

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
October 6, 2010

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. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 1, 2010, 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.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
3. AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Computer & Electronics Collection, Rt 12 County Complex, October 9th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - Municipal Offices Closed October 11th in Observance of Columbus Day
 - Last Day to Register for General Election, October 12th
 - Last Day to Apply by Mail for a Mail-in Ballot, October 26th
 - County Clerk's Office Open until 7 p.m. to Vote by Mail-In Ballot on October 28th
 - County Clerk's Office Open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to Vote by Mail-in Ballot on October 30th
 - Last Day to Apply at County Clerk's Office in person for a Mail-in Ballot, Nov. 1st
 - General Election – November 2nd; Polls Open at 6 a.m., Close at 8 p.m.
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends 12:01 a.m. November 7th
 - Public Information Center on Rt 31 Resurfacing Project, Nov. 9th, 4-7 p.m., East Amwell Township
 - Municipal Offices Closed November 11th for Veterans Day
 - Hazardous Waste Collection, County Complex Rt 12, November 13th, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
 - Municipal Offices Closed November 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving
 - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
 - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
 - A. September 1, 2010 Regular
 - B. September 1, 2010 Closed Session (Personnel)
 - C. September 21, 2010 Special
 - D. September 21, 2010 Closed Session (Litigation; Personnel)
 - E. Closed Session Minutes for Review & Possible Release
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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 11, 2010 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REFURBISHED GARBAGE TRUCK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$70,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - C. Introduction: Ordinance 12, 2010 (tentative) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – Stream Corridor Protection
 - 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 Project
 - Status of demolition work
 - Request for public works department
 - Discussion re: auction timing
 - Discussion re: soil conservation plan
 - 2) Kilmer Project
 - Letter report from environmental consultant
 - Discussion re: status of cleanup
 - Closing status
 - 3) Open Space Invoices
 - 4) County Municipal Grant Application
 - 5) Other Project Status Updates
 - Gulick III
 - Nunn
 - B. Environmental
 - 1) Authorization to Post August 12th Minutes on Website
 - C. Ag Advisory
 - 1) Proposed Newspaper Articles
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Updates on Trash & Recycling Trucks
 - B. Auction Results - Block 12 Lot 14 & Water Buffalos/Possible Resolution(s) of Award
 - C. Update on Maintenance Bond Inspection Status - Calton
 - D. SHREC Update
 - E. Rocktown Hill Drainage Project
 - 1) Resolution of Award
 - 2) Elizabethtown Road Opening Agreement/Bond
 - F. Status Inquiry on Block 39 Lot 4.01 from Mr. Arnett
 - G. Professional Services Update
 - H. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Contract Negotiations – Police)
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Resolutions for Upgraded Recording System(s)
 - B. Consideration of Resolution Requesting HC Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of All Police, Fire and Rescue Services
 - C. Freeholder Walton Letter on Shared Services, 9/27
 - D. County Tax Board Appeals Survey
 - E. Application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
 - F. Special Meeting Dates for October & November (interviews; budget workshop)
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
 - Resolution to Refund Overpayment of Taxes
 - Monthly Report for August 2010
 - C. Construction
 - Report for August 2010
 - August Deposits
 - D. Zoning
 - Report for September
 - August Deposits

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ League of Municipalities

- 8/31 Publications, Property Taxes and CEUs (forwarded e-mail)
- 8/31 Women in Government Breakfast on Nov 18th
- 8/31 League Luncheon on Nov 18th
- 8/31 Nineteenth Annual Mayor's Box Luncheon on Nov 17th
- 9/1 Training Opportunities for Mayor's and Council Members
- 9/1 Orientation for the Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced on January 22, 2011 & January 29, 2011
- 9/1 Save the Date! – Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents on February 25, 2011
- 9/1 NJOEM Kicks-Off National Preparedness Month
- 9/1 Michael A. Pane Memorial Award, Nominations Due 9/30
- 9/1 D.A.R.E. New Jersey Inc.
- 9/1 NJLM Daily Advisory September 1, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
- * - 9/2 County Tax Board Appeals Survey
- 9/3 Moody's Downgrade of Westfield Causes Budget Cap Concern
- 9/3 A Short and Simply Glimpse at the Property Tax in New Jersey
- 9/7 Opportunities to Protect and Enhance Trees in Sustainable Communities – Free of Charge
- 9/7 2010 Conference Resolutions
- 9/7 Division of Pensions & Benefits Group Counseling Sessions
- 9/7 League Professional Development Program –
 - + "Understanding Municipal Liens and Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials" on October 26th
 - + "Labor Negotiations" on October 19th
 - + "Taking the Mystery out of Applying for Grants on Sept 28th
- 9/7 NJLM – 3 Issues and Upcoming Seminars, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/8 4th Annual Everything Jersey: Business Statewide Conference and Expo
- 9/8 NJLM – Business Statewide Conference & Expo (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/8 NJLM re: Moving Up in a Downturn: Management & Fiscal Strategies To Deal with the 2% Cap, Sept 24th (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/9 Governor Christie's New Reform Agenda
- 9/9 Verizon to Claim More Personal Property Tax Exemptions, Verizon v. Hopewell – Status Update
- 9/9 NJ Alert, the State's New Mass Text and Email Emergency Notification System
- 9/9 DCA Checklist Clarifications Forthcoming
- 9/9 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- 9/10 Verizon to Claim More Personal Property Tax Exemptions. Verizon v. Hopewell – Status Update CORRECTED COPY
- 9/9 NJLM Daily Advisory – September 9, 2010, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/10 Attend Sustainable Jersey Luncheon @ League on November 16th
- 9/14 Update on "Tool Kit" Developments
- 9/13 NJLM Daily Advisory – September 13, 2010, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/14 Reminder – Midnight, Sept 15th is the Deadline for 2010 Certification Applications
- 9/14 Legislative Session Update: Toolkit Resolution – We Need Your Help; A-2911, Library Bill, Conditionally Vetoed; S-837 – Sex Offender Residency
- 9/14 Governor Unveils New Public Employee Pension & Benefits Reform Agenda
- 9/14 NJLM – Pensions & Benefits Remote and more, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/15 Best Practices Checklist Clarifications
- 9/15 NJLM – Best Practices Checklist Clarifications, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/16 Civil Service Adoption of Amended Rules Selection & Appointment Transfers
- 9/16 "School Report Card" published by NJ Spotlight
- 9/15 Laws of Interest
- 9/15 NJLM Daily Advisories – September 16, 2010, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/17 Shaping NJ – The State Partnership for Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Prevention

- 9/17 NJLM – 1 Issue & Seminar Reminders, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/20 League Professional Development Seminars
 - + Labor Negotiations on October 19th
 - + Understanding Municipal Liens and Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials on October 26th
 - + Taking the Mystery Out of Applying for Grants on September 28th
- 9/20 COAH Reform, Arbitration Reform and Civil Service Reform
- 9/21 NJLM Daily Advisory – September 21, 2010, Federal Update for the Period Ending September 17, 2010; NJLM Annual Conference (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/23 League Urges Action on Arbitration Reform
- 9/24 NJLM – 1 Event and 1 Issue, previous topic plus free event (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/24 Office Space for Lease
- 9/24 FY2011 Pension Contributions Estimated Billing
- Sept 2010 re: Save the Date – 19th Annual Mayor’s Legislative Day on February 16, 2011
- 9/24 Homestead Benefit Application Begins
- 9/24 NJLM Daily Advisory – September 24, 2010, previous topics and more (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/27 Proper Perspective on Pension Problems
- 9/27 NJLM Daily Advisories – September 27, 2010, previous topic, (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/28 Deadline Reminder – October 13th – Call for Nominations Ninth Annual Innovation in Governance Awards
- 9/28 Reminder! 2010 Conference Resolutions
- 9/28 Best Practices Checklist Deadline
- 9/29 Disaster Management Reimbursement
- 9/28 NJLM Daily Advisories – Sept 28, 2010, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/29 Governor Unveils New Education Reforms; Assembly Committee Advances Some Mandates Relief Measures
- 9/29 Sustainable Jersey Named Finalist in National *Strong Communities* Competition...Your Vote Needed
- 9/30 Hospitality Functions, Room Accommodations, and Bus Schedules for League Conference
- 9/30 ADA Compliance
- 9/30 League Professional Development Seminar: Understanding Municipal Liens and Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials on Oct 26th
- 9/30 New Content of DLGS Web Site
- 10/1 Recap of Thursday’s Senate and Assembly Voting Session
- 10/1 League of Municipalities’ Survey Measures Impact of Declining Property Values on Local Budgets
- 10/1 Notice of Proposed Membership Dues
- 10/4 League Professional Development Seminar: Class Action Lawsuits: How Will They Impact Your Municipality?
- 10/4 Funding Available to Municipalities for Hepatitis Inoculation of Public Safety Responders

B. United States

Dept of Justice re: COPS Hiring Program, 9/30

C. State of New Jersey

COAH re: Appointment of MHL, 9/22

DCA re:

- + NJSISC: Fall 2010 Training Program, 9/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- + NJLM Seminar “Moving Up in a Downturn”, 9/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Best Practices Inventory FAQs, 9/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- + 2011 Pension Billing Estimates, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- + NJDOT Halts Projects Funded by the TTF, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- + For Immediate Attention of Your Technology Personell, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Letter re: League of Municipalities Annual Conference, 10/4 (forwarded e-mail)

DEP re:

- + 2010 Clean Water Council Public Hearing on Oct 12th, 8/31 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Sustainable Jersey Workshops, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Nearly \$300 Million in Federal Funding Available for State, Local, and Tribal Governments, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)

- + NJ Shade Tree Federation – 85th Annual Conference on October 22-23
- DOT re: League Conference in AC on November 16-19, no date
- LPS re: NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety SAGE Training, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Assemblyman Peterson re: Support for Various Pieces of Legislation, 8/30
- D. Hunterdon County
 - Planning Board re:
 - + Revised Planning Awards Event Date, 9/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + County Farmland Preservation Program, 9/14
 - + Sustainable Hunterdon 2010, 9/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Solar, Wind or Biomass Energy Systems on Farms, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Health Dept re: Funding Available for Hepatitis B Inoculations, 9/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2010 Sustainable Jersey Certification Applicants, 9/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Open Space re: Revised Procedures Manual for Open Space, "Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program, 9/23
 - Sheriff's Office re:
 - + Contracting Out Services with HC Sheriff's Office, 9/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + An Excellent Article/Analysis in the Star-Ledger, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- * E. West Amwell Township
 - Chief Ent re: Hepatitis B Vaccination Funds Available Response, 9/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Robyn Horsnall re: Fence at 140 Rock Road W, violation, 9/22
- * F. Other Municipalities
 - Clinton Township re: Resolution on Consolidation of Services for Fire, EMS, Police and Education, 9/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Township of Hopewell re: Public Hearing on Land Use Amendment on Nov 8th, 10/1
- G. NJ Conservation re: 50th Anniversary Celebration, 9/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic re:
 - + Agenda for Quarterly Meeting on September 13th, (forwarded e-mail)
 - + River Bank at Byram, 9/12 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Change in Agenda, 9/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. PAIC re:
 - + Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, 9/8
 - + Letter to Police re: School Crossing Guard and School Zone Hazards, 9/9
- J. HART re:
 - + HART News – September 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Programs & Services
 - + Pedestrian Safety Month – October 2010 & Resolution, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. MS re: Letter of Appreciation - Annual Bike MS Event "Hops to Hops", 9/13
- L. Habitat for Humanity re: Building Two Single Family Homes in Lambertville and Request for Posting, 9/10
- M. Waste Management re: NJ Electronics Waste Management Act: Invitation to Join Out Collection Network, 9/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. All Seasons Heating & Cooling, Inc. re: Safety & Efficiency Agreement, 9/21
- O. Veronica Slaght of Star-Ledger's Local News Service re: Article on High Cost of New Jersey Police and Contracting Out Services of the Sheriff's Office, 9/27
- P. Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey re: Seminar – Updates in Federal Civil Rights law, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. Jersey Professional Management re: Proposal for West Amwell & Delaware Townships Concerning Police Department, 9/20
- R. Municipal Land Use Center re: Vote for Sustainable Jersey National Recognition by October 7th, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. NJ Business & Industry Association re: Awards for Excellence Dinner on Oct 19th
- T. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition re: Meeting Reminder for Oct 18th, 10/4 (forwarded e-mail)

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Trenton Times (fax) Website (e-mail)