

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

August 13, 2019 - 8:30 AM

Special Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This special meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 8:30 AM by Mayor Zachary Rich. Present were Committeemen Stephen Bergenfeld and John Dale along with Township Clerk Maria Andrews. Participating via speaker phone were Deputy Mayor Hoyer and Committeeman Cally.

Mayor Rich announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on August 10, 2019. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

Leasing Municipal Land for Solar Development – Award Solar RFP

Mayor Rich explained 4 proposals were received from the following developers:

Active Solar

Advanced Solar

Nexamp

HESP

He commented on the rates and details of each noting that they appear to all interpret parts of the BID package a little differently. He suggested the possible need to clarify some points.

Committeeman Hoyer remarked that the project could be awarded and additional details could likely be clarified or negotiated at the time the lease is signed.

Mayor Rich remarked that the Township's experience with the last solar developer resulted in the project taking 4 years. He stated the Committee knows much more now and it's important to make the right choice expressing perhaps the project should be re-bid.

Committeeman Cally noted the application deadline for developers to get everything in to the State is 9/9/19. Mayor Rich suggested the Committee cancel their 8/21/19 regularly scheduled meeting and instead hold a special meeting on 8/29/19 to award the BID. All of the Committee members agreed with the suggestion.

GMMC, LLC Letter

Mayor Rich explained the letter is to express support on potentially working together in the future regarding possible land development. A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale authorizing Mayor Rich to sign off on the letter to GMMC, LLC was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Resolution #86-2019 Amending Resolution #45-2019 Authorizing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation of Certain Properties Located in the Township to Determine Whether Such Properties Qualify as an "Area in Need of Redevelopment" or "Area in Need of Rehabilitation" Under the NJ Local Redevelopment and Housing Law
Clerk Andrews noted the resolution was amended to include Block 8 Lot 29.02. A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Dale approving Resolution #86-2019 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Rich, seconded by Bergenfeld to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

Approved: 9/18/19