

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
January 6, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

FLAG CEREMONY & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A contingent of local Cub and Boy Scouts, together with their pack/troop leaders, presented the colors. Daisy Scout Juliet Rich led those gathered in the Pledge to the American flag. She was assisted by Robert Tomenchok, Michael Gambino, Andrew Underwood, Drew Mumich, Casey Carter, Marc Gambino, Jack Bodnar, Jason Barrett, Christian Lovett-Marion, Seth Geis, Scot McCloughan, Jess Cally, James Cally, Ryan Balog, Aiden Rice, and Bryce Pietras and leaders Terry Underwood, Kent Carpenter, Tom Omge, Terry Rice, and Jim Cally.

The 2014 Annual Reorganization Meeting of the West Amwell Township Committee was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Township Clerk Lora Olsen. Present were Committee members George A. Fisher, John Dale, and Committee member-elect Zachary T. Rich. The Committee was joined by a crowd of approximately 30 people.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Mrs. Olsen announced that that notice of this Re-Organization meeting being published in the December 19, 2013 issue of the Trenton Times and the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the Township bulletin board, where it 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. Notice should also be taken the Municipal Building is handicapped accessible but the Clerk's office should be contacted 24 hours in advance for any special accommodations.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION:

Mrs. Olsen presented the Certificate of Election held on November 5, 2013 from the Hunterdon County Board of Canvassers certifying the election of Zachary T. Rich to a three-year term on the Township Committee.

Mrs. Olsen administered the **Oath of Office** to Mr. Rich with daughters Juliet and Brielle and wife Emily holding the Bible for the swearing-in ceremony.

NOMINATION OF 2014 MAYOR:

Mrs. Olsen called for nominations for Mayor of West Amwell Township. Zach Rich was nominated on motion by Mr. Dale with a second provided by Mr. Fisher for 2014 Mayor. No other nominations were received. Nomination unanimously approved.

Mrs. Olsen administered the **Oath of Office** to Mr. Rich with Juliet, Brielle and Emily, holding the Bible for the swearing-in ceremony.

NOMINATION OF 2014 DEPUTY MAYOR:

Nominations for Deputy Mayor were solicited. Mr. Fisher was nominated on motion by Mr. Rich with a second provided by Mr. Dale for 2014 Deputy Mayor. No other nominations were received. Nomination unanimously approved.

Mrs. Olsen administered the **Oath of Office** to Mr. Fisher. Wife Kathy Fisher held the Bible for the swearing-in ceremony.

Mayor Rich took over the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Rich announced that Resolutions #01-2014 through #17-2014 are covered under the consent agenda; considered to be routine by the Township Committee; and, will be enacted by one motion.

DESIGNATING A MEETING SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION #01-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that during 2014 the Township Committee will hold regularly scheduled meetings as follows, except that the listed 2nd Monday meetings will occur only as needed and will be subject to cancellation:

January 22	April <u>14</u> , 23	July 23	October <u>13</u> , 22
February <u>10</u> , 26	May <u>12</u> , 28	August 27	November <u>10</u> , 26
March <u>10</u> , 26	June <u>9</u> , 25	September <u>8</u> , 24	December <u>8</u> , 30

All regular meetings will be 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 150 Rocktown-Lamb. Road, Lambertville (West Amwell), New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Special meetings shall be at the call of the Mayor or written request by a member of the Township Committee to the Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Building is handicapped accessible but the Clerk's office is to be contacted 24 hours in advance for any special accommodations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be posted on the Township bulletin board and transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times within seven days of adoption.

ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

RESOLUTION #02-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Order of Business and the conducting of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
3. Agenda Review by Township Clerk
4. Announcements
5. Presentation of Minutes
6. Open to the Public/Topic not on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes)
7. Special Presentation(s)
8. Introduction of Ordinances and/or Public Hearings
9. Standing Committee Reports
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Open to the Public
13. Administrative (includes Payment of Bills—last regular meeting of each month; Reports; Website review)
14. Correspondence
15. Adjournment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all matters to be presented to the Township Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting shall be delivered in written form to the Township Clerk's Office no later than noon on the Friday prior to the meeting.

DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLUTION #03-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Hunterdon County Democrat be established as the Official Newspaper; the Trenton Times is designated as the daily newspaper having the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of the Township of its meetings.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON TOWNSHIP BANK ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION #04-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Clerk or Deputy Clerk, and CFO/Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer be authorized to sign checks drawn on the Current Account, Capital Account, Animal Control Trust Fund, Payroll Account, Unemployment Account, Trust Escrow Account, the Federal and State Grant Account, COAH Escrow Account, CDBG-Rehab Account, West Amwell Housing Trust and Open Space Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Court Administrator be authorized to sign checks drawn on the Court Account and Bail Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk or Deputy Clerk be authorized to sign checks drawn on the Petty Cash Account.

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION #05-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that Hopewell Valley Bank be designated as the depository for the Current Account, Capital Account, Animal Control Trust Fund, Payroll Account, Petty Cash Fund, Municipal Court Account, Bail Account, COAH Escrow Account, CDBG-Rehab Account, Escrow Trust Account, Unemployment Account, Federal & State Grant Account and Open Space Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TD Bank be designated as the depository for the West Amwell Housing Trust.

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR INVESTMENTS

RESOLUTION #06-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank, Hopewell Valley Community Bank, and the State Cash Plan be designated depositories for the Open Space Trust, General and Capital Account investments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer and Clerk be authorized to request bids and to place orders for investments of Township idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles and to execute the recurring Wire Transfer to and from Hopewell Valley Community Bank and other wire transfers for this purpose. Investments will be reported to the Township Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

DESIGNATING TAX COLLECTION DATES, INTEREST RATES AND SETTING FEES

RESOLUTION #07-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell as follows:

1. Real estate taxes shall be collected quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, 2014
2. Interest shall be charged and calculated at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of the first \$1500.00. These amounts are to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date the actual payment was received in the tax office.
3. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period, after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest from the due date.
4. Redemption fees for Tax Sale Certificates to the Municipality and Lien holders will be calculated as follows:
 - 2% on Certificates \$100.00 to \$4,999.00
 - 4% on Certificates \$5,000.00 to \$9,999.00.
 - 6% on Certificates over \$10,000.00
5. Redemption amounts shall be obtained from the Tax Collector. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for each additional request for a redemption calculation.
6. Duplicate tax sale certificates will be issued for a fee of \$100.00 each. Certificate owners must supply proof of loss or statement.)
7. Certificates of redemption can be issued for a fee of \$100.00 each. (Certificate owners must supply proof of payment of tax sale certificates.)
8. Tax Notices will have a fee of \$25.00 per mailing in lieu of publication.
9. Returned or insufficient checks will be charged a fee of \$20.00 each.
10. A duplicate bill fee of \$5.00 shall be charged upon request, excluding the property owners.
11. There will be a 6% year end penalty placed on balances and interest totaling \$10,000 or more at the close of the tax year on December 31.

The Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of this resolution.

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS AND DELINQUENCIES

RESOLUTION #08-2014

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Collector that from time to time there are property tax credits or delinquencies on certain properties located within the Township of West Amwell, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1, a resolution may be adopted by the governing body of a municipality authorizing a municipal employee to process without further action on the part of the governing body the cancellation of any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$5.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel any property tax credit or delinquency of less than \$5.00 without further action on the part of the Township Committee and that such action be noted in the Tax Duplicate for the Township of West Amwell.

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION

RESOLUTION #09-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Amwell Township CFO/Treasurer be authorized to pay payrolls as scheduled between meeting dates. Those pays will be subject to approval by the Township Committee at the next regular meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION #10-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Amwell Township Committee may approve the payment of bills at all public meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all bills for payment by the Township Committee shall be submitted by 12 noon the Friday prior to the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO/Treasurer is authorized to pay the following invoices when they are due:

- State of New Jersey Health Benefits
- Debt Service Payments
- West Amwell Board of Education
- South Hunterdon Regional Board of Education
- County of Hunterdon Taxes
- Utility Bills, Lease Payments and Insurance Bills
- PERS & PFRS Payments
- Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invoices listed above will be submitted on bill list for the next meeting.

WIRE TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION #11-2014

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize wire transfers from various West Amwell Township bank accounts to the State Cash Management Plan, other approved investments and to third parties in order to conduct authorized Township business,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer or Assistant Treasurer be authorized to do wire transfers from Township bank accounts to the State Cash Management Plan, other approved investments and to other authorized third parties in order to conduct authorized Township business.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #12-2014

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of West Amwell, that from time to time, the Assessor may be required to

execute stipulations relative to assessment appeals, to make corrections in assessments on properties located in the Township of West Amwell, and to file omitted assessments and roll back tax complaints and appeals, all in the name of the Township of West Amwell; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation requires a resolution of the Township Committee to authorize actions by the Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to grant such authority to the Assessor, subject to the conditions set herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey:

Sec. 1 - The Tax Assessor of the Township of West Amwell is, and he hereby is authorized in the name of the Township of West Amwell aforesaid, to:

- (a) Execute stipulations relative to assessment appeals;
- (b) Make corrections in assessments on properties located in the Township of West Amwell;
- (c) File omitted assessment and rollback tax complaints and appeals with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

Sec. 2 - The authority herein granted shall expire on December 31, 2014 and is conditioned upon the Tax Assessor advising the Township Attorney and Township Committee of all such actions taken by him and the reasons therefore.

Sec. 3 - A copy of this Resolution duly certified to be a true copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Tax Assessor and Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL COUNSEL TO FILE AND PROSECUTE ROLL BACK TAX COMPLAINTS, COMPLAINTS TO CORRECT ERRORS IN ASSESSMENTS AND COMPLAINTS FOR ADDED, OMITTED AND ADDED/OMITTED ASSESSMENTS, DEFEND, SETTLE OR STIPULATE TO RESOLVE ALL 2014 LOCAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

RESOLUTION #13-2014

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Tax Board has issued a letter of request requiring a Resolution by the Mayor and Township Committee of each municipality of the County of Hunterdon by its County Tax Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the said County Tax Administrator requires that the Mayor and members of the Governing body of each municipality in the County of Hunterdon, in order to file municipal roll back complaints, correct errors or file added, omitted and added/omitted complaints, adopt a resolution allowing the Municipal Attorney or any member of his firm to file and prosecute said complaints.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that Philip J. Faherty III, is hereby authorized to file, prosecute, defend, stipulate, modify, agree upon and otherwise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process of prosecution and/or filing of said roll back tax complaints, complaints to correct errors in assessments for added assessment in 2014 and defending or settling all 2014 local property tax appeals and execute any and all stipulations relating to the same with the agreement of the West Amwell Township Municipal Tax Assessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Municipal Clerk is and the same is hereby directed to provide a true copy of this resolution to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation, Hunterdon County Court House, Flemington, New Jersey.

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND SETTING FEE FOR MEETING ROOM RENTAL

RESOLUTION #14-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to schedule use of the Municipal Building by community groups subject to the requested date not conflicting with the regular meeting schedule of any Township Board or Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rental fee for municipal building meeting room use is as follows:

Small meeting room	\$25/hour
Court room	\$50/hour

RESOLUTION FOR RETURNED CHECKS

RESOLUTION #15-2011

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell may charge a fee for returned checks, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of West Amwell to collect such a fee

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of West Amwell, Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, to set a fee of \$20.00 payable to the Township for dishonored checks to the Municipality for taxes and/or other fees.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #16-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of West Amwell Township that it hereby approves the use of a "Consent Agenda" which may also be noted as "Resolutions" on the Agenda where matters of a routine nature may be placed.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES & WEBSITE UPDATING

RESOLUTION #17-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of West Amwell Township that

1. Closed Session minutes from all Committee and Board meetings will be reviewed by those bodies at least one time per year to ascertain status of release
2. Agendas for all Committees and Boards will include a 'review of website' action item to insure that information is current
3. That copy of this Resolution be distributed to all West Amwell Township Boards and Committees

Resolutions #01-2014 through #17-2014 were unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Deal.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TEMPORARY BUDGET

RESOLUTION #18-2014

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 40:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2014 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2014; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2013 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is \$2,487,616.00; and

WHEREAS, one-fourth of the total appropriations in the 2013 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$621,904.00.

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 shall be the Temporary Budget for the Township of West Amwell for the year beginning January 1, 2014, and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Treasurer for his records:

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP TEMPORARY BUDGET 2014

(See attached)

Total 2014 Temporary Budget	\$621,904.00
Maximum Permitted by Law	\$621,904.00

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR REGISTERED MUNICIPAL AUDITOR

RESOLUTION #19-2014

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Registered Municipal Accountant to serve as Township Auditor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process, three (3) bids were received on November 7, 2013 for Municipal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposal and documents have been reviewed and the bidder has been found to be the most advantageous, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" and the contracts themselves be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget, adopted ordinances or grants, and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with the following individual for the year 2014.

Anthony Ardito, a Registered Municipal Accountant, for the year 2014.
The contract shall read as follows:

Not to exceed \$17,500.00 for the 2014 Statutory Audit, including financial statements

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

Anthony Ardito was in attendance. He was introduced by the mayor and given a warm welcome. Mr. Ardito commented that he is looking forward to working for the Township and with CFO Tom Carro.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NONFAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

RESOLUTION #20A-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services of an Engineer non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will or may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Richard Roseberry of Maser Consulting Engineers has submitted a proposal dated December 13, 2013, for the provision of Engineering Services for the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Richard Roseberry of Maser Consulting Engineers and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Richard Roseberry of Maser Consulting Engineers has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Maser Consulting Engineers has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that

the contract will prohibit Maser Consulting Engineers from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under line item Engineering Services OE, Planning Board OE, and various trusts, escrows and capital ordinances

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Richard Roseberry of Maser Consulting Engineers as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION #20B-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services of a Municipal Attorney as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will or may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty has submitted a proposal dated December 19, 2013 for the provision of legal counsel to the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Hunt & Faherty has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Hunt & Faherty from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under line item Township Attorney OE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR OPEN SPACE CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION #20C-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services of a special counselor for open space contracts as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Dragan of Ballard & Dragan submitted a proposal dated December 12, 2013 for the provision of legal counsel for open space contracts to the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Sharon Dragan of Ballard & Dragan and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Dragan of Ballard & Dragan has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Ballard & Dragan has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Ballard & Dragan from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under various capital ordinances and reserves

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Sharon Dragan of Ballard & Dragan as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION #20D-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services of a Municipal Prosecutor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will or may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty has submitted a proposal dated December 19, 2013 for the provision of prosecutor services to the Township for an estimated cost of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Hunt & Faherty has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Hunt & Faherty from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under line item Township Prosecutor OE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Philip J. Faherty of Hunt & Faherty as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR TOWNSHIP BOND COUNSEL

RESOLUTION #20E-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services of a Bond Counsel as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will or may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Kahn of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann has submitted a proposal dated December 5, 2013 for the provision of bond counsel services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Andrea Kahn and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Kahn of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that McManimon, Scotland & Baumann has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit McManimon, Scotland & Baumann from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under line item Financial Administration OE and various Bond ordinances

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Andrea Kahn of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR & OPEN CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

RESOLUTION #20F-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has a need to acquire services for Animal Control as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5*; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will or may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Nate Barson of ACIS has submitted a proposal dated December 29, 2013 for the provision of animal control services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Political Contribution Disclosure form has been received from Nate Barson and is on file; and

WHEREAS, Nate Barson of ACIS has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that ACIS has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of West Amwell in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit ACIS from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell under line item Animal Control OE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of West Amwell authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nate Barson of ACIS as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation within the Township of West Amwell not more than ten days from the enactment thereof

Resolutions 20A through 20E were unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Dale.

RESOLUTION FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS UNDER \$17,500

RESOLUTION #21-2014

WHEREAS, West Amwell Township has a need to acquire additional professional services without competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the value of these services over the course of the year will not exceed \$17,500.000; and

WHEREAS the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq. allows governing bodies to execute agreements without competitive bidding for professional services; and

WHEREAS these executed agreements must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget for the Township of West Amwell

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements with the following professionals:

Michael J. Kearney (Edward Geubtner), grantsman
Stanley Troy, Esq., public defender
Shirley Bishop, Housing & Planning Consultant
Martin Allen, Esq., special attorney for Verizon appeal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agreement are awarded, subject to contract discussions, without competitive bidding as defined under the appropriate section of the Local Public Contracts Law, because each of the above mentioned individuals is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

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

APPOINTING A PAIC FUND COMMISSIONER & ALTERNATE

RESOLUTION #22-2014

**APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE
INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND**

Be It Resolved, by the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Zach Rich as Fund Commissioner and George Fisher as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Zach Rich, Fund Commissioner
2. George Fisher, Alternate Fund Commissioner
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

**RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A SAFETY COORDINATOR AND
ALTERNATE SAFETY COORDINATOR TO THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE
COVERAGE FUND**

RESOLUTION #23-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Frank DeFazio, as the Safety Coordinator and Steve Bartzak as the Alternate Safety Coordinator to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Frank DeFazio (Safety Coordinator)
2. Steve Bartzak (Alternate Safety Coordinator)
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

DESIGNATING AN ACTING COURT ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION #24-2014

WHEREAS, the administration of the Municipal Court requires the appointment of an Acting Court Administrator to perform the duties of the Court Administrator during her absence from the position; and

WHEREAS, Ray Barson, Judge of the Municipal Court of West Amwell has recommended the appointment of Dawn Augustine, as Acting Court Administrator for this Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Augustine has satisfactorily completed all the required courses for the position of Municipal Court Administrator

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to approve the appointment of Dawn Augustine as Acting Court Administrator of the West Amwell Municipal Court to act in the capacity of the Court Administrator of this Court during her absence.

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

APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

RESOLUTION #25-2014

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell is currently in need of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Heller III is qualified for this position

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of West Amwell Township to appoint Harry J. Heller, III to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2014, ending December 31, 2016

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

APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION #26-2014

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the revision of the West Amwell Township Emergency Management Council:

Emergency Management Director	Harry J. Heller III	3 year term Expires 12/31/16
1 st Deputy	Richard J. Carmosino	1 year term
Communications Officer (Alert + Warning)	Matthew Skrebel	1 year term
Damage Assessment Officer	_____TBD_____	1 year term
Emergency Medical Services	Patrick Eckard, Chief LNHA&RS Stephen Chmil, Chief AVAC	1 year term
Public Information Officer	Zack Rich	1 year term
Fire	Jeffrey Ent, Chief, W.A.F.Co	1 year term
Law Enforcement	Lt. Steven Bartzak, O.I.C. WATDP	1 year term
Public Health Officer	George Fisher	1 year term
Public Works	Randy Hoagland	1 year term
Resource Management	Sandy Haberle, Ass't Treasurer	1 year term
Shelter/Reception	_____TBD_____	1 year term
Social Services	John Dale & TBD	1 year terms
Radiological Officer	Hunterdon County Health Dept.	1 year term
Evacuation/Sheltering	Rob Tomenchok	1 year term
Evacuation Officer & 2 nd Deputy	_____TBD_____	1 year term
EOC Manager	Dan Schulze	1 year term
Planner	Susan St. Clair	1 year term
Assistant Planner	Edward Skillman III	1 year term

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Coordinator of Emergency Management be authorized, upon adoption of this resolution, to call necessary meetings, arrange for appropriate training sessions, and to set deadlines for responses in writing of the various sections of the plan as well as any further related requirements.

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

AFFIRMING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY

RESOLUTION #27-2014

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE

EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of West Amwell to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Township of West Amwell has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of West Amwell that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the township by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the township shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the township's business or using the facilities or property of the township.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the township to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the township.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Clerk shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Clerk shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the township as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Clerk shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Clerk shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the township. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the township's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

2014 EMPLOYEE & BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:
Mayor Rich made the following appointments: (See attached)

The Mayor's 2014 Appointments were unanimously accepted and approved with no comment.

DEPARTMENT DESIGNATIONS:

Mayor Rich made the following department designations:

Roads/Buildings & Grounds – Rich
Sanitation/Recycling – Fisher
Police/Public Safety Director – Rich
Personnel – Dale

COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

The following Committee liaison appointments were made by the mayor:

Agricultural Advisory – Dale
Connaught Hill Project – Rich
Environmental Commission – Dale
Finance Advisory – Rich
Historic – Fisher
Open Space – Fisher
Parks & Recreation – Fisher
West Amwell School – Rich
SHRHS – Dale

APPLICATION FOR JUNK YARD PERMIT RENEWAL

RESOLUTION #28-2014

WHEREAS, Steve Nalence of Nalence Auto, located at 1511 Hwy 179, Block 35 Lot 6, has applied for renewal of a junkyard permit in accordance with Chapter 108 of the Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the office has not received complaints concerning the operation of this facility; and,

WHEREAS, the \$100.00 permit fee has been received; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified that taxes are paid and current

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Committee that a permit to operate a junkyard be issued to Nalence Auto, 1511 Hwy 179 for 2014

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

AWARD OF SALT BID:

RESOLUTION #29-2014

WHEREAS, a master contract was awarded to International Salt Company, LLC (Rock Salt) by the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bid No. 2013-17 for the 13/14 season, and

WHEREAS, West Amwell Township has indicated need of up to 600 tons @ \$51.28/ton of snow and ice control materials that were the subject of said bid, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has authorized the purchase of up to 600 tons of said materials, **with quantities ordered as needed by DPW Supervisor Hoagland;** and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 Municipal Budget under the category of Public Works, Streets and Road Maintenance, Other Expenses, as certified by the CFO

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that International Salt Company, LLC, ISCO Corporate Center, 655 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 be awarded the snow and ice control materials bid to begin January 2014.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1, 2014 SALARY & WAGE:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF
COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST
AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY.

SECTION 1

The following shall be the rate and ranges of compensation for officials and employees
of the township for the year 2014.

Mayor	\$3459.00
Township Committee	\$2901.00
Township Clerk	\$54,181.00 - \$66,221.00
Plus \$35.00/hr. for special & emergency meetings	
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$2,340.00 - \$2,860.00
Deputy Township Clerk	\$22,464.00 - \$27,456.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	\$900.00 - \$1,100.00
Assessor	\$26,891.00 - \$32,867.00
Collector of Taxes	\$13,500.00 - \$16,500.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.....	\$27,000.00 - \$33,000.00
Certifying Officer for Pensions	\$1,080.00 - \$1,320.00
Assistant Treasurer	\$8,424.00 - \$10,296.00
Payroll Clerk	\$2,314.00 - \$2,829.00
Planning Board Secretary	\$11,700.00 - \$14,428.00
Plus \$200.00 per additional meeting over 12/year	
Deputy Planning Board Secretary	\$200.00/meeting
Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$5,490.00 - \$6,710.00
Plus \$200.00 each for special meetings	
Deputy Board of Adjustment Secretary	\$200.00/meeting
Board of Health Secretary	\$2,915.00 - \$3,561.00
Plus \$35.00/hr. for special & emergency meetings	
Dog Registrar	\$1,800.00 - \$2,200.00
Dog Census Takers	\$500.00 per district plus \$325.00 mileage per district
Judge	\$11,250.00 - \$13,817.00
Court Administrator	\$34,524.00 - \$42,196.00
Construction Code Official.....	\$6,750.00 - \$8,250.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Official & Inspector.....	\$3,901.00 - \$4,400.00
Electric Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$7,956.00 - \$9,680.00
Building Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$9,180.00 - \$11,220.00
Fire Sub-Code Official & Inspector	\$4,860.00 - \$5,940.00
Fire Official	\$5,429.00 - \$6,635.00
Zoning Officer	\$3,128.00 - \$3,822.00
Municipal Housing Liaison/AA	\$4,500.00 - \$6,000.00
Office Assistant	\$12.17 - \$14.87/hr
General Office Secretary/Clerk	\$12.17 - \$14.87/hr
Rabies Clinic – Secretarial	\$20.00/hr per person
Open Space Secretary	\$13.50 - \$16.50/hr
Building Custodian	\$10.30 – 12.58/hr
Waste Security Officer	\$12.84 - \$15.70/hr
Assistant Waste Security Officer.....	\$10.42 - \$12.74/hr
Waste Security Laborer	\$10.30 - \$12.58/hr
Substitute Waste Security Laborers	\$10.30 - \$12.58/hr
Violations Clerk	\$16.00 - \$20.00/hr
Court Security Officer.....	\$100.00 per court session
Substitute MCO	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr

Substitute Plumbing Official & Inspector	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr
Substitute Sub-Code Officials & Inspectors	\$28.97 - \$35.41/hr
Technical Assistant to Construction	\$15.91 - \$19.45/hr
Construction Office Assistant	\$13.50 - \$16.50/hr
Road Supervisor	\$26.87 - \$32.85/hr
Road Foreman	\$20.44 - \$24.98/hr
Road Class A (10 or more years of service)	\$18.69 - \$22.86/hr
Road Class B (5-10 years of service)	\$15.47 - \$18.91/hr
Road Class C (Less than 5 years of service)	\$14.51 - \$17.73/hr
Temporary Laborer	\$12.05 - \$14.72/hr
Summer DPW Workers	\$9.00 - \$11.00/hr
Police Administrative Secretary	\$13.50 - \$16.50/hr
Part-time Officers	\$20.62 - \$25.20/hr
Part-time Officers Spec Duty	\$22.41 - \$27.39/hr
Police Matrons	\$13.50 - \$16.50/hr
with a minimum of 4 hours pay if called out between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.	

SECTION II

Definitions and Benefits are outlined in the West Amwell Township Policy Manual adopted December 28, 2005 with amendments through March 3, 2010

SECTION III

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

The Ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading on motion by Fisher, seconded by Dale. The public hearing will be held January 22, 2014.

RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY & WAGE:

RESOLUTION #30-2014

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the salaries and compensation for officials and employees shall be as follows for 2014:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Resolution</u>
Mayor Rich	\$ 3459.00
Township Committee members: Fisher, Dale	\$ 2901.00/each
Township Clerk Olsen	\$ 61,856.52
Registrar Olsen	\$ 2,779.38
Deputy Township Clerk Haberle	\$ 26,682.12
Deputy Registrar of VS Haberle	\$ 1,027.50
Tax Assessor Gill	\$ 31,941.89
Tax Collector Hyland	\$ 16,035.16
CFO/Treasurer Carro	\$ 32,070.33
Certifying Officer for Pensions Carro	\$ 1,233.00
Assistant Treasurer Haberle	\$ 10,005.79
Payroll Clerk Haberle	\$ 2,748.56
Planning Board Secretary Andrews	\$ 13,896.93
Board of Adjustment Secretary Hall	\$ 6,267.75
Board of Health Secretary Olsen	\$ 3,327.04
Dog Registrar Haberle	\$ 2,055.00
Municipal Housing Liaison/AA Jacukowicz	\$ 5,300.00
Judge Barson	\$ 13,000.00
Court Administrator Hoagland	\$ 41,007.52

Construction Official Rose	\$ 7,500.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official Rose	\$ 4,000.00
Electrical Sub Code Official Janoski	\$ 9,083.10
Building Sub Code Official Rosso	\$ 10,480.50
Fire Sub Code Official Langon	\$ 5,548.50
Fire Official Fretz	\$ 5,804.34
Zoning Officer Rose	\$ 3,475.00

Police Administrative Secretary Parsons	\$ 15.00/hour
Violations Clerk Augustine	\$ 18.49/hour
Open Space Secretary Rosikiewicz	\$ 15.41/hour
Rabies Clinic Secretarial Haberle & ____	\$ 20.00/hour/each

Waste Security Officer Gordon	\$ 12.84/hr
Waste Security Laborer Sutch	\$ 10.78/hour
Substitute WSL Burd	\$ 10.30/hour
Building Custodian (Admin & Police) Sutch	\$ 10.78/hour

Technical Assistant to Construction Taylor	\$ 18.89/hour
Construction Official Assistant	\$ 15.00/hour

Road Supervisor Hoagland	\$ 31.92/hour
Road Foreman DeFazio	\$ 24.26/hour
Road Class A Pearson	\$ 19.39/hour
Road Class C Leary	\$ 15.41/hour

Part-time Officer Goccia	\$ 21.48/hour
Part-time Officer Breuer	\$ 21.18/hour
Police Matron Parsons & _____ (min. 4 hrs pay if call out between 9 p.m. & 6 a.m.)	\$ 15.00/hour/each

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be retro-active to January 1, 2014.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Meeting – January 22, 2014, 7 p.m.

Offices Closed January 20, 2014 Martin Luther King Day

2014 Reorganization Meeting Schedule (*tentative*)

Planning Board	Tues. January 21 – 7:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment	Tues. January 28 – 7:30 p.m.
Environmental Commission	Thurs. January 9 – 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health	Thurs. January 23 – 7:30 p.m.
Open Space	Tues. January 14 – 7:30 p.m.

Discarded Christmas trees, stripped of all decoration, may be dropped off after the holidays at the Municipal Complex, 150 Rocktown-Lamb. Road on Saturday mornings.

Please use designated area. Chips are available.

2014 Dog Licenses Due in January

COMMENTS BY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Rich declared that 2013 was a good year; a lot was accomplished; and, he is happy with the way things performed. He expressed appreciation to his wife and his mom, as well as to the tax payers for giving him another 3 years. He stated that he is 'having fun;' plans on having more fun over the next thee; and, that he is enjoying the process a lot more. Offering thanks to all, Mr. Rich stated that he will keep on plugging away and working hard. The vote of confidence from the other committee members was also acknowledged.

After thanking his wife, Kathy, for putting up with his endless meetings, Mr. Fisher noted that everyone he works with is great. Although hating to see Tom (Molnar) leave, there are great expectations for Mr. Dale. The municipality seems to be hitting on at least three of four cylinders, although there's always something that can be done better, but overall we're doing fairly well and he's pretty happy with what is going on.

Mr. Dale referred to himself as the 'new kid on block;' noting that he's learning the job; is enjoying it; and, is working well with the other two committeemen.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The mayor opened the meeting to the public and first asked Mr. Molnar (who was sporting a beard) if there would be 'Duck Dynasty' thing the next time he was in attendance. Tom Molnar proceeded to thank everyone for their friendship and the help he's been given since 2004. He also relayed that he misses being up front but that he will not be a stranger and got to drive the truck one more time today. Appreciation for the hospitality day and the signed garbage can lid was also extended.

John Crouce offered congratulations to Mr. Rich as mayor and to Mr. Fisher and Mr. Dale. He apologized for missing the past few meetings but offered that the Committee does a great job. As the chair of the Open Space committee, he extended appreciation to the Committee for their support and what has been done in that regard.

Environmental Chair, Cathy Urbanski, relayed that it is both a pleasure and an honor to work with the Township Committee; that she is pleased to do it; and, loves what she is doing.

Patrolman Jon Sellner commented that his transfer to the police department has been an enjoyable experience. It has been a great opportunity to come out here and work for the Township. He enjoys each day; is happy for the direction that the department is going; that the department is moving forward; and, that things are getting better every day. Mr. Rich expressed appreciation for everything the guys are doing, noting that the department is a big part of Township expenditures and there's a lot to show for it.

Rob Tomenchok relayed that he had a conversation recently with a newcomer to the area who commented that, although she has lived in various areas of the country, being in West Amwell is not like being in New Jersey. This is a very unique place and that she is very blessed by having the kind of people that will plow her driveway yet not ask for money. Mr. Tomenchok noted that this really flies in the face of the criticism of small government not working and people not caring for their neighbors. It works because we care and are involved, which is a testament to not only the Township leadership but how the community pulls together. We're very blessed. The mayor expressed full agreement noting that even the little things make the difference.

Mayor Rich asked if Deputy Clerk Sandy Haberle had some words of wisdom to offer as she's here every day. Ms. Haberle spoke about the connection between the staff, who represent the government of the Township, and the public. She sees this core as a good group who serves the people and is the face seen by the public. Her hope is that the new year will see a re-connection from the down turn experienced in the past and result in improved staff morale.

CFO Tom Carro commented that a lot of township committee people don't either know finances or don't care. He expressed appreciation to the Township Committee for putting their all into it; backing him; watching the use of surplus; and, keeping the place running. In addition, he is looking forward to working with the new Auditor.

Harry Heller had just two words to say....THINK GENERATORS!

Robin Deal endorsed Mr. Tomenchok's assessment of the West Amwell being a special place, which is why she dragged her husband (John Dale) here from South Carolina.

Kathy Fisher commented that she finds West Amwell a great place to live, especially as she came here from the City of Patterson. It is great living here...she loves it.

Mr. Rich then called on sister Lisa, who is the newest West Amwell resident. She relayed that she is so excited about moving back to West Amwell, her home community, after living in Lambertville for eight years. She is also excited to have the opportunity as a reporter to pick through the ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on motion by Fisher.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk

APPROVED: January 22, 2014