

SPECIAL WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Committee met on the above date and the meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor George Fisher. Present: Mayor Fisher, Committeemen Dale, and Clerk Lora Olsen. Also in attendance, and representing South Hunterdon, were Celeste Mosby and Dan Seiter.

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 September 10, 2014. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Fisher led the assembled group in the pledge to the nation's flag.

The meeting was recorded via digital recording system.

PROPOSED APPLICATION TO THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SOUTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL:

The notice of this public hearing was published in the Trenton Times (The Times) on September 2nd and proof of said publication presented. Mayor Fisher announced that letters of support for the project were received from the local Planning Board, the South County Soccer League and the Lambertville Area Education Foundation. The required Green Acres talking points were highlighted with copies made available to the public. Copies of the proposed field configuration were also available. The public hearing was opened to receive comments.

Mrs. Mosby relayed that the additional letters of support were requested by Green Acres and reflect the backing of local athletic and educational associations.

No other comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

The following **Resolution of Support** was presented for consideration:

RESOLUTION #137-2014
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s): development of recreational facilities at South Hunterdon Regional High School at a cost of \$1,500,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Lora Olsen, RMC or the successor to the office of Township Clerk is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE West Amwell Township Committee

1. That the Township Clerk of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as South Hunterdon Regional High School Track & Turf Field;
2. Applicant is only seeking grant funding for said project;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mrs. Mosby and Mr. Seiter left the meeting.

AWARD OF BID FOR 2015 DUMP TRUCK:

The Clerk relayed that Attorney Faherty reviewed the bid packets and found that all bidders submitted the required paperwork. However, only the highest bidder met the specifications.

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WHEREAS, the Township is in need of a new dump truck for DPW operations; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through publication in the HC Democrat on July 31, 2014 for a 2015 International Model 7400SFA 4 x 2 dump truck or approved equal; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on August 21, 2014 from the following vendors;

Brown's Hunterdon International LLC	\$ 143,995.00
Bucks County International Inc	\$ 136,563.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	\$ 144,597.00

And

WHEREAS, Attorney Faherty has reviewed the submissions and found the paperwork to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified to the Township Clerk that funds are available in Ordinance 9, 2014 for this purchase

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Committee that the bid for a 2015 International Model 7400SFA 4 x 2 dump truck or approved equal be awarded to Opdyke's Sales & Service as this was the only bid that met all the specifications.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There was no public in attendance. Mayor Fisher relayed that East Amwell has made contact about a possible shared service with the building department. The item will be added to the September 24th agenda for further discussion and consideration. Also mentioned was the proposed pipeline and the need for the Committee to get ahead of this before being overwhelmed by it. This will be another item for the September 24th agenda. The receipt today of the Delaware Township transcript from their recent pipeline meeting was also mentioned, although no one had had a chance to read the entire document. The Clerk will request copies of the handouts referenced in the transcript.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on motion by Dale.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk

APPROVED: September 24, 2014