

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 27, 2011

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 Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 1, 2011, 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
 - Senator Doherty Town Hall Meeting, Municipal Building Sept 15th, 7:30 pm
 - PSE&G Power Line Work, Various Lines, Begins Sept 2011 into 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. June 22, 2011 Regular Meeting
 - B. June 22, 2011 Closed Session
 - C. July 21, 2011 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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 11, 2011
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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.
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Discussion – Potential new project
 - 2) Project Status Updates
 - B. Environmental
 - 1) Authorization to Post June 9, 2011 Minutes to Website
 - 2) Alexauken Creek Implementation Project – Report on Meeting with Stephen Sousa of PrincetonHydro
 - 3) Citizens Stormwater Advisory Committee Report
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. 2011 Appointments, continued
 - B. Updates re:
 - 1) SHREC
 - 2) Hunting the Farm
 - 3) Census Challenge
 - 4) Twp Engineer/Calton & other inspection work
 - 5) Court Administrator Request for Addition to Police Verizon Wireless Line
 - C. Resolution for Liquor License
 - D. Purchase of Computers
 - E. Discussion Concerning Possible Clean-up Day
 - F. Held Reimbursement Check
 - G. Award of Bond Anticipation Notes
 - H. Resolution to Enter Closed Session, if needed

10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Resolutions for Tax Appeal Settlements
 - B. Resolutions of Award re:
 1. Tub Grinding
 - 2) DPW Car/Truck Lift
 - 3) M & R Materials
 - 4) A/C for Police Dept.
 - C. Discussion on Various Road Issues
 - 1) Rock Road West Drainage
 - 2) Rock Road East (Draina)
 - 3) Speed Bumps for Alexauken Creek
 - 4) Road Tour
 - 5) Old York Road Section 1 & Rocktown Hill Road Section 2/Twp Engineer Work
 - D. Request from MS for Annual Bike Ride on Sept 18th
 - E. Municipal Alliance Renewal
 - 1) Resolution
 - 2) 2012 Application
 - F. State Purchasing Resolutions re:
 - 1) Authorization to Purchase
 - 2) Purchase Resolutions for
 - SUVs
 - Police Radar Units
 - Air Bags
 - G. 2010 Audit
 - 1) Resolution
 - 2) Affidavit by Committee
 - 3) Corrective Action Plan
 - H. Municipal Best Practices Inventory
 - I. Personnel Policy/ Benefits Discussion & New Health Benefits Requirements
 - J. Garbage Flyer for Tax Bills
 - K. Consideration of Police "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" Resolution
 - L. Retirement Resolution
 - M. Garden State Suit
 - N. Opening of Buddies Restaurant
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)
 - Award of Bond Anticipation Notes
 - B. Tax Collector
 - Possible Resolutions
 - Monthly Report for June 2011
 - C. Clerk/Human Resources
 - Construction Letters per NJAC 5:23-4.4(a)9
 - Building Custodian Position
 - D. Police for June 2011
 - E. Roads for May 2011
 - F. Zoning for June 2011
13. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - 6/20 Emergency Management: Utilities & Shore Communities on Sept 13th
 - 6/20 Pension and Health Benefit Reforms Update: Senate Passes Pension and Health Benefit Reforms; Mayors testify before Assembly Budget Committee
 - 6/21 Month 25 of Economic Recovery: Where are we now and where are we going (seminar)
 - 6/21 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 6/21 New DLGS/BPU Guidance on NJ Local Government/School ESIPS
 - 6/21 Free blanket license agreements with ASCAP and with BMI

- 6/22 Advisory Message from NJDOT on ADA Compliance
- 6/22 Pension and Health Benefits Reform Assembly Floor Vote Tomorrow
- 6/22 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/23 Daily Advisory, various topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/23 Professional Development Seminar: Ethics & Conflicts of Interest
- 6/24 Governor Conditionally Vetoes S-2006/A-3125 Regulating Solar Panels
- 6/24 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program
- 6/24 Daily Advisory, previous topics plus Proposed Health Benefit Changes, S-2937/A-4133; Proposed Pension Changes, S-2937/A-4133 (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/28 Governor Signs Pension and Health Benefit Reforms Legislation; League to offer seminars on "Understanding the New Pension and Health Benefits Law
- 6/28 A-4221/S-2974, Suspension of 2.5% Non-residential development fee Affordable Housing
- 6/28 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/29 New Content on DLGS Web Site
- 6/29 Governor's Educational Transition Task Force
- 6/29 Guidance on Implementation on Pension and Health Benefit Reforms
- 6/29 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/30 Daily Advisory – Preorder 2011 Edition of NJ Municipal Salary Survey Updated (forwarded e-mail)
- 6/30 Legislature Sends Budget Bill to Governor
- 6/30 Governor issues Reorganization Plan to Abolish COAH – Reorganization Plan No. 001-2011
- 6/30 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- June Legislative Bulletin No. 4
- 7/1 Legislative Re-cap
- 7/1 Governor Signs State Budget After Cutting \$900 Million in Spending
- 7/1 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/1 Call for Nominations – 10th Annual Innovation in Governance Awards
- no date 3rd Annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon
- 7/6 July 22nd Seminar - Understanding the New Pension & Health Benefits Law Sold Out
- 7/6 Professional Development Seminars:
 - + Labor Negotiations Primer – Collective Negotiations and Interest Arbitration on Oct 25th
 - + Ethics & Conflicts of Interest on June 14th & Oct 14th
- no date – 96th Annual Conference Consulting Period on General Municipal Topics, Nov 15th
- 7/6 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/7 Call for Nominations Tenth Annual Innovation in Governance Awards
- 7/7 Professional Development Seminar – New Date Added – Understanding the New Pensions and Health Benefits Law
- 7/7 Reminder: Articles requested for Octobers NJM Due August 10th
- 7/7 Assisted Living Facility Opportunity
- 7/7 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/11 July 27th Seminar on Pension & Health Benefits Law sold out; August 11th Seminar, same topic, still open for registration
- 7/11 August 11th Pension & Health Benefits Law seminar sold out
- 7/11 S-2795 and A-3835, Inspection of Multiple Buildings
- 7/12 Washington Watch Fax Advisory re: House Transportation Reauthorization Bill Slashes Spending and Consolidates Programs
- 7/12 Announcing the Bonner Scholars Program
- 7/12 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/13 A-4126, Statutory Deadline for Municipalities to Act on Defeated School Budgets
- 7/13 State of CY 2011 Property Tax Bills and Statement of State Aid
- 7/13 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/14 2011 Best Practices Checklist
- 7/14 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/15 Daily Advisory, previous topic updated (forwarded e-mail)
- 7/15 League Applauds Restoration of Transitional Aid Funding
- 7/15 Professional Development Seminars re:
 - + Ethics & Conflicts of Interest, Oct 14th West Windsor

- + Governing with Less Yet Doing More: Options & Strategies in County and Municipal Government for 2011, Sept 28th Holmdel
 - + Labor Negotiations Primer: Collective Negotiations and Interest Arbitration, Oct 25th Holmdel
 - 7/18 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 7/19 New League Feature Website Resource
 - 7-19 Daily Advisory: Revised Best Practices Checklist Issued; Consulting Opportunity, From Time to Time (forwarded e-mail)
 - 7/20 Seminar: Open Public Records Act on Oct 18th/Holmdel
 - 7/20 Senior Property Tax Freeze Information
 - 7/21 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 7/21 Statements of "State Aid" Posted
 - 7/21 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
 - 7/21 Certification of "State Aid" Link Correction, 7/22
 - 7/22 Pension and Health Benefits Update
 - 7/25 Added Date for Upcoming Seminar; DLGS Guidance on Pensions & Health Benefits Reforms (forwarded e-mail)
- B. United States
- Senator Menendez re: HUD News – Second Round of Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Census Bureau Update re:
 - + Field Management Reforms to Reduce Costs and Enhance Data Quality, 6/29
 - + Notice of Census of Governments Coming in October
 - Dept of the Interior re: Water Level Measurement, 6/28
 - Dept of Justice re: 2011 COPS Conference, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
- DCA re:
 - + GovConnect Update:
 - June 28, 2011 (forwarded e-mail)
 - July 19, 2011 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Pension & Health Benefit Reform Signed into Law, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + State of CY 2011 Property Tax Bills & Statements of State Aid, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Renewal of DLGS Professional Certifications, 7/12
 - + 2011 Governor's Excellence in Housing and Economic Development Awards, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Pensions and Benefits Issues Update
 - + Municipal Best Practices Inventory – CY 2011/SFY 2012
 - + Guidance on c.78 – Pensions & Health Benefits Reform (forwarded e-mail)
 - DEP re:
 - + NJDEP Announces the 2011 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award Applications, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Potential Short Term Difficulties Contacting NJDEP, 7/11
 - + NJ Clean Communities Council Adopt A Beach, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Notice of Public Hearing, 7/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - GRC re: Update: 5th Annual OPRA Seminar for the Public on Aug 11th, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Division of Pensions re: Contribution Rate Changes Under Chapter 78 P.L 2011
 - Governor Christy re: Reforms, 7/1
 - Superior Court of New Jersey re: Summons, 7/18/2011
 - Assemblyman Peterson re:
 - + Assembly Bill 3285 (public contract bids), 6/30
 - + Assembly Bill 4084/Senate Bill 2762 (commercial & industrial tax refunds), 6/30
 - Assemblywoman L. Grace Spenser re: Major Taylor Cycling Club of NJ Ride to New Hope & Request for PD Assistance, 7/1
 - Assemblyman DiMaio re:
 - + Assembly Bill 3285 (public contract bids), 7/6
 - + Assembly Bill 4084 (commercial/industrial tax refunds), 7/11
- D. Hunterdon County
- Purchasing Dept re: Master Contract Award to Trap Rock for Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program Services, 6/22

- Health Dept re: Registration Reminder for Operation Cooperation on Sept 10th, 7/8
- Planning Board re: Census Bureau CQR Program, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- Office of County Engineer re: Stream Encroachment & Freshwater Wetlands General Permit Applications – Reconstruction of Bridge W-71 County Rt 579 over Peters Brook, 7/21
- E. West Amwell Township
 - Shirley Bishop re:
 - + Response to Adam Gordon on COAH units, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + COAH Eliminated & Relevant Court Case, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Non-Residential Fee Legislation Passed Both Houses, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + League Daily Advisory re: Assisted Living Facility Opportunity, 7/19
 - * - Albert Draina re: Rock Road East Conditions, 6/22
 - Planning Board re: Approval of Swan Creek Municipal Solar Project, 6/24
- F. Other Municipalities
 - Delaware Township re:
 - + Underpass on County Rt 605, 6/22
 - + Public Hearing on Land Use Amendment/Solar on Aug 8th, 7/21
 - City of Lambertville re: Notice of Pending Land Use Ordinance for Public Hearing on July 18th, 6/22
 - Township of Woodbridge re: Senior Olympic Games on Sept 9-10th, 7/15
- G. PAIC re:
 - 2010 Audited Financials, 6/21
 - Appraisal Report by American Appraisal for Property Insurance Purposes
- H. Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic re: Agenda for June 27th Meeting, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Meeting on June 27th, 6/24
- J. HART re:
 - + Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast Invitation, 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + July 2011 E-News, 7/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Excessive Heat Warning, 7/21
- K. Sustainable Hunterdon re: Sustainable Hunterdon News July 2011, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Scholl, Whittlesey & Gruenberg, LLC re: ZB Application of East Coast Colorants, LLC d/b/a Breen Color Concentrate Block 8 Lot 23.03, Notice of Filed Application for July 26th Meeting, 7/12
- M. Rutgers re: 21st Annual Great Tomato Tasting on August 31st, 7/13
- N. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, 7/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. PSE& G Notification of Tree Removal as Part of Vegetation Management Work, Various Lines, Beginning September 2011 into 2012
- P. JCP&L (1st Energy Corp) re: Request for Information on Residential Discontinuations, 7/15
- Q. United Water re:
 - + Unclaimed Property, 7/13
 - + Rate Increase, 7/18

14. ADJOURNMENT

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