

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
November 3, 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 with notice included in the Resolution faxed to the Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 1, 2010, 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
 - Parks & Recreation's Open Gym, Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. thru Nov 30th @ South
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends 12:01 a.m. November 7th, Set Clocks Back One Hour
 - ~~Public Information Center on Rt 31 Resurfacing Project, Nov. 9th, 4-7 p.m., East~~
~~Amwell Township Municipal Building~~ **POSTPONED**
 - Municipal Offices Closed November 11th in Observance of 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
 - Regular Twp Committee Meetings for Remainder of Year – December 1st & 29th
 - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
 - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
 - A. October 6, 2010 Regular
 - B. October 6, 2010 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police)
 - C. October 15, 2010 Special
 - D. October 15, 2010 Closed Session (Personnel)
 - E. October 27, 2010 Special
 - F. October 27, 2010 Closed Session (Personnel-interviews; Contract Negotiations-Police)
 - G. Closed Session Minutes for 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 12, 2010 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – Stream Corridor Protection
 - 1) Proof of Publication/PB Response
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
 - C. Introduction: Ordinance 13, 2010 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY—Signs (tentative title)
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing
 - D. Introduction: Ordinance 14, 2010 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Public Records (OPRA Fees)
 - 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) Kilmer Project
 - Report on 10/13 Closing
 - Status of Reimbursements
- 2) Toll Project
 - Status of Demolition Work
 - Soil Conservation Plan
- 3) Discussion re: Green Acres Grant Funding/Future Projects
- 4) Authorization to Post August & September Minutes on Website
- 5) Open Space Invoices
- 6) Project Status Updates
 - Gulick III
 - Nunn
- 7) Report on Meeting with the County Concerning the Municipal Grant

B. Environmental

- 1) Authorization to Post September Minutes on Website
- 2) Permission to Display "Invasive Species of the Month" in Municipal Building
- 3) Recommendation to Set Standards on Alternative Energy (solar, wind, etc.)

C. Ag Advisory

- 1) Permission to Post Hunt Articles on Website

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Block 12 Lot 14 & Water Buffalos, Next Steps
- B. SHREC Update
- C. Consideration of Resolution Requesting HC Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of All Police, Fire and Rescue Services
- D. Freeholder Walton Letter on Shared Services
- E. Possible Dates for Special Meetings for November (interviews; budget workshop)
- F. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Contract Negotiations – Police)

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter from Police Dept re: Boan Donation
- B. QPA Discussion
- C. Consideration of Resolution Supporting Arbitration Reform With Award Caps
- D. Application for Raffles License - West Amwell PTO
 - 1) Resolution
 - 2) Findings & Determination

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. Construction
 - Monthly Report for September 2010
 - September Deposits
- D. Police – Monthly Reports for August & September 2010
- E. Roads Report for September 2010
- F. Zoning
 - Monthly Report for September 2010
 - September Deposits

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ League of Municipalities

- 10/4 Federal Update for the Period Ending October 1, 2010—Congress Adjourns After Passing Stopgap Spending Measure; Small Business Jobs Act Becomes Law; White House, Congress Focus on Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network; Community Reinvestment Act Reform Legislation Introduced
- 10/4 Important Conference Sessions Emergency Management & Response
- October 2010 13th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame
- 10/5 Reminder! Free Event – Government Efficiency and Best Practices Forum, October 22nd at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township
- 10/5 Federal Early Retirement Reinsurance Program Accepting Applications
- 10/7 NJ Health Care Quality Institute
- 10/8 League Professional Development Seminars: Labor Negotiations; Class Action Lawsuits: How Will They Impact Your Municipality; Understanding Municipal Liens & Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials
- 10/8 Court Strikes Down COAH 3rd Round Regulations
- 10/11 Shuttle Bus Accessibility Form
- 10/12 Last Reminder! Free Event – Government Efficiency & Best Practices Forum, Oct 22nd
- 10/12 Recent Changes to the DLGS Website
- 101 Sustainable Jersey in Top 8 National Finalists; Vote NJ #1 in US
- 10/13 NJLM – 1 Event and 2 Issues 3, previous 3 topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/13 NJLM – Upcoming Seminars (forwarded e-mail)—see 10/8 above
- 10/14 Trenton Press Conference/Senate Committee Hearing Highlight Arbitration Reform Efforts
- 10/14 “Red Tape Review” Takes the Next Step
- 10/14 NJLM Daily Advisories, previous 2 topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/15 Bus Shuttle & Overflow Parking Locations for League Conference
- 10/15 NJ Chamber of Commerce to Host 4th Annual Everything Jersey Business Conference & Expo
- 10/15 League Professional Development Seminar: Class Action Lawsuits: How Will They Impact Your Municipality?
- 10/19 Bill to Limit Sick Leave Pay/Vacation Carry-Forward Management Reform Advances
- 10/20 League Professional Development Seminar: Understanding Municipal Liens & Primer on Foreclosure for Public Officials (& forwarded e-mail)
- 10/20 Arbitration Reform Impasse Develops
- 10/21 Arbitration Reform – Immediate Action Needed/Correction to Bill Number
- 10/21 Arbitration Reform – Urgent Action Needed, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/21 Must Have Publications from the League of Municipalities
- 10/21 3 Must Have Publication from the League of Municipalities (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/22 Assembly Introduces Affordable Housing Legislation
- 10/22 A-3393 – Arbitration Reform Proposal Advanced to Second Reading
- 10/22 NJLM Daily Advisory – Arbitration, COAH & EECBG Grants (previous Topics, (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/25 NJLM – Urgent – Assembly Vote Scheduled for Today, previous topic, (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/25 Mayoral Invitation to Attend Intercultural Trip to Turkey, Dec 28th & Jan 6th
- 10/25 Speaker Delays Vote on A-3393 League Opposed Proposal to Reform Binding Arbitration
- 10/25 NJLM – 4 Notices, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/26 League Seeks Appeal to State Supreme Court
- 10/26 Important Conference Sessions Sustainability
- 10/26 Sick Leave Pay-Out Limits Advances to Governor; Sample Resolution Supporting Arbitration Reform with Awards Cap
- 10/26 New Content on DLGS Web Site
- 10/26 NJLM Daily Advisories, previous four topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/27 League Magazine Wins Top Honors
- 10/27 Important Conference Sessions Finding Funding
- 10/27 NJLM - Daily Advisories, previous two topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 10/28 Constitutional Amendment Ballot Question
- 10/28 New CEU Procedure for League Conference Sessions Offers Attendees More Flexibility

- 10/28 League Professional Development Seminar: Class Action Lawsuits: How Will They Impact Your Municipality
- 10/29 Important Conference Sessions Personnel Management, Pensions, and Benefits
- 10/29 Daily Advisories, previous topics, forwarded e-mail)
- B. United States
 - Dept of Homeland Security re: FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Coordination Meeting on Oct 21st
- C. State of New Jersey
 - Dept of Agriculture re: Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey, 10/14
 - DCA re:
 - + Excessive School Bus Idling, 10/5 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update: October 12, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update: October 25, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + COAH Monitoring, 10/26 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DEP re:
 - + DEP to Honor Recycling Leaders of 2010, 10/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + NJ Clean Communities Program, 10/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + EPA Webinar Series, 10/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Sustainable Jersey Wins Ashola/Community Matters – Changemakers Award, 10/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Program, 10/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DOT re: Ordered Shutdown of Transportation Construction Projects Ends on First Day, 10/5 (forwarded e-mails)
 - Dept of Taxation re: Certification of the Table of Equalized Valuations
- D. Hunterdon County
 - Agriculture Development Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes, 10/12
 - 2008 Recycling Tonnage Grants, 10/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - PolyTech Career Academy re: National Recognition, 10/4
 - Kevin Richardson re: Revised Policy #2008-02: Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation Policy Adopted October 5, 2010, 10/29
- E. West Amwell Township
 - Consultant Bishop re:
 - + Appellate Decision Released Today on COAH Rules, 10/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Appellate Court Decision, 10/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Housing Official Walsh re: A3447 Amending the Fair Housing Act Has Been Introduced, 10/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Letter from Bruce Gage re: Real Estate Market in West Amwell
- F. Other Municipalities
 - Frenchtown Borough re: Resolution Requesting HC Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of Municipal Services, 10/22
 - Tewksbury Township re: Annandale Historic District Walking Tour (forwarded e-mail)
- G. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re:
 - + Hinchey Challenges Assertions of Army Corps of Engineers Regarding Federal Role in DRBC Regulation of Gas Exploration and Drilling in Delaware River Basin, 10/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Gas Drillers Give up the Fight in Nockamixon, 10/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. HART News – October 2010, 10/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. North Jersey RC&D re: Community Needs Survey Reminder, 10/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Hunterdon County Municipal Officers' Association re: Nov 30th Dinner Meeting with Discussion on Solar, Wind & Biomass Energy on Farms, 10/27 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. PAIC re: 2011 MEL Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability, 10/25
- L. D&R Greenway re: Application for Accreditation, 10/25

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Website