corboy 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 Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 2, 2009, 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 and a copy of the CD is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

Mayor Corboy led the assemble group in the pledge to the nation's flag.

### **AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

The following items were added: 9. Unfinished Business: Possible Appointments; 10. New Business: PAICF Assessment; Letter from Mayor DeVecchio; Letter from County Engineer on Drainage Improvements; 12. Administration: Zoning Report for December. Deleted: 12. Administration: Tax Collector.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Corboy made the following announcements:

- PSE&G Power Line Mowing in Various ROWs – Through March 31, 2010  
(map on file in Clerk's office)
- Township Offices Closed – January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Township Committee Re-Organization Meeting – January 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m.
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

Mr. Corboy announced that he recommends that Thursday be a half day for the staff. This action was unanimously approved.

### **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

The December 9, 2009 Special meeting minutes and their respective Closed Sessions; the December 9, 2009 Regular meeting; and, the Special meeting minutes for December 10, 2009 and December 22, 2009 were unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Corboy.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ron Shapella came forward to congratulate Bill Corboy on his last Township meeting night; to thank him for his service and that West Amwell is better off for it; and, that tough choices were made that others had not thought about or managed to get approved. It has been a pleasure to serve with him these past two years and looks forward to working with him again in the future. Mr. Corboy acknowledged the difficult decisions, especially those concerning township employees, but no one lost their job.

Cathy Urbanski seconded Mr. Shapella's comments. She also thanked the mayor for all the hard work and that he 'did good!'

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Public Hearing:** Ordinance 30, 2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – Stream Corridor Protection

Proof of publication in the December 17, 2009 issue of the Lambertville Beacon was presented. The ordinance has been posted and available to the public since its introduction at the December 9, 2009 Township Committee meeting and mailed to surrounding municipalities and the Hunterdon County Planning Board. The Ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Board, found consistent with the Master Plan and adoption recommended. Mr. Corboy read the Ordinance by title and opened the public hearing.

Cathy Urbanski offered that this ordinance does not change the Stream Corridor ordinance only incorporates the 2007 Flood Hazard rules with the original Category 1 Stormwater regulations and defines Trout Maintenance and Production waters. This action provides clarification for applicants.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was unanimously closed on motion from Molnar and seconded by Masterson.

Corboy moved for adoption of the Ordinance and Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

**Public Hearing:** Ordinance 31, 2009 AN ORDINANCE DELETING ARTICLE XXVIII, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, FROM CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Hal Shute came forward inquiring if this was something that was forgotten when the new stormwater regulations were adopted and how this was discovered. The answer to the former was in the affirmative and Mrs. Urbanski relayed that it was found during the checklist review.

Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed on motion from Molnar and seconded by Masterson. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

Molnar moved for adoption of the Ordinance and Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

**Public Hearing:** Ordinance 32, 2009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 27, 2009 THAT AMENDED CHAPTER 109 ARTICLE IV SECTION 109-13 FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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has been reviewed by the Planning Board, found consistent with the Master Plan and adoption recommended. Mr. Corboy read the Ordinance by title and opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was unanimously closed on motion from Molnar and seconded by Masterson.

Molnar moved for adoption of the Ordinance and Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

**Public Hearing:** Ordinance 33, 2009 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Hal Shute commented that the consolidation of the checklist was a good move but was curious about the Environmental Impact Statement. Mrs. Urbanski relayed that this has been a requirement but the planner indicated that it needed to be defined. Consolidation of the various items on the checklist went into the EIS—stormwater, woodlands, etc.—so it would be easier for the applicant. Mr. Shute was satisfied that nothing new was created, although, statutorily, stormwater regulations have no environmental impact by definition. Mr. Molnar expressed appreciation to Mrs. Urbanski for the comprehensive, concise, explanation.

Hearing no comments, the public hearing was unanimously closed on motion from Molnar and seconded by Masterson.

Molnar moved for adoption of the Ordinance and Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-aye, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

## **SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Open Space**

- *Open Space Invoices:* Sean Pfeiffer presented invoices for the Toll project from Gould Environmental (\$285.00), Bohren and Bohren (\$582.30) and Ballard & Dragan (\$4,489.95) and Ballard & Dragan work on work on Kilmer (\$323.40). These were unanimously approved for further processing on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

- *Project Status Updates:* Mr. Pfeiffer relayed that he is waiting to hear from the Kilmers and that a letter has been sent to the attorney concerning acreage and cleanup. He wants to give the Kilmer's an opportunity to comment before submission to Green Acres.

### **Environmental**

- *Response from Shop Rite:* Mrs. Urbanski relayed that she was thrilled and pleased to receive the letter that Shop Rite will donate 307 reusable canvas bags for the elementary school Arbor Day program. Both trees and bags will be distributed to the school children. Mr. Corboy noted that Shop Rite has also been good to the Kiwanis organization by donating salads for their Hops to Hops program, which helps raise money for local charities, and commended Mr. Colalillo for being community minded.

- *Request to Post November minutes on Website:* Approved

### **Recycling**

- *Freeholder Request Concerning Shared Services for Recycling:* The County is requesting a written response concerning the township's participation in their shared

service recycling model. Mr. Shapella stated that this was discussed at the last recycling meeting; that there's no point in joining with the County for recycling as the township does not have the same demands; that there is no need to do so; and the County-wide coordinator would cost money. Mr. Corboy added that the County wanted half of the township's tonnage money for participating. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter saying 'no thanks.'

### **Affordable Housing**

- *Various Topics*: Barbara Walsh presented an update on housing issues in addition to the memo provided earlier. Several areas of the Accessory Apartment **manual** were recommended for revision, including allowing owners to advertise, an easier application process, establishing a procedure for when an owner rejects an applicant; and to give applicants an opportunity to view more than one apartment before going to the bottom of the list. She explained that she's trying to establish a waiting list, as this does not exist currently, and needs experience in working with it. These revisions will be submitted to COAH, if approved by the Township Committee.

#### RESOLUTION #194-2009

WHEREAS, a new Accessory Apartment Handbook has been developed for use in the Township's Affordable Housing program; and

WHEREAS, this Handbook as been reviewed by the Township Committee

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Amwell Township Committee hereby approves the Accessory Apartment Handbook for use in the Affordable Housing program and for submission to COAH for their review and approval

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to COAH with the Accessory Apartment Handbook

The Resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

Mr. Corboy inquired about septic systems as no new apartment has come on board. Ms. Walsh relayed that her plan is to kick off a **new campaign** in mid-February with 1) a revised manual, 2) a website, and 3) a mailing concerning the Re-hab and Accessory Apartment program as well as ECHO details. This will provide an opportunity to see if the new governor issues an executive order on COAH and municipal obligations. She wants to 'wait and see' but also to be in a position to go forward. The next step is to prepare a letter for review. Mr. Corboy continued his question about septic systems; offered an example; and, inquired if an existing home would need to have the septic tested in order to participate. The answer is 'yes' but is part of what the money they receive from the Township pays for. Ms. Walsh stated that she has a long history with an environmental background and septics, noting that 20 years ago DEP wanted mandatory inspections but the process got off track. There is now a newer movement for regular inspection. A recent attempt by Hopewell Township to check and maintain septic systems met massive opposition was noted by Mr. Corboy. The **website** needs to be modified for better accessibility. The current scrolling of the ad moves too quickly to get the information and she suggested that the Township consider modifying the home page using tabs that can be clicked on. She wants to post information on the Re-hab and Accessory Apartment Programs and would like to post the revised manuals as they will be utilized in the 2010 program. The website needs some thought and a link to an information page. She has not seen anything like the current design before.

The municipality is obligated to spend development fees for **affordability assistance** and there is no program in place. The AHB approved utilizing these funds for security deposits. This could be incorporated into the Accessory Apartment manual. An application form will need to be developed and guidelines found as COAH has yet to develop a model. It was noted that no municipality has an affordability assistance

operating manual at this point. Township Committee approval for a policy is needed. A brief exchange on how this would work and concerns about using the trust fund money for security deposits occurred. The latter is to protect the homeowner from damages and could leave the Township holding the bag. Mrs. Walsh relayed that this is something that would not be advertised but could be employed if there's difficulty in filling a unit. A demonstrated need would have to exist and other resources looked at before this option would be invoked—a last resort. The possibility of a loan program was mentioned but there would be administrative problems and COAH rules state that the cost be added into the rent. This would be rather complex and she'd like to keep things simple. The available unit has been vacant too long and efforts need to be made to attract people to West Amwell. The current rent of \$825 plus 1 ½ months security is too much for low income people. In addition, if the Township doesn't commit the trust fund money in two years, it could be taken. Another recommendation would be to look for a waiver to use the money for the housing program. The policy was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

As the unit has been vacant a long time, **advertising costs** have been researched and brought to the AHB as to procedure. They recommend utilizing the weekly newspapers—Princeton Packet and Hunterdon County Democrat—which covers the region. The homeowner also has an advertisement on the internet. Mrs. Walsh noted that she asks callers where they found the information so that avenues that work best are located. Right now, Fisherman's Mark is the best resource. The possibility of trying ApartmentSmart.com was noted as they focus on affordable housing. Flyers have been sent to MHL's in all three regions.

Trust fund money can be utilized for acquisition and site preparation for a **group home**. Attorney Faherty has been advised that the appraisal has a funding source. Mrs. Walsh would like to reach out to groups other than Community Options as there may be agencies that have funds for new construction, something that Community Options lacks. An example is NORWESCAP. The item is on hold.

The Kari Drive non-residential fees have been refunded. The claim now needs to be submitted to COAH.

The settlement with the **Fair Share Housing Center** requires the Township to provide two very low-income units. The next step is finding an incentive for an existing homeowner to modify their deed to make the apartment very low as there is no mandate to do so. This will be brought to the AHB after COAH approves and options to move forward will be discussed.

The Re-hab manual was looked at before. However, approval is needed to post both manuals on the website when they are ready, along with the new application. Pictures of available units are also being considered for the website. Posting of these documents was unanimously approved.

#### **Aq Advisory**

- September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes for Posting Approval: Approved

*The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 8:08 p.m. for holiday treats and returned to regular session at 8:16.*

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Update on Trails at Dondero Property** – Mr. Molnar relayed that the anticipated meeting was postponed due to snow.

**Update on Police Study Release** – An e-mail received from Michael Capabianco on December 15<sup>th</sup> indicated that the press is reading the redacted copy and it will be posted on the Chamber website after he has a chance to speak with them, probably sometime around the 21<sup>st</sup>. He also indicated that there will be a 3-town public meeting in mid January. When posting is confirmed, a link will be placed on the Township website.

**Response from Engineer Clerico on Rocktown Hill Drainage Project** – The question was whether the State would permit the Township to use DRJTBC money to

match the State DOT grant of \$200,000. The response was that the State doesn't care where the Township obtains their portion of project funding as long as the DOT funds are used for the allowable cost of construction or construction inspection work and that the Township has sufficient funds to complete the project, including those costs that are not reimbursed by DOT.

**Proposed Letter to Governor Corzine re: CMPTRA – Held**

**Open Space Appointment** – The recent appointment, by the mayor, of Mr. Kowalski to an unexpired 2 year term after his resignation from that committee needs governing body approval according to a letter received from Attorney Faherty. Mr. Corboy stated that Mr. Kowalski is the secretary of the group and has done an outstanding job and motioned to approve the appointment. Masterson seconded. Roll Call: Molnar-no, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye

George Fisher questioned the timing of this move; was confused over the resignation/re-appointment; and stated that this is not only corrupting the process but making a mockery of the way appointments are made. Mr. Corboy offered that he leaned on Mr. Kowalski to stay on and finish the open unexpired term as continuity and experience is needed.

Mr. Corboy made the following additional appointments: Charity Hall from 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate to 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate on the Environmental Commission and Sean Pfeiffer to fill the unexpired term of Alexander Greenwood on the Planning Board. Mr. Pfeiffer offered that he did not want to committee to another four year term for personal and professional reasons.

A motion to support Mr. Pfeiffer's appointment to the Planning Board slot, although not required—was made by Corboy and seconded by Masterson. Roll Call: Molnar-no, Masterson-aye, Corboy-aye.

Although this 'smells' bad, accordingly to Mr. Fisher, its legality was acknowledged. Mr. Molnar commented that although this is legal, why on the 364<sup>th</sup> day of the year. Mr. Corboy relayed Mr. Pfeiffer's appointment history—appointed by Nancy Palladino to 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate; by Tom Molnar to 1<sup>st</sup> alternate; three years ago received a Class IV seat; and was made Chair. Mr. Pfeiffer will provide a continuity of experience on the Board.

Betty Jane Hunt commented that unfortunately the Township has reverted to very legal but unethical behavior and noted the continuity issue as it concerned Gary Bleacher. She noted that she's an old timer but Dick Gulick, John Williamson and Joseph Wright are turning over in their graves at this game.

Mr. Corboy acknowledged that he didn't appoint Mr. Bleacher and so accepts this comment on the chin. However, he learned the moves from the other side; recounted how Nancy Palladino and Tom Molnar were dumped; how the party ran against their own; and, after being admonished for three years, the Republicans are about to do the same thing that he was called on. This is hypocrisy. A brief exchange occurred between Mr. Fisher and Mr. Corboy concerning appointment history.

Ron Shapella rejected Mrs. Hunt's comment as there is nothing illegal about this move and nothing in the State ethics code about it; therefore, it is not unethical...creative but legal and ethical.

**Review of items for 2010, including Approval to Distribute/Post 2010**

**Garbage/Trash/Recycle Flyer, Elevator Proposal** – Mrs. Luhrs presented the proposed Salary & Wage ordinance and Temporary Budget. She relayed that the full pension obligation is included in the latter as a proposed deferral has not been enacted. An amendment can be made within 30 days, so a budget workshop should be held in January to decide on the deferral issue. The temporary budget includes the full amount for salt purchase and reflects the hefty increase in group insurance.

The **Salary & Wage** ordinance for introduction January 1<sup>st</sup> restores employee salaries to the 2008 level; changes the police secretary's salary reflective of reduced hours; keeps the construction and plumbing official at current salary; and, restores Township Committee salaries.

A letter was received from Lambertville concerning **paying a portion of health benefits** for a retired employee and two current ones. This amounts to over \$12,000, with one employee's health benefits cost exceeding the local salary paid by well over \$3000. The Township has not paid for these benefits or been billed for them in several years and there does not appear to be any written agreement in place. Betty Jane Hunt offered that there was no written agreement as a verbal was okay at the time and that the three were probably approved at different times. If there's an agreement, Mr. Corboy would like for it to be located and presented by Lambertville City; requested that State Health Benefits be contracted concerning Medi-care supplements as same could be purchased from AARP for less than the current obligation; and stated that this issue needs to be researched. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the City that they need to produce an agreement as the Township is unaware of supplement health benefits for any employee.

An e-mail was received from the State that **CMPTRA** will now arrive December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The January 1<sup>st</sup> agenda, resolutions, ordinance, a revised appointment list reflecting recent resignations, and a Citizen Leadership spreadsheet of residents who have filed for appointment consideration. These will constitute the meeting packet for re-organization.

The ad for a **part time office assistant** in the police department was approved for in-house posting. Applicants are subject to a criminal history background check.

The 2010 **garbage/trash/recycle flyer** was approved for distribution at the garbage depot. Residents without new trash cards will be given until next week to obtain same.

A capital ordinance for \$65,000-\$70,000 for the bidding and installation of an **elevator** would be needed according to the architect's proposal. Mrs. Luhrs relayed that there is cash in the Capital Improvement Fund that is not contingent on budget adoption.

### **Resolution to Enter Closed Session**

RESOLUTION #195-2009

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:  
PROTECTING THE SAFETY & PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC  
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 Masterson.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Machinga Conservation Easement/Authorize Mayor to Sign** – Molnar motioned to authorize the mayor to execute the easement and Masterson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Savings on the Deregulation of Energy** – An e-mail from an energy consultant representing America Approved Energy Services was recently received concerning savings on the deregulation of energy (electricity and gas). Mr. Fisher originally inquired about this offer and will follow up.

**PAICF Assessment** – Chris Tarricone met with the Clerk yesterday and an assessment comparison between 2009 and 2010 premiums, together with the percentage of change, was presented. The biggest increase was in public officials liability, which will increase over 36%, and additional information was requested. An e-mail has been received from Mr. Tarricone who noted that “there was claim activity from the various members which had to be passed along. Of the claims that involved employment issues, more than 70% were attributable to townships with police departments. As a result, there were additional debits applied to townships with said departments based on the number of personnel. Also, the MEL had required that a higher deductible be applied to this line of coverage. However, in order to mitigate that additional exposure to its members, PAICF established a ‘loss fund’ that would be used to offset the higher deductible. To create the fund, every member had an additional amount added to their premium assessment.” There was some good news in that a return of surplus funds from PAICF is expected.

**Letter from Mayor DeVecchio** – Discussion held earlier in the evening.

**Drainage/Safety Improvements for County Route 601** – The County Engineer’s office has provided a construction plan for CR 601 at the northern boundary of the Mt. Airy district. The proposed construction consists of extending the storm sewer from Route 179 to approximately 700 feet on the east side of CR 601. The effort will greatly reduce the roadside erosion currently taking place in the deep ditch. The safety of the traveling public will also be much improved because with the deep ditch filled in, the guiderail can be removed and a recoverable grass created. A 3 foot paved shoulder is also proposed for the 700’ to create an even 15 foot roadway half width, including paved aprons around the new catch basins for function and maintenance reasons. The project has to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office, as Mt. Airy is a registered historic district, and a letter of support from West Amwell is sought. The Clerk was requested to prepare a letter of approval.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Sean Pfeiffer thanked Bill Corboy for his service noting that during his time as liaison to the Open Space committee he was helpful in getting projects done; that they have found more success the past two years; and, have gotten more funding than was done previously. Mr. Pfeiffer also mentioned Mr. Corboy’s time and effort that was put forward to ‘Save West Amwell Township’ when the CMPTRA was withheld. There are now big shoes to fill given the time and energy exhibited the past three years. Although they have disagreed at times, Mr. Pfeiffer noted his respect of the position.

Fia Pfeiffer also expressed appreciation for Mr. Corboy’s service and how he admirably tried to do the right thing.

Cathy Urbanski questioned Mr. Molnar about the Dondero trail, noting that Hunterdon Land Trust has jurisdiction and can get grant funding. Mr. Molnar explained that Terry Anderson of Chimney Hill is the lead on the project and that HLTA is there as well. The anticipated meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Bill Corboy thanked both his opposition and supporters stating that he took actions as appropriate. It’s been a good but difficult run. He wished the committee success as he knows they have West Amwell at heart. It’s time for him to say good bye.

Tom Molnar offered that although Bill and he have had agreements and disagreements, the differences stayed in the room. For that he expressed appreciation and thanked the mayor for his service.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Treasurer –**

**RESOLUTION #196-2009**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year between line items of the municipal budget, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain line items are in excess of the sums needed and certain line items have insufficient funds to complete the operation of the fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following transfers be made between the Budget Appropriations as follows:

	From	To
General Administration: Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	
Mayor & Council: Salaries & Wages	\$ 315.00	
Municipal Clerk: Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,000.00	
Agricultural Advisory Committee:		
Other Expenses	\$ 200.00	
Planning Board: Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
Police: Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,000.00	
Solid Waste Collection: Other Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	
Public Health: Salaries & Wages	\$ 350.00	
Environmental Commission:		
Other Expenses	\$ 335.00	
Gasoline: Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Revenue Administration: Other Expenses		\$ 100.00
Tax Assessment Administration:		
Other Expenses		\$ 100.00
Engineering: Other Expenses		\$ 500.00
Other Code Enforcement Functions:		
Salaries & Wages		\$ 500.00
Employee Group Insurance: Other Expenses		\$ 6,000.00
Streets & Road Maintenance: Salaries & Wages		\$ 5,000.00
Buildings & Grounds: Other Expenses		\$ 1,000.00
Public Health Services: Other Expenses		\$ 2,000.00
Fuel Oil: Other Expenses		\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$17,200.00	\$17,200.00

The Resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

**RESOLUTION #197-2009**

WHEREAS, the following Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Affordable Housing:	
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,000.00
NJDES Stormwater Permit-Street Div	
Other expenses	\$ 100.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	
Other Expenses	\$ 400.00
Matching Funds for Grants: Other Expenses	\$ 100.00
Public Defender: Other Expenses	\$ 150.00
Bond Interest: Other Expenses	\$ .75
Green Acres Loan	\$ .01
Total	\$2,750.76

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund be canceled.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Molnar, seconded by Corboy.

Presentation of Bills for Approval: Payment of the evening's bills was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Corboy.

**Zoning Officer Report** -- The December 2009 report of activities was received. Numerous permits, phone calls, meetings and interpretations were noted. The motion by Molnar to accept the Zoning Officer report was seconded by Corboy and unanimously received.

*The Committee entered there previously approved Closed Session at 9:10 p.m., returning to Open Session at 9:32 p.m.*

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was ordered filed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on motion from Molnar, seconded by Masterson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lora Olsen, RMC  
Township Clerk