

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 28, 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
 - 2012 Dog Licenses – Late Fees Apply
 - Resident Electronic Recycling Dates: March 31st & April 14th
 - Municipal Petitions for Township & County Committees Due April 2nd by 4 p.m.
 - Municipal Offices Closed April 6th for Good Friday
 - First Energy Tree Pruning, Ongoing
 - PSE&G Power Line Work/Lewis Tree Service, Various Lines, Ongoing Thru March/April 2012
 - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
 - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
 - A. February 22, 2012 Special Meeting
 - B. February 22, 2012 Regular Meeting
 - C. February 22, 2012 Closed Session
 - D. February 27, 2012 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
 - E. March 7, 2012 Special Meeting
 - F. March 21, 2012 Special Meeting
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. Municipal Alliance – Jason Fuhr
 - B. FFA – Kelly Albinar
 - C. Regionalization Study – Dave Beaumont
 - D. Public Hearing: Ordinance 5, 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - E. Introduction: Ordinance 6, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1, 2012 TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing
 - F. Introduction: Ordinance 7, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3, 2011 AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL (Renewable Energy Facilities)
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing
 - G. Introduction: Ordinance 8, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL (Dogs and Other Animals)
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing

8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Toll Trees
 - 2) Nunn
 - 3) Open Space Map for Website Posting
 - 4) Open Space Debt Service Funding
 - 5) Deer Management/Hunting Program for 2012
 - B. Environmental
 - 1) Authorization to Post February 9, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - 2) Report on Watershed Ambassador
 - 3) West Amwell Elementary - Invasives/Earth week
 - 4) Sourland Alliance - Hopewell Township's Living Greener Guide - gift – approval to post on website
 - 5) Sustainable New Jersey Award
 - Community Profile
 - Authorization to Post on Website
 - Blurb for Publication
 - C. Affordable Housing
 - 1) Resolution to Revise Spending Plan
 - 2) Resolution Authorizing Execution of a MOA for Partnership
 - D. Ag Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post February 2, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - E. Finance Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post February 2, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - F. Parks and Rec
 - 1) Proposed Hewitt Park Improvements
 - 2) Report
 - G. Recycling/Solid Waste
 - 1) Agreement with DonJon for E-cycle
 - 2) Bulky Clean Up
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Appointments, continued
 - B. Updates re:
 - 1) List Serve
 - 2) Energy Audit Program
 - 3) Census
 - 4) ACO Agreement
 - 5) Refund of Dog License Fee
 - 6) Community Service Projects
 - 7) Public Official Training Opportunity
 - 8) County Printing Quotes Ag Advisory Booklet & Stationery/forms
 - 9) A/C at Police Station
 - 10) Legislator's Office re: Energy Tax Receipts (ETR), CMPTRA, etc.
 - 11) Technology Committee
 - 12) Swan Creek/SHREC
 - C. Firehouse Roof Bid
 - D. Sign Management Plan Resolution
 - E. Bleacher Memorial
 - F. Recognition of FEMA Work
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Ordinance Revisions
 - 1) Possible Correction to Right to Farm Ordinance

- B. Dog Census
 - C. Request by US Geological Survey to Collect Water Samples/Permission to Access
 - D. County All Hazard Mitigation Plan & Possible Resolution
 - E. Resolutions for Consideration
 - 1) Older Americans Month Proclamation
 - 2) Energy/Electricity Procurement (SHREC)
 - 3) Regionalization Advisability Report
 - 4) Requesting Amendment to OPRA Law
 - 5) Calling for Restoration of Energy Taxes
 - 6) Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Restore Municipal Energy Tax Receipts
 - 7) Special Patrolman Vacancy
 - 8) Opposing A1338 & S743 Extending & Expanding Permit Extension Act of 2008
 - 9) Proclaiming April as Alcohol Awareness Month
 - 10) Opposing Senate Bill 1451 (OPMA)
 - 11) Opposing Senate Bill 1452 (OPRA)
 - F. Process for Conflict Resolution within the Township
11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
- A. Treasurer
 - Possible Resolutions
 - Presentation of Bills for Approval
 - Possible Reports (Treasurer, Statement of Cash, Revenue, Investment and/or Receipts and Disbursements)
 - B. Tax Collector
 - Possible Resolutions
 - Monthly Report
 - C. Clerk/Human Resources
 - Resolution Appointing ACO
 - Resolution Amending S & W
 - D. Construction
 - Monthly Report for February 2012
 - 2011 Profit/Loss
 - E. Police Report for February 2012
 - F. Roads Report for January 2012
 - G. Zoning
13. CORRESPONDENCE
- A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - 2/17 Property Tax – State Budget Proposal Coming Next Week; Property Tax Relief News Awaited (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/17 Housing; S1566, the “New Jersey Residential Transformation Act;” Update on Legal Challenges involving Affordable Housing; Municipal Housing Trust Funds, July 2012 Deadline
 - 2/18 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/21 Leave of Absences seminar on March 21st (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/21 Women in Municipal Government Event; The Center for American Women and Politics Invites You to Ready to Run Program (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/21 Governor Unveils FY 2013 State Budget (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/21 2012 Clean Communities Estimates Released (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/21 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/22 18th Annual Mayors’ Hall of Fame
 - 2/22 2012 New Jersey Local Government Deskbook (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/22 October 2011 Snowstorm Mitigation Funds Available Letter of Intent (forwarded e-mail)

- 2/23 Educational Foundation Event on Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources Present New Challenges; Please forward to your Vendors; Upcoming League Seminar; FY 2013 State Aid Released Budget Language for Best Practices Incentive (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/23 State Budget Goes to Legislature (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/23 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/24 School Board Election Date Changes; Trip to Turkey (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/26 Women in Municipal Government Presents 4th Annual Women in Municipal Government Day, March 9th
- 2/27 Changes to the DLGS Website; Upcoming League Seminar (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/27 Use of League Resource to Calculate State Skim Impact on Your Property Taxpayers; Updates of DLGS Website (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/27 Updated League Upcoming Seminar (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/27 Seminar: Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources Present New Challenges (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/27 S-2 Shared Services Bill Advances (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/28 S-533 – Common Sense Shared Services Act Advances (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/29 Important Decision Regard OPRA and Mailing Lists, (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/1 March Grant Page Posted; NJLM Educational Foundation Event (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/1 Reminder about this timely program from NJ Future (forwarded e-mail)
- March 2012 Mayors' Newslines, (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/2 Please Contact Your State Legislators Act Now for Property Tax Relief; Reform to the Open Public Meetings Act; Bloustein School's 20th Anniversary Celebration; S-1452 Reforms to the Open Public Records Act, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/2 S-743 and A-1338 Extends & Expands Permit Extension Act of 2008 (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/5 Assembly Budget Committee to Consider Restoration of Municipal Property Tax Relief Funding (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/6 Budget Committee Hearings on-line Registration Available Make the Case for Relief Funding Restoration; Permit Extension Bill Advances in Senate; New Jersey Residential Transformation Act Advances in Assembly, (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/6 Upcoming Seminar: Conflict Resolution during the Shared Service Process, (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/6 Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Workshops & Webinars (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/7 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/7 OPRA and OPMA Reform Bills Released from Committee (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/8 Upcoming Educational Foundation Event – Land Use Controls: Sustainable Energy Sources Present New Challenges on March 14th (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/8 Upcoming League Seminar: Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents on March 24th; Cancelled: "Land Use Controls" (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/8 Appellate Division Decision on COAH Reorganization (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/9 DEP Waiver Rule Adopted (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/9 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/7 Invite Your Suppliers/Vendors to Exhibit at the League Conference
- 3/12 Upcoming Seminar: Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's & Council Presidents (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/13 Energy Tax Funding (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/13 Please forward to your Vendors (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/13 Doing Business with Municipal Government Program (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/14 Senate Energy Tax Restoration Follow-up Needed; Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions on Thursday (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/14 2012 Scholarship Competition Reminder; Upcoming Seminars (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/15 To New Rule Comments by the League; Updated-Revised Version on Upcoming Seminar (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/15 Strike Force Recruitment (& responses) (forwarded e-mails)
- 3/16 Energy Tax Funding Action Task Force Conference Call on 3/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/16 Permit Extension Bill Held; Results of the Senate & Assembly Voting Sessions (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/19 League President Tells Assembly Budget Committee to Restore Lost Property Tax Relief (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/19 Upcoming League Seminar – Executive leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/20 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)

- 3/20 Affordable Housing/Municipal Trust Fund Dollars; Recent Study Lists NJ as Least Corrupt State in Nation; Upcoming Continuing Education: Partnering with Municipalities for Economic Development (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/21 Email List and the Open Public Records Act (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 3/22 Energy Tax Funding Gaps, Funding Cuts & the State Skim; Last Chance to Register For league Upcoming Seminar (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/22 Partnering for Economic Development on May 3rd, Crown Plaza Monroe
- * - 3/22 Energy Tax Numbers Clarification (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/26 Grants-NJLM's Online Resource for Locating Grant Opportunities; 2012 Annual Legislative Correspondents Club Show (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/26 Per Energy Tax Conference Call, 3/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/26 NJ Clean Air Council Annual Hearing; Local Aid Infrastructure Fund & Safe Streets To Transit Grants Announced (forwarded e-mail)

B. United States

- Congressman Holt re:
 - + Preserving Middle-Class Tax Relief, 2/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Protecting Equality in Health Care, 2/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Thoughts on Inequity from Montgomery, Alabama, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Education Reform Based on Evidence, Not Ideology, 3/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + From Tragedy to Citizenship, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Lautenberg re: Constituent Outreach on April 18th from 10-noon, Lambertville Justice Center, 3/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- * - Dept of the Interior/U.S. Geological Survey re: Water Quality Assessment Program, 3/9
- * - EPA re: Source Water Protection/Watershed Ambassadors Program, 3/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- FEMA re: Floodplain Management

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
 - + CY/2012/SFY 2013 State Formula Aid Notice, 2/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Municipal Clerk and CFO Update, 2/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Save the Date Notice for Designing Healthy Communities, 2/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Upcoming Event (Affordable Housing), 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2013 Employer Pension Billing, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + NJLOM Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents, 3/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2011 Monitoring: Trust Fund, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update, 3/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + HMFA Low Mortgage Rate for Fire & Police Personnel, 3/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + New Legislation: LFN 2012-7, 3/28 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Principal Public Works Manager re: Approved Application, 3/21
 - * + April is National Alcohol Awareness Month, 3/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
 - + NJ 2012 Clean Watershed Needs Survey, 2/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2012 NJ Clean Communities Grant – Estimated Amounts, 2/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release re: DEP Adopts Updated Threatened and Endangered Species List, 2/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Solid Waste and Recycling Training Survey, 2/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Site Remediation Reform Act, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release re: Dash for the Trash, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release re: NJ Adopts New Waiver Rule, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Division of Parks & Forestry re: Annual Accomplishment Report, 3/7
 - + 2012 Recycling Poetry Contest
 - + Follow Up to February 29th Solid Waste & Recycling Survey, 3/14
 - + Closing Event for the Delaware River Dash for the Trash, 3/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- Dept of Education re: 2012-2013 Municipal Percentage Shares for Tax Levies for Regional School Districts & Districts Merged Pursuant to P.L.2009, c.78, 3/9
- Dept of State re: Draft Final State Strategic Plan – Conclusion of Public Hearings, 3/5 (forwarded e-mail)

- Office of the Governor re:
 - + Gov Christie's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget: Fighting the Fights Worth Fighting, 2/21(forwarded e-mail)
 - + New Jerseyans Agree: The Comeback Has Begun, 3/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- Assemblyman Reed Gusciora re: A-4358 Forest Harvest Program, 2/28
- 8th Legislative District re: S1954/A4358 Logging on State Lands, 3/15
- D. Hunterdon County
 - + Dept of Human Services re:
 - # Evening Classes & Elder Quest Series, 2/21
 - # May/Older Americans Month Proclamation, 2/27
 - + Agriculture Development Board Meeting Agenda for March 8th, 3/5
 - + Susan Pena re:
 - + Clinton Twp Electronics Recycling day on March 31st, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2011 Tonnage Reports ~ Post Cards, 3/20
 - + Freeholder Board re: Resolution Supporting Governor Christie's proposal to Create Veterans Haven North Facility in Hunterdon County, 3/9
 - + Tax Board re: Final Equalization Table, 3/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
 - + OEM Director Heller re:
 - # FEMA Projects Submitted to Date, 2/21
 - # Request for Extension, 2/27
 - # More \$\$ - FEMA Submission, 3/9
 - # FEMA \$\$\$, 3/15
 - + Zoning Board re: Annual Report, 3/4
 - + Housing Official Walsh re: Appellate Court Invalidates Reorganization Plan that Abolished COAH, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Tom Allibone re: Verizon BPU Investigations into Service Quality and Non Compliance with ONJ, 3/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
 - + Union Township re: Resolution Urging Restoration of Funding to the PARIS Grants Program, 2/17
 - + Township of Hopewell re: Adoption of Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan Element of Master Plan, 2/21
 - + Township of Readington re:
 - # County Planning Board Demise, 2/23
 - # Resolution Urging Restoration of PARIS Grant Funding, 3/9
 - + Township of Robbinsville re:
 - # Fair Distribution of State Aid, 2/24
 - # Amended Resolution for Fair Distribution of State Aid for Education, 3/9
 - + Delaware Township re: ACO Agreement, 3/13
 - + Township of Holland re: Township Shredder Day on April 28th, 3/9
 - + Clinton Township re: Resolution Requesting Amendments to the OPRA Law, 3/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Township of Union re: Resolution Opposing A1338 & S743 Extending and Expanding Permit Extension Act of 2008, 3/7
 - + Township of Ewing re: A Resolution Urging the State of New Jersey to End Diversion of Energy Tax Receipts from Municipalities, 3/22
- G. NJ Future re: Redevelopment Forum & Early Bird Discount, 2/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity re: Two Projects to be building in Kingwood, 2/15
- I. North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development re:
 - + AWEF Cost Share Announcement 2012, 2/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + AWEF Funding 2012, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Upcoming Events, 3/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Open House on April 13th, 3/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + North Jersey RC&D Open House on April 13th, 3/22(forwarded e-mail)
 - + North Jersey RC&D Open House, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. NJ Land Conservation re: 16th Annual Rally on March 10th, 2/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Sustainable Hunterdon re:
 - + Webinar Survey, 2/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Final Stats, 3/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Sustainable Jersey March 2012 Newsletter, 3/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. re: Upcoming Fund Raiser, 2/22
- M. Rutgers re: NJ Local Technical Assistance Program, 2/27
- N. RLM, Inc. re: 2012 MEL & MRHIF Educational Seminar/PAIC, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)

- O. NJ Planning Officials re:
 - + 2012 Budd Chavooshian Awards Banquet, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Digital Planner/Extended Deadline, 3/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Designing Health Communities, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. Crossroads of the American Revolution Assn re:
 - + Notice of Green Acres Program Funding Application, 3/1
 - + Discover Revolutionary New Jersey, 3/16 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. ANJEC re:
 - + 2012 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants for Municipalities, 2/27
 - + Designing Healthy Communities, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. NJPO Announces it First Lunchtime Webinar, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re:
 - + Next Meeting on March 26th, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - +Agenda and Minutes for March 26th meeting (forwarded e-mail)
- T. Hunterdon Prevention re: Invitation to Town Hall Meeting on April 19th, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- * U. ESC Superintendent Dennis Cox re: Invitation to Attend Their April 3rd meeting, 3/13
- V. AgAir LLC re: Pennsylvania Black Fly Suppression Program; Aerial Spraying Public Information, 3/13
- W. SHRHS Board of Education re: Resolution to Request Executive County Superintendent to Issue a Report, 3/16
- X. HART re: March 2012 E-News, 3/19 (forwarded e-mail)
- Y. Jean Allured re: South County Branch Library, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- Z. Raritan Valley Trail Coalition re: April 2nd Meeting, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- AA. NJ Business & Industry Association re: Call for Nominations for Awards for Excellence, 3/23
- BB. NJ Shade Tree Federation re: Non Receipt of 2012 Dues, March 2012

14. ADJOURNMENT

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