

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

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 7:35 p.m. Present were Mayor George A. Fisher, Deputy Mayor Zachary T. Rich, Committeeman John Dale, Clerk Lora Olsen and Attorney Philip J. Faherty III. Also in attendance were Dave Beaumont, Dan Malek, John Cronce, and Cathy Urbanski

Mayor Fisher 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 Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 6, 2015, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK

The following change was made to Special Presentations. Cathy Urbanski will be presenting instead of Dr. Souza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Municipal Offices will be Closed on Friday, July 3rd in Observance of Independence Day
- Summer Regular Township Meeting Schedule – July 15th and August 19th
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The June 3, 2015 Regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved on motion from Rich, seconded by Dale.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one came forward, so the segment was closed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)

Tentative Plans for Municipal Property/319h Grant – Mrs. Urbanski reported that the Environmental Commission has been working with Princeton Hydro since January and there's been a lot of back and forth to get to this point but the plan has just been approved by the DEP. The main points of the presentation were included on a diagram provided to the Committee members. There is to be stormwater control on the road to the depot via some grading work towards the right side ditch; a swale installed and planted with wild flowers to absorb toxins from the depot area; and, trees and/or shrubs planted in clumps to help absorb stormwater runoff. There's approximately \$150,000 in improvements to the property. Plantings would occur in the fall. The small detention basin behind the municipal building is to be expanded for a rain garden and wild flowers to absorb water from the parking lot. The cross drain on the drawing has not been approved by the Environmental Commission as it is not really wanted. She also noted that controlling the temperature of the water in the Alexauken is one of the purposes of the proposed work. The installations slow down the run off and allows the water to cool before entering the stream. Public education is also a part of the grant. Mrs. Urbanski expressed interested in having the Township Engineer review the plan.

Mr. Rich relayed that he met with Township Engineer Bill Burr and a JCP&L representative at Hewitt Park as well as the landscape architect. Mr. Burr is interested in working the two projects in tandem and connecting them should be pursued. Mrs. Urbanski continued that with the planned clumping of trees and shrubs, more mature trees would be better. Mr. Rich added that what JCP&L is required to do is not limited to trees, so things could be worked out with all entitles involved. A brief discussion ensued over the possibility of a cash transfer with JCP&L and having the engineer suggest same, something that Mr. Rich indicated that the company would prefer in order to move the plan. A dollar value would have to be determined. As park maintenance is a concern, a donation to upgrade the facility at Hewitt was proposed. The latter was met with general consensus by the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING

Receipt of Supplemental Debt Statement – Prior to the introduction of a bond ordinance, this document has to be filed with the Township Clerk. It was received today.

Introduction: Ordinance 07, 2015

The following ordinance was read by title and introduced on first reading:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000, including the sum of \$2,500 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$47,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of a garbage truck.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township

may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 5 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$47,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Chief Financial Officer on a tax-exempt basis. The Township hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the notes, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the notes. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Township to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent

within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Dale moved to introduce the Ordinance on first reading and Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The public hearing will be held July 15, 2015.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Open Space

- Authorization to Post January 15, March 10, April 7, 2015 Minutes to Website: Approved
- *Project Status Updates*: John Cronce relayed that the County is still waiting for the contract to be signed for **Toll N**. The **Lambert** project is in discussion on easements. Attorney Faherty was asked about the Ziegenfuss matter. He relayed that the actual title company has been uncovered and that he will be making contact.

Recycling

- *Truck Options*: A visit to the Patterson facility to look at garbage trucks was made by George Fisher and Dan Malek. Unfortunately, the preferred vehicle had been leased to another municipality. However, the truck may be available again and the owner is on top of the situation and will work with us. The bond ordinance to provide the ability to purchase the truck was just introduced and bids will be solicited from American Hose, etc. The truck that was looked at was in excellent shape, has a 31 yard body, and comes with a 6 month warranty. A five year life is required for bonding. A letter will be sent to Lambertville City to inform them that the Township will not be renewing the shared service for their garbage truck.

Aq Advisory

- *Authorization to Post April 2, 2015 Minutes to Website*: Approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Possible Appointments –Krista Parsons was appointed as Office Assistant (Tax Office) by Mayor Fisher.

Updates – 1) Mr. Fisher spoke on the **SHREC solar** project, noting that he has been touch with Ryan Marrone and it was determined that he is a principle in the company. The conversation was positive, Mr. Marrone is happy with the Certificate of Insurance that was provided, and had positive comments on the Township Clerk. All appears to be in order. Mr. Rich noted that he's been working with the school buildings and grounds group and the status of the project had been questioned. The mayor indicated that things should be up and running by September. The possibility of a press release was mentioned. 2) Attorney Faherty has been in touch with Attorney Tauriello, attorney for the Arnett family. Mr. Tauriello has nothing in his file on **Block 46 Lot 5**. This lot appears to be in limbo but no one seems to know why. More research is needed and the buyer is still interested. 3) No further word on the **Rocktown-Lamb. Road Project**. 4) Rob Fulper has executed the **farm contract** that was provided but added a clause on the second page about crop rotation. The change received considerable discussion, with Mrs. Urbanski reviewing the history of the 'hay' only decision which was previously approved by the Township Committee. She added that cropland is a commercial operation whereas hay is not and that Scott Holcombe will do this if Mr. Fulper will not. Mr. Rich mused that Mr. Fulper is a businessman looking to maximize the profit margin but gets the property basically for nothing. A motion to strike the added clause was made by Fisher, seconded by Rich and carried unanimously. 5) Attorney Faherty relayed he has given **Chapter 139** a first review but that he and John Cronce have to get together to talk over changes. There are some areas where it would be logical to remove the township engineer; others, due to liability issues, should be kept.

2014 Audit

- *Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of the 2014 Audit*: A question was raised about whether the Auditor should be present for this. CFO Carro was called in and advised that the it would not be necessary in that this is a 'clean' audit. No corrective action is needed.

RESOLUTION #100-2015

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and
WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion: Fisher
Second: Dale
Absent: --

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

- Affidavit by Committee:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

We, members of the governing body of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell in the county of Hunterdon;
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year 2014);
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations."

(L.S.) George A. Fisher	(L.S.) Zach Rich
(L.S.) John Dale	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)

- Resolution for a Clean Audit. A proposed acknowledgement for work leading to a good audit was presented for consideration.

RESOLUTION #101-2015

WHEREAS, Auditor Anthony Ardito of the firm of Ardito & Co. prepared the 2014 Audit based on findings of the financial records for the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon

WHEREAS, the Audit produced satisfactory evidence that financial matters in the municipality are sound business practices showing no recommendations or qualifications in the reports;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of West Amwell Township that they commend CFO Thomas J. Carro for outstanding work, as evident with the fine audit received.

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

Summer Employment – The required paperwork has been received In order to move forward with the second part-time DPW worker.

RESOLUTION #102-2015

WHEREAS, the Township's DPW requires summer help for various maintenance, mowing, and trimming activities; and,

WHEREAS, this need was communicated through the high school list serve and several applications received; and

WHEREAS, the applications were reviewed and interviews held with several individuals; and

WHEREAS, the following individual was offered and has accepted the Township's offer of summer work:

Diego Valdez

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Amwell Township Committee that the referenced individual be hired as summer help for the DPW with a start date the week of June 22nd.

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

S & W Resolution Amendment – In line with the previous appointments, the following was presented for action.

RESOLUTION #103-2015
Amending Resolution #84-2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution, adopted May 6, 2015 be amended as follows:

Position	Salary/Compensation
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<u>Add:</u> Summer DPW Worker Valdez	\$ 9.00/hr.
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<u>Add:</u> Office Assistant (Tax) Parsons	\$15.67/hr.
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The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Rich, seconded by Fisher.

Agreement with Jeffrey Surenian for Affordable Housing Work by Dr. Burchell – The use of Dr. Burchell's services as an expert in this regard will save the Township money, per Mr. Rich. The up-front cost is \$2000 to retain.

The mayor was unanimously authorized to execute the agreement on motion by Rich, seconded by Fisher.

Tax Office

- *Computer:* A new quote for \$1800 was obtained from Vital under direction of Assessor David Gill. It was agreed that that this configuration would result in a better, longer lasting unit, especially with the solid state hard drive.

Dale motioned to go with the latest quote and Fisher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- *Tax Bill Letter*: Mr. Fisher read a proposed letter drafted by Dave Beaumont to be included in the upcoming tax bill mailing due to the anticipated jump in taxes. Mr. Beaumont noted that the numbers used may not be exact as the County has not released their letter. Mr. Fisher advised that he will adjust the verbiage to separate some of the issues presented. The numbers are not in the Township's favor due to assessments, the regionalization, etc. It was suggested that Victor Paerg be consulted but the mayor commented that resident complaints and questions come to the Township Committee, even though it is a school issue. Mr. Fisher also relayed that he wants to re-send last year's letter, as well as this proposed one, and include a pie chart. Mr. Beaumont commented that the regionalization saved money as the rate is not up as much as it could have been.

Continuing Discussion Concerning Office Space/Solutions – There was no discussion at this time but the Committee was provided with a multi-page paper providing justification and history on the matter. Mrs. Olsen also relayed that Mr. Cronic had provided a contact person for getting an estimate of cost. Contact has been made and the gentleman is expected on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Chris Rose – Mr. Rose was not in attendance but Mr. Fisher relayed their conversation and what is being sought. Specifically, the request is to increase the term of the loan and pay down bi-weekly from his paycheck at \$580 per vs the current \$500 per month. A discussion ensued over this proposal and the status of the current loan. Attorney Faherty advised of the law concerning taking back a mortgage and noted that what is proposed is legal. Mr. Fisher commented about not wanting to be the banker and this not passing the smell test. The history of this sale arrangement was briefly mentioned, noting that situation made the deal justified at the time. The consensus of the Committee was to proceed as per request. The CFO will provide Attorney Faherty with the financials and Mr. Rose will pay Attorney Faherty for services involved.

Resolution in Support of the Click It or Ticket Campaign

RESOLUTION #104-2015

Resolution Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 18 – May 31, 2015

WHEREAS, there were 556 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 18 – May 31, 2015 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 88% to 90%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Amwell Township Committee declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 18 – May 31, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

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

Police SUV Purchase

- State Purchasing Resolution:

RESOLUTION #105-2015

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.20 ©), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing State contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Amwell intends to enter into contracts with the attached Referenced State Contract Vendor(s) through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Amwell authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of West Amwell pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the duration of the contract(s) between the Township of West Amwell and the Referenced State Contract Vendor(s) shall be from June 17, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

<u>Commodity/Service</u>	<u>Referenced State Contract Vendors Vendor</u>	<u>State Contract #</u>
2016 Police Interceptor Utility	Winner Ford	88728

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

- Purchase Authorization Resolution:

RESOLUTION #106-2015

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase SUVs for the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this can be purchased through State Contract #88728; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$34,000.00; and

WHEREAS the CFO has certified to the Township Clerk that funds are available in the Ordinance 05, 2015; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is under a state contract in accordance with 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell, in the County of Hunterdon that the CFO is hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a Purchase Requisition to Winner Ford for the purchase of a 2016 Police Interceptor Utility, All Wheel Drive as described in the quotation received.

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

Discussion

- Police Contract: Mr. Fisher requested a volunteer for this activity as he did the work on the current one. Mr. Rich will handle the negotiations for the contract that expires December 31st.

- Municipal Lot & School Parking: The increasing number of students using the municipal lot for school day parking was noted by the mayor. His concern was primarily liability but noted that it is a public lot. Attorney Faherty advised that if sued, the Township would be covered by

their insurance and that the students would be considered part of the public. Whether or not restrictions could be imposed was questioned. Mr. Fisher noted that he spoke with the principal and the problem with rowdy behavior seems to have been resolved. School is now closed but an eye will be kept on the situation when school re-opens.

County-administered Animal Control Officer Services vs Current Arrangement with Lambertville – The consensus of the governing body was to stay with the current arrangement with Lambertville and ACO Barson.

Garbage/Recycling Depot Status for Saturday, July 4th – The Saturday employees have agreed to work the holiday. They will be paid double time for doing so.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Beaumont came forward to express appreciation to the Committee for their vote on the Fulper farming contract and the issue of for-profit use of public land for their business. He noted that the original contract permitted crop growth but also included cutting the grass. Mr. Beaumont commented that he had a problem with the growing crops and the Township receiving nothing in return. Mr. Fisher advised that the land gets taken care of with this contract, which is good for the Township, and there is a clause requiring \$1000 in mowing.

Mr. Beaumont inquired about the status of the 5 member committee and was advised that the petition is close to the number of signatures required.

Mr. Rich requested that the County deer recovery program be placed on the website. However, this program only serves residents living on County roads.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer –

- *Results of \$1,100,000 Bond Anticipate Note Sale:* There were 5 bidders for the \$1,100,000 BAN Sale. The award went to Hopewell Valley Community Bank at a net interest rate of .77% as the low bidder.

- *Possible Resolutions:*

RESOLUTION #107-2014

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of West Amwell Township that the following applicant's escrow fees are in excess of what was needed to cover their charges, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board has approved a refund of the following amount, \$509.00, and further requests the account be closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the following amount to the applicant:

Applicant	Amount Refunded
Quick Check Hopewell Valley Community Bank, Account Escrow ID: #11201402	\$509.00

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

Presentation of Bills for Approval:

RESOLUTION #108-2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Amwell that the vouchers listed on the Bill List, in the amount of \$371,430.88, dated June 17, 2015, as presented by the Township Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer, be paid from existing appropriations.

Fisher motioned to approve the evening's bills for payment. Rich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Appropriations through June 17, 2015 were provided and reviewed.

Tax Collector – The monthly report for May 2015 was received showing receipts in the amount of \$1,365,523.21.

Court – The May_ 2015 monthly report was received showing a ticket total of 424 (267 local) and the receipt of \$11,640.94.

Police – The May 2015 Monthly Report showing 1234 incidents, 372 summonses and 2 warnings was received. East Amwell activity included 39 summons.

Website Review

The reports were reviewed and received without comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was ordered filed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:01 p.m. on motion from Dale.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora L. Olsen, RMC
Township Clerk

APPROVED: July 15, 2015