

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 28, 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
  - Municipal Offices Closed October 10<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Columbus Day
  - Roast Pork Dinner @ Firehouse, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 p.m.
  - Computer & Electronics Collection, HC Rt. 12 Complex, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm
  - Last Day to Register for November General Election, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 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. August 22, 2011 (Re-scheduled) Regular Meeting
  - B. August 29, 2011 Special Meeting
  - C. August 29, 2011 Closed Session (Personnel-Interviews)
  - D. September 1, 2011 Special Meeting
  - E. September 1, 2011 Closed Session (Personnel-Interviews)
  - F. September 1, 2011 Special Meeting
  - G. September 13, 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. Toll Auction Follow-up – Bryce Thompson
  - B. Hunterdon Medical Center – Investing in a New Generation of Care
  - C. Municipal Alliance - Jason Fuhr
  - D. South County School District Regionalization Study – Dave Beaumont
  - E. Lambertville Rescue Squad & Ambulance Association – Pat Pittore
  - F. Verizon Phone Service – Anna Lustenberg
  - G. Public Hearing: Ordinance 12, 2011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 68 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Construction Codes – Uniform)
  - H. Public Hearing: Ordinance 13, 2011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse)
    - 1) Proof of Publication
    - 2) Public Hearing
    - 3) Action on Ordinance
  - I. Public Hearing: Ordinance 14, 2011 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL
    - 1) Proof of Publication
    - 2) Public Hearing
    - 3) Action on Ordinance

- J. Introduction: Ordinance 15, 2011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTERS 109-94, 109-95 AND 109-96 "GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES," CHAPTER 109-07 "PUBLIC UTILITIES" AND CHAPTER 109-98 "WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP  
1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
  - K. Introduction: Ordinance 16, 2011 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING MEMBER ATTENDANCE AND VACANCIES AT BOARD/SUBCOMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS  
1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
  - L. Introduction: Ordinance 17, 2011 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH RULES REGARDING THE AWARD OF PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS  
1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. Open Space
    - 1) D&R Greenway re: Adam Closing
    - 2) Bridge on Toll Property
    - 3) Foran Project Appraisal
  - B. Country Fair
    - 1) Report of Recent Dinner
  - C. Website
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- A. Appointments, continued
  - B. Updates re:
    - 1) Census Challenge
    - 2) Court Administrator Request for Addition to Police Verizon Wireless Line
    - 3) A/C for Police Dept.
    - 4) Computers
    - 5) Doherty Forum
    - 6) Calton Punch List
    - 7) Dumpsters and Clean Up Day Options
    - 8) Energy Audit/Damage @ Fire House
  - C. Discussion re:
    - 1) Disposition of Block 12 Lot 14
    - 2) Professional Services Direction for 2012
  - D. Release of Performance Bond/Acceptance of Maintenance Bond re: Alexauken Creek Road/Elizabethtown
  - E. Hurricane Irene re:
    - 1) Flooding on George Washington & Woodsville Roads
    - 2) Storm Damage, Remediation, Generators & Toll Culvert
  - F. Closed Session, if needed
10. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Creekside Preserve Development
    - 1) Professional Service Resolution for Engineer
    - 2) Developer's Agreement
  - B. Excess Police Vehicles
  - C. Future Fire & Police Facilities
  - D. IT Services and Communications
  - E. Consideration of Resolution Commending Municipal Response to Hurricane Irene and Welcoming An Investigation into that of Certain Public Utilities
  - F. HC ESC re: Bid Renewal for Gasoline, Diesel & Heating Oil
  - G. Letter from Jerrie Hoover re: Possible Township Interest in Block 12 Lot 30

- H. Survey Requests
  - 1) Emergency Funding (DEP)
  - 2) Shared Services (Office of Accreditation)
  
- 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 for August 2011
  - C. Clerk/Human Resources
    - 125 Plan
    - S & W Resolution Amendment
  - D. Construction
    - Report for August 2011
    - Deposits for June, July & August
  - E. Police Report for August 2011
  - F. Zoning
    - Monthly Report for August 2011
    - Deposits for June, July & August
  
- 13. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - 8/23 Pension & Benefits Info; NJ Institute of Technology
    - 8/24 Seminar: "Taking the Mystery Out of Applying for Grants" on 10/5
    - 8/24 Open Public Records Act
    - 8/24 New Content on DLGS Website; Bills Signed into Law
    - 8/25 Federal Transportation Funding Information—Grants Application Webinar; Update on Congressional Debate on the Future of Federal Transportation Programs
    - 8/25 Governor declares State of Emergency in anticipation of Hurricane Irene
    - 8/25 Seminar: "A Review of Records Management and the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) on 10/18
    - 8/26 NJDEP Hurricane Information
    - 8/26 Hurricane Irene Preparedness Update
    - 8/26 Additional Hurricane Details; New Bills Advanced at Senate Session
    - 8/26 New Bills and Hurricane delay of Public Bid Opening
    - 8/29 Hurricane Irene Business Recovery Assistance
    - 8/30 Urgent Needs for Blood & Platelets
    - 8/30 Hurricane Irene re: Building and Electrical Inspections
    - 8/30 Three Issues: "Emergency Management: Utilities & Shore Communities" On 9/13; Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Workshops; Farmers' Market Workshops
    - 8/31 New Jersey Municipalities Magazine
    - 8/31 OPRA Seminar on 10/18
    - 8/31 Pension & Retirement Health Benefits Forum on 9/30
    - 8/31 League Luncheon, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
    - 8/31 Women in Government Breakfast, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
    - 8/31 Twentieth Annual Mayor's Box Luncheon, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>
    - 9/1 Hurricane Irene Updates: Deadline for Best Practices Extended; Presidential Disaster Declaration issued for New Jersey; Hurricane Recovery On-line Resources
    - 9/1 Verizon v Hopewell – Status Update
    - 9/2 Michael A. Pane Memorial Award
    - 9/2 State Health Dept Opens Call Center for Public Health Concerns in Aftermath of Hurricane Irene, Flooding and Power Outages
    - 9/2 Lessons Learned from Hurricane Irene – Next Steps Moving Forward
    - 9/2 JCP&L Storm Restoration Schedule
    - 9/2 Seminar: "Taking the Mystery Out of Applying for Grants" on 10/5

- 9/4 Governor Chris Christie Announces Federal Disaster Aid Has Been Approved for All 21 New Jersey Counties
  - 9/5 Mayors' Newslines September 2011
  - 9/6 Federal Disaster Aid has been approved for all 21 counties (forwarded e-mail)
  - \* - 9/6 Irene Misc Information re: Resolution Commending the Municipal Response To Hurricane Irene and Welcoming an Investigation into Certain Public Utilities; Extension of all Driver Licenses, Permits, Vehicle Registrations And Inspections; Communicating with the Public During an Energy Emergency
  - 9/7 Washington Watch Fax Advisory re: FEMA Stops Funding for Projects Prior To Hurricane Irene; Transportation Funding Reauthorization
  - 9/7 Conference Pre-Registration Reminder
  - 9/8 Date & Location Change for Foundation Event "Emergency Management: Utilities and Shore Communities"
  - \* - 9/8 Governor Christie Announces Available Funding to Help Local Governments Repair Storm-Damaged Roads and Bridges
  - 9/8 A Short and Simply Glimpse at the Property Tax in New Jersey
  - 9/9 Governor Christie Orders Flags Lowered to Half-Staff September 9 thru 11
  - 9/9 Seminars: "Taking the Mystery Out of Applying For Grants" on 10/5; "Ethics & Conflicts of Interest" on 10/14; "Labor Negotiations Primer: Collective Negotiations and Interest Arbitration" on 10/25
  - 9/9 NJ Dept of Human Services Hurricane Relief Benefits
  - 9/9 White House Briefing Invitation
  - 9/13 2011 Conference Resolutions due by 10/7
  - 9/13 Hurricane Irene Public Assistance Website
  - 9/13 Federal Transportation/FAA Funding Developments; **Budget Issues Relating to Hurricane Irene**
  - 9/13 Seminar: "Governing with Less Yet Doing More: Options and Strategies in County & Municipal Government for 2011 on 9/28
  - 9/13 Mayors Needed! Please Join our Legislative Committee
  - 9/14 S-2886 Exempts Certain Wind Turbines from local review: Upcoming League Seminar; Hurricane Irene FEMA recovery news; Rutgers program on Pension & Health Benefits; BPU Public Hearings on Electric Utilities
  - 9/15 Reminder: Sustainable Jersey 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon; Looking to fill Product or service needs in your town?
  - 9/14 Notice of Proposed 2012 Membership Dues
  - 9/15 Grants – NJDEP
  - 9/16 Call for Nominations for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation in Governance Awards
  - 9/16 Reorganization Plan #001-2011, Abolishes COAH, Transfers Responsibilities to DCA
  - 9/16 Annual Business Meeting Date Correction Held at 96<sup>th</sup> Annual League Conference; Federal Disaster Aid Approved for Cumberland, Gloucester & Salem
  - 9/19 CEU Tracking System for League Conference Sessions Offers Attendees More Flexibility
  - 9/19 Verizon Business Personal Property Tax Developments (forwarded e-mail)
  - 9/19 Seminar: "Taking the Mystery out of Applying for Grants" on 10/5
  - 9/20 Energy Tax White Paper Released; Upcoming League Seminar; Publications-Resources for You & Your Professional Staff
  - 9/20 S-2887 Wind Turbines on Preserved Farmland HELD (forwarded e-mail)
  - 9/16 Annual Business Meeting Date Correction
  - 9/21 Must Attend Event – Emergency Management: Utilities & Weather Emergencies; Federal Budget & Disaster Aid Debates Continue
  - 9/21 Daily Advisory, previous topic
  - 9/22 NLC Governance and Civic Engagement Resources; Event Reminder
  - 9/23 Daily Advisory, previous topic
  - 9/23 Public Hearing on NJ Water Infrastructure on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>; Temporary Bid Threshold Increase; Upcoming League Seminar
  - 9/23 FEMA Funding/Stop Gap Spending Bill Fails in Senate; FEMA Grants Might Cover Gaps in Private Insurance Policies
  - 9/26 Publications from the League
  - 9/26 Upcoming League Seminar; 2011 Police & Fire Labor Contract Service
- B. United States
- Congressman Holt re:
    - + Hurricane Irene Contact Information, 8/26

- + Update from FEMA: 2011 AFG Program, 8/30
- + Additional FEMA Disaster Declarations, 9/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Flooding Issues, 9/8
- Senator Menendez re: Invitation to 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9/21
- C. State of New Jersey
  - COAH re:
    - + Seminar - "Helping Homeowners in Financial Distress" on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 9/7
    - + Homekeeper Meeting Cancelled, 9/22
  - DCA re:
    - + GovConnect Update, 8/23
    - + New Jersey Redevelopment Training Institute, 8/24
    - + Best Practice Inventory Submission Extension, 9/1
    - + Emergency Management Event: Utilities & Shore Communities, 9/1
    - + GovConnect Update, 9/7
    - + Date & Location Change "Emergency Management: Utilities & Shore Communities, 9/8
    - + Contracting Units without a Qualified Purchasing Agent, 9/21
  - DEP re:
    - + NJ Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act, 8/22
    - + Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, 8/19
    - + Press Release – West/Central NJ Deer that may have a Virus, 8/25
    - + DEP Seeks New Group of Americorps Watershed Ambassadors, 8/25
    - + Temporary Registration Letter – Transportation & Disposal of Solid Waste, 8/26
    - + Press Release – State Parks Re-Open, 8/31
    - + NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence Award Applications due Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 8/31
    - + Press Release – Receding Flood Waters and Dam Inspections, 9/1
    - + Community Forestry Status Report, New Efficiency, 8/22
    - + Hurricane Irene and Dam Safety, 8/29
    - + Tips on Disposing Trash in Aftermath of Irene, 9/2
    - + Emergency Funding Survey, Due Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 9/13
    - + Free NJIT Brownfields Technical Assistance Seminar on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 9/20
    - + Press Release – Mosquito Tips, 9/21
    - + Press Release – Federal Grant Award for Regional Electric Vehicle Network, 9/23
  - DOT re: Relocation of Local Aid District 3, 9/1
  - Dept of Law & Public Safety re: Blanche to State of New Jersey, 9/17
  - Assemblyman Peterson re:
    - + Receipt of Resolution Opposing A3835 & S2795 Multiple Dwelling Inspection, 9/6
    - + Receipt of Resolution Opposing A4128/S2950 Land Use Approvals, 9/6
    - + Receipt of Resolution on OPRA Amendment, 9/20
  - Assemblyman DiMaio re:
    - + Resolution Opposing S-2950/A-4128
    - + Resolution Opposing S-2795 & A-3835
    - + Resolution on OPRA Amendment, S2976/A4232, 9/13
  - Senator Shirley Turner re: Visit Follow-up, 9/6
  - Office of the Governor re:
    - Hurricane Preparedness Conference Call, 8/25
    - Hurricane Conference Call Briefing, 8/26
    - Updated Alert on 6:30 Hurricane Conference Call Briefing, 8/26
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Dept of Health re:
    - + Information: Flood Related Resources for Residents, 8/30
    - + Update: Hurricane Irene 2011 Relief & Recovery Assistance Guide, 9/9
  - Planning Board re: County Farmland Preservation Program, 9/1
  - Dept of Public Safety re:
    - + Hunterdon Disaster Recovery Center Opening Postponed/Somerset County DRC Alternative, 9/12
    - + FEMA Establishment of Hunterdon Cty Disaster Recovery Center, 9/13
  - Freeholder Walton re:
    - + Hunterdon County Sharing Services Seminar IV, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 9/13

- + Change of Venue for Sharing Services Seminar to Raritan Twp  
Municipal Building, 9/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- Planning Dept re:
  - + Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) Meeting Agenda Package for  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 9/15
  - + Herbicide in Compost Article, 9/23
  - + Clean Communities Breakfast Meeting on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 9/15
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Jerrie S. Hoover re: Property on Rock Road West, 8/24
  - OEM Director Heller re:
    - + Upcoming Storm, 8/26
    - + Irene Info, 8/28
    - + FEMA Community Relations, 9/6
    - + FEMA Update – Individual & Public Assistance, 9/5
    - + Disaster Declaration, 9/3
    - + Township Money – Eligible for Public Reimbursement, 9/4
  - Tom Allibone re:
    - + Verizon v Hopewell, 9/1
    - + More Municipalities Lost Verizon BPPT for 2012, 9/15
  - Alfonsina Comune re: No Power on Rock Road West, 9/2
  - Wendy Williams re: Power On, 9/2
  - Carl Dale re: George Washington Road Drainage, 9/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Housing Official Walsh re:
    - + COAH Update, 9/3
    - + Non-Residential Fees & Correction, 9/11 (2)
    - + COAH Update, 9/16
    - + Fair Housing Administration Update, 9/26
  - Heather Goodman re: West Amwell Elementary School PTO Meeting on Oct  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 9/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Borough of Glen Gardner re: Surplus Property, 9/20
  - Delaware Township re:
    - Land Use Amendments Public Hearing on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 9/13
    - Support for Exploration of the Six Miles of Unused BR&W Railroad  
ROW, 9/9
  - East Amwell Township re:
    - + Black River & Western Railroad Path, 8/23
    - + Slide Presentation for Rails to Trails, Ringoes to Lambertville, 8/29
  - Township of Hopewell re: Resolution Opposing S-2950 & A-4128 Which Would  
Allow for Modification to Laned Use Approvals Because of Changed  
Economics, 8/24
  - Township of Readington re:
    - + Resolution Opposing the Williams Transco Pipeline
    - + Resolution Opposing Hydraulic Fracturing for Natural Gas, 9/8
  - Township of Union re:
    - + Resolution Opposing SCR-107, Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
Reducing Property Taxes for Certain Preserved Open Space, 8/22
    - + Resolution Opposing Northeast Supply Link Project, 9/9
    - + Resolution in Support of Amendment to the Open Public Records Act,  
9/14
- G. Wells Fargo re: Introduction of New Staff for Account, 9/6
- H. PAIC re:
  - Executive Committee Agenda Notice, 9/2
  - Safety Expo on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9/9
  - 2011 Coverage Documents, 9/15
- I. Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce re: New Initiative, 8/31
- J. NJ Conservation Foundation re:
  - Become a NJ Conservation Advocate, 8/22
  - Annual Great Swamp Walk on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 9/7
  - Save the Date: Land Conservation Rally 2012 on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 9/21
  - Reminder: Great Swamp Walk on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 9/23
- K. VFIS re: Hurricane Irene, 8/26
- L. Sustainable Hunterdon re: News Letter for September 2011, 9/6
- M. HART September 2011 E-News, 9/7

- N. Lower Delaware River Wild and Scenic re:
  - Next Meeting, 9/7
  - Meeting Agenda & Minutes, 9/19 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. Waste Management re: WM Bagster Service, 8/30
- P. NJ Planning Officials re:
  - Fall Educational Seminars, 9/14
  - Fall Educational Seminars, New Seminars Announcement, 9/22
- \* Q. Hunterdon County ESC re: Gasoline, Diesel & Heating Oil Contract Award, 8/25
- R. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition re:
  - Meetings (3)
  - Re-scheduled Meeting to be Held Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Somerset Cty Admin. Bldg, 9/26
- S. NJBIA re: 2011 Awards for Excellence Dinner on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 9/13
- T. Suffolk Wireless re: Proposal for Wireless Facilities, 9/19
- \* U. Office of Accreditation/LaMont Rouse re: 2011 Shared Services Survey, 9/21
- V. MS Bike Event "Hops to Hops" re: Thank You
- W. D&R Greeway re: Celebrate Green Acres 50 Years and Counting on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 9/23
- X. APWA NJ Chapter South Branch Meeting & Education Program, 9/26

14. ADJOURNMENT

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