

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 27, 2012

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act with notice included in the Resolution faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 3, 2012, 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.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
3. AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Municipal Offices Closed January 1st for New Years and January 21, 2012 for Martin Luther King Day
 - Christmas Lighting Contest Judging – December 28th & 29th
 - Annual Township Re-organization Meeting – January 2nd @ 7 p.m.
 - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
 - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
 - A. December 10, 2012 Regular
 - B. December 10, 2012 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police; Litigation-Garden Solar)
 - C. December 19, 2012 Special
 - D. December 19, 2012 Closed Session (Personnel-Interviews)
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION
 - A. Public Hearing: Ordinance 20, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - B. Public Hearing: Ordinance 21, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT, REPLACEMENT OR REMOVAL OF POLES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES BY PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - C. Public Hearing: Ordinance 22, 2012 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2003, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,009,000, APPROPRIATING \$2,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - D. Public Hearing: Ordinance 23, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38, PART 1, ARTICLE I, SECTION 38-2 A AND 2 B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING THE RANK OF CAPTAIN OF THE WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance

8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Submission of PIG Application for 2014 Funding Round
 - 2) Letter of Continued Participation
 - 3) Resolution for Trust Fund Money
 - B. Environmental
 - 1) Annual Report of Activities 2012
 - 2) Authorization to Post October 11, 2012 Minutes to Website
 - C. Affordable Housing Program
 - 1) SERV – Keith Hamilton
 - 2) Contract for Purchase & Resolution
 - D. Ag Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post August 2, 2012 Minutes to Website
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Updates:
 - 1) 2013 ACO Shared Services Agreement
 - 2) Fire Prevention Numbers
 - B. Resolutions re: New Police Department Position
 - C. JCP&L/Hurricane Sandy
 - D. Creekside Bond Reduction Resolution
 - E. Fire Company Equipment
 - 1) Amended State Purchasing Resolution
 - 2) Purchase Authorization Resolution
 - F. Closed Session (Contract Negotiations – Police; Professional Services)
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Lambertville West Amwell Youth Baseball & Softball Association re: Raffle Application for IPAD to Benefit West Amwell 6th Grade Class
 - 1) Resolution
 - 2) Findings & Determination
 - B. 2013 Preparations
 - 1) Interest in Attending February League Seminars (Legislative Day; Leadership)
 - 2) Temporary Budget – Police Car Replacement
 - 3) S & W Ordinance/Resolution Revisions
 - C. Resolutions for Considerations
 - 1) Radon Action Month
 - 3) Supporting Direct Payment of Energy Taxes to Municipal Governments
 - 4) NJ Utilities Emergency Preparedness Initiative
 - D. Resolutions of Employment
 - 1) Police Patrolman Klesney
 - 2) Special Part-time Officer Breuer
 - 3) MHL-AA V. Rose
 - E. Proposal for Replacement of Existing Microphones & New Laptop Computer for Recording
11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer
 - Resolutions (Appropriation Transfers; Cancel Various Balance Sheet Accounts; Escrow Refund)

- Presentation of Bills for Approval/Resolution
 - Possible Reports (Treasurer, Statement of Cash, Revenue, Investment and/or Receipts and Disbursements)
 - B. Tax Collector
 - Resolutions (Return of Overpayment; Cancel Small Balances; Cancel Small Delinquencies)
 - Monthly Report for November 2012
 - C. Police Reports for October & November 2012
 - D. Zoning Report for November 2012
13. CORRESPONDENCE
- A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - * - Upcoming League Seminars, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2013 Membership Dues, 12/5
 - Mayors Hurricane Sandy Survey (Reminder), 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Upcoming League Seminars (Orientation; Executive Leadership), 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Mayors' Newslines – December 2012, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail) (2)
 - Hurricane Sandy Aftermath Part Two – Utility Response, Tax Assessment, Purchasing, the Environmental Impact & Rebuilding, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - League "Approves 17 Resolutions, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Three Important League Professional Development Seminars, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Upcoming League Seminars (Disciplinary Actions; Leaves of Absence), 12/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Sandy Update from FEMA & NJOEM, 12/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Special Meeting on January 3 for Mayors in the JCP&L Service Areas, 12/11
 - A Fiscal Cliff "Solution" That Could Threaten Property Taxpayers Oppose Elimination of Federal Income Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds; Upcoming Seminars (Ethics; Update on Pensions, etc.), 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Upcoming League Seminars (Hurricane Sandy Aftermath-2; Budgets), 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Save the Date – 21st Annual Mayor's Legislative Day February 6th, 12/14
 - Upcoming League Seminars (Orientation; Executive Leadership; Disciplinary Actions; Leaves of Absence, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - * - Sample Resolution Supporting Direct Payment of Energy Taxes to Municipal Governments Available; 21st Annual Mayor's Legislative Day; Upcoming League Seminar (Ethics), 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Register for Disaster Assistance Extended to January 20, 2012, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Urge Your State Senator to Vote "No" on Amended OPRA & OPMA Bills on Thursday, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Save the Date – 21st Annual Mayor's Legislative Day; Upcoming League Seminars; Sustainable Jersey Upcoming Events, 12/19 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Grant Listserve, 12/19 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Sustainable Jersey Events, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - OPMA-OPRA Bills, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DLGS New Content, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Update on the Cancellation of the 97th Annual Conference, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Sustainable Jersey Events, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - B. United States
 - BAS2013 Annual Response 33401978230, 12/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Representative Rush Holt re:
 - + Only a Partial Solution, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Join Me, 12/19 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + More than 80 Every Day, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - FEMA Intergovernmental Advisory: Local Governments Will Be Able to Request FEMA Funding for Private Property Debris Removal, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Senator Menendez re:
 - + No More Senseless Tragedies, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + What's At Stake for New Jersey, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Swearing-In Reception on Jan 3rd, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Happy Holidays, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:

- + Conference for Newly Elected, Re-elected or Experienced Municipal Officials, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Conference: Hurricane Sandy Aftermath (Part Two), 12/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- + GovConnect Update: December 20, 2012, 12/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Sand Sifting/Processing Services: Ashbritt Debris Management Contract, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Rule Proposal – User-Friendly Budget for Municipalities, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)

- DEP re:

- + Need Assessment for Water-Related & Sandy-Related Infrastructure Rebuild Projects, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Post Sandy – Solid Waste Survey, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Christie Administration Unveils Plans for Recovery Projects, 12/20/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Press Release – Hurricane Sandy Water Conservation Lifted, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Need Assessment for Water-Related & Sandy-Related Infrastructure Rebuild Projects, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)

- COAH re: CTM Training, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)

- OSC re: Benefits Survey, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)

- GRC re: Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report, 12/20 (forwarded e-mail)

- Senator Turner re:

+ S2 Legislation, 12/4

+ Power Outage, 12/21

- Office of the Governor re: Governor Chris Christie Acts on his Commitment to Diversity, 12/19 (forwarded e-mail)

D. Hunterdon County

- Recycling Presentation made to the Freeholders, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)

- Possible Municipal Registration of Clothing Donation Boxes, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)

- Freeholders re: Invitation to Reorganization on Jan 2nd @ 4p.m., 12/18

E. West Amwell Township

F. Other Municipalities

- Delaware Township re: Shared Service Agreement for Animal Control, 12/7

- Township of Readington re: Resolution Opposing A286 Exemption Private Universities & Colleges from Land Use Law, 12/5

- City of Lambertville re: ACO Agreement, 12/18

- Township of Marlboro re: JCP&L Petition to the State of New Jersey BPU for Review and Approval of Increases in and Other Adjustments to Its Rates And Charges for Electric Service, and for Approval of Other Proposed Tariff Revisions in Connection Therewith. BPU Docket No. EO 12111050, 12/18

G. NJMEL re: Pedestrian Safety DVD, 12/7/12

H. Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. D/B/A Elizabethtown Gas re: Notice of Public Hearings Regarding Proposed Gas Base Rate Increases and Other Rate and Tariff Changes, 10/12

I. ESC re: Appreciation for Assistance During Hurricane Sandy, 12/6

J. Hunterdon Healthcare re: Thank You for Support of HMC, 12/8

K. NJBIA re: New Good Neighbor Awards, 12/5

L. Meeting Reminder Last Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Meeting of 2012: Monday, December 17th 9 a.m. Town of Westfield Municipal Building, 12/12/12 (forwarded e-mail)

M. HART re:

+ Holiday Travel Options, 12/12 (forwarded e-mail)

+ Hunterdon Safe Routes to School – Winter 2012, 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)

N. 2012 Sustainable Jersey Special Recognition Ceremony on Jan 29th, 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)

O. Rebuilding a Resilient New Jersey Shore – Conference Overview, 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)

P. PAIC Fund Reorganization Meeting, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)

Q. Uncover Your Revolutionary Spirit Today, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)

R. Raritan Headwaters Assn re: 23rd Annual Stream Cleanup & Request, 12/15

- * S. Mayor Alex Torpey re: NJ Utilities Emergency Preparedness Initiative, 12/18
(forwarded e-mail)
- T. Ken Wedeen re: Regional Plan Association Presentation on the Benefits of One
Seat Ride Service from the Dec 17th Rail Coalition, 12/19 (forwarded e-mail)
- U. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Assn re: Renew Your Holiday Spirit, 12/19
(forwarded e-mail)
- V. Crossroads of the American Revolution re: Join Us for Patriots' Week! Huzzah!,
12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- W. Judy Shaw/Sustainable Raritan River Initiative re: Need Your Help, 12/20
(forwarded e-mail)
- X. Andrea Robertson re: Farmland for Rent, 12/22 (forwarded e-mail)

14. ADJOURNMENT

- c: Lambertville Beacon (fax & e-mail)
- Trenton Times (fax)
- Democrat (fax)
- Website (e-mail)