

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 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

- PSE&G Power Line Mowing in Various ROWs – Through March 31, 2010
(map on file in Clerk's office)
- Township Offices Closed – April 2nd for Good Friday
- Next Regular Township Meeting – April 7th
- 2010 Dog Licenses are Overdue – Late Fees Apply
- 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 3, 2010 Special – Budget Workshop
- B. February 3, 2010 Regular
- C. February 3, 2010 Closed Session (Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property)
- D. February 20, 2010 Special
- E. February 20, 2010 Closed Session (Protecting the Safety & Property of the Public)

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 Update – Jason Fuhr
- B. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2, 2010
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED CONVEYING ROADWAY EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS STREETS IN MOUNT AIRY ESTATES
1) Proof of Publication 2) Public Hearing 3) Action on Ordinance
- C. Introduction: Ordinance 3, 2010
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)
1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
- D. Introduction: Ordinance 4, 2010
Bond Ordinance for Rocktown-Hill project
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) Response to Green Acres re: Kilmer Preliminary Environmental Assessment
- 2) Open Space Invoices
- 3) Project Status Updates

B. Environmental

- 1) WAT Elementary Art Work

C. Affordable Housing

- 1) Group Home

D. Farmers Market

- 1) Proposed Location Change
- 2) Revised Resolution #215-2008
- 3) Proposed Change to By-Laws

E. Ag Advisory

- 1) Authorization to Post January 4, 2010 Minutes on Website

F. Finance Committee

- 1) Report/Requests

G. Planning Board

- 1) Appointed Subcommittees

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Continuation of 2010 Appointments

B. Police Merger Study

- 1) Update
- 2) Appointment of Police Committee

C. Rocktown Hill Improvement Project Agreement

- 1) Resolution

D. Appropriation Requests – Holt & Menendez

E. Solar Audit & Power Purchasing RFP's re: Approval to Advertise

F. PAIC Elected Officials Training on March 16th @ 10 a.m.

- 1) Sign Up Needed

G. Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual

- 1) Resolution to Adopt
- 2) Civil Rights Resolution

H. Township Owned Houses

I. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Purchase, Lease, or Acquisition of Real Property; Protecting Safety and Property of the Public)

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Municipal Alliance Contracts for 2010

B. LOSAP

- 1) Receipt of List of Eligible Participants
- 2) Possible Resolution

C. Municipal Recycling Responsibilities

- 1) Meeting @ County
- 2) Tonnage Reports

D. Meeting @ East Amwell on 3/23, 10:30 a.m. re: Resurfacing of Rt 31

E. Invitation to Attend SHR Budget Session on 3/31

F. Application for Raffles License – SHR Band Parents Association

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Findings & Determination

G. Report on League's Legislative Day (Fisher)

H. Next Budget Workshop Date

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 Reports for January & February 2010

C. Clerk/Human Resources

- 1) Resolution for Police Office Assistant
- 2) Resolution to Hire PT Policeman

D. Construction Report for January 2010

E. Police Reports for November & December 2009 and January 2010

F. Zoning for February 2010

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ League of Municipalities

- 2/1 Community Energy Outreach Training
- 2/1 S-1, Affordable Housing
- 2/1 Resolution Urging the Elimination of 4% Cap on Local Tax Levy
- 2/1 Daily Advisories – 4 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/2 League PD Seminar re: "Health Benefits Negotiations Primer" on March 9th
- 2/2 Local Finance Notice 2010-5
- 2/2 Sustainable Jersey Action Update
- 2/2 Daily Advisories – 3 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/2 Bi-Annual Questionnaire Request
- 2/3 Information Session for Federal Funding of Public Service Needs
- 2/4 Support the Troops – March 25, Lawrenceville Armory
- 2/4 Administrator or Manager Recruitment and Selection Advisory Service
- 2/4 Upcoming NJRA RTI Redevelopment Training Institute Courses
- 2/4 S-82, Time of Decision Approved by Senate Committee
- 2/5 Important League On-line Survey
- 2/5 S-458, Collection, Assessment, Health and Animal Control Bill
- 2/5 EECBG Program Information
- 2/5 You're Invited! Health Policy Event on Adherence, Monday, February 22, 2010
- 2/5 Daily Advisories – 4 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 2/8 Snow Emergency Response Update
- 2/8 Seminar re: Social Media for Public Officials on March 30th
- 2/9 League PD Seminars re:
 - + Foreclosures: What They Are and How They Work on April 8th
 - + Performance Measurement in the Public Sector on March 11th
- 2/9 Proposed Pension Reform Bills S-2, S-3, S-4 and SCR-1
- 2/9 Interest Arbitration Reform
- 2/9 Governor Christie Signs Executive Order on COAH
- 2/9 Changes to the DLG Website
- 2/9 League Applauds Governor's Executive Order
- 2/9 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)

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- 2/9 League PD Seminar "Reducing Staff to Meet Statutory Obligation: How to Negotiate Furloughs, Layoffs, and Contracts on May 6th
 - 2/11 Governor Declares Fiscal Emergency
 - 2/11 Daily Advisories – Governor Freezes State Budget (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/12 "Speak Out: A Guide to State Level Advocacy for Municipal Officials"
 - 2/12 Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs Team
 - 2/15 Revised – Important OPRA Fees
 - 2/16 Daily Advisories – Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs Team & Upcoming Events (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/16 League Staff Membership in Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)
 - 2/16 Affordable Housing, COAH and Executive Order
 - 2/17 Must Attend League Seminar Helps Municipal Officials Weed Through the Jungle of Health Benefits Negotiation
 - 2/16 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/18 S-2, S3, S-4 and SCR-1 on Pension Reform
 - 2/18 Review of New Local Financial and General Government Laws
 - 2/19 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/19 Continuing Health Insurance for Dependents
 - 2/19 Courts Stay Governor's Stay on COAH; Time of Decision
 - 2/22 16th Annual Mayors' Hall of Fame
 - * - 2/22 S-1352 New OPRA Mandates Would Increase Local Costs and Decrease Local Revenues
 - 2/22 Support the Troops – March 25th Lawrenceville Armory
 - * - 2/22 Interest Arbitration Reform Sample Resolution
 - 2/22 S-2, S-3 and S4 Pension Reform Unanimously Passes Senate
 - 2/23 League PD Seminar re:
 - + Personnel Manuals and Policies Primer, April 28th
 - + Foreclosures: What They Are and How They Work, April 8th
 - 2/23 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/23 NJRA Redevelopment Training Institute (NJRA RTI)
 - 2/24 Community Energy Outreach Trainings
 - 2/24 Recap of 18th Annual Mayors Legislative Day
 - 2/24 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/25 Affordable Housing Update; Governor Christie's Mayors Legislative Day Speech Broadcast; NJ Future Redevelopment Forum Postponed
 - 2/25 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/25 NJ Future Redevelopment Forum Postponed (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2/25 PD Seminar re: Performance Measurement in the Public Sector
 - 2/26 Mandates Relief
 - 2/26 Daily Advisories, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
 - 3/1 2009 Tax Lien Law Revision
 - 3/1 Seminar: New Jersey's Economic Stimulus Act and the Recovery Zone Bond Programs on May 4th
- B. United States
- Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves re: An Important Message from U.S. Census Bureau, 2/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
- DCA re:
 - + Amendments to GUDPA, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Information Session for Federal Funding of Public Service Needs, 2/4 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update: February 8, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + February 2010 Snow Emergency Issues, 2/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Fiscal and Related Laws Passed at End of 2009 Legislative Session, 2/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + February 2010 Snow Emergency Issues, 2/25 (forwarded e-mail)

- + Join DCA in Designating March 2010 as Women's History Month in Your Municipality, 2/25 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
 - + Community Forestry Tree Seedlings for Arbor Day, 2/3
 - + Invoice for FY2010 NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, 1/29
 - + Joseph Rogers re: Clean Air Council 2010 Meeting, 2/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Notice of Public Comment Period Regarding Proposed Amendments to the FFY2010 Clean Water Priority System/Intended Use Plan, 2/26
- NJ Water Supply Authority re: Rehabilitation of the Delaware & Raritan Canal Rooster Coup Spillway at Station 439+76, 2/8
- D. Hunterdon County
 - Freeholder Board re:
 - + Resolution Opposing the Development of a Large Trucking Facility, 2/3
 - + Resolution re: County Bridge W-27 (Barry Road), 2/4
 - + Resolution re: Support for Governor Christie Efforts to Reduce State Spending, 2/17
 - * - Utilities Authority re:
 - + Recycling Requirements, 2/9
 - * + Upcoming Meeting to Discuss Municipal Recycling Responsibilities, 2/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Josie Glynn re:
 - + 2010 Census – Hunterdon County, 2/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + An Important Message from U.S. Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves, 2/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Blue Book is Up, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Tax Administrator re: Preliminary Equalization Table for the Year 2010
 - Planning Board re: 2010 County Open Space Trust Fund Distribution and Municipal Allocations, 2/22
- E. West Amwell Township
 - Shirley Bishop re: Executive Order, 2/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Michael Voorhees re: Perrine Property, 2/1
 - Eugene Lelie re: Police Sharing, 2/28 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Attorney Faherty re: Township Prosecutor, 2/24
 - Wells Fargo Insurance Services re: Dividend Check on Fire Company Policy S1462028, 2/24
- F. Other Municipalities
 - Bethlehem Township re: NIMS Training, 2/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - East Amwell Township re: Notice of Pending Ordinance, 2/16
 - Wayne Township re: Resolution Opposing NJ Taxpayers Funding Pension Benefits for Non-Government Employees, 2/8
- G. NJ Land Conservation Rally Program Committee re: 14th Annual New Jersey Land Conservation Rally on March 20th, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re: Scudder Falls Bridge, 2/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Tim Ferguson re: Garden Solar, 2/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association re: State of the Watershed Report 2010, 2/10
- K. Pennsylvania DEP re: Black Fly Suppression Program; Aerial Spraying Public Information, 2/2
- L. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition re:
 - + Meetings, 2/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Cancellation of March 1st Meeting, 2/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. JCP&L re: Posting Signs & Banners on Utility Poles, 2/2
- N. NJ Developmental Disabilities Council re: Just Say Something – February 10, 2010 Newsletter, 2/26 (forwarded e-mail)

- O. PAIC re:
 - + Fund Commissioner & Executive Committee Re-organizational Meeting Notice and Information
 - * + EPL/POL and Police Trainings, 2/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. Lydia Chambers re: Reduce the Use of Disposable Plastic in West Amwell, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. New Jersey Shade Tree Federation re: Membership Request
- R. South Branch Watershed re: Annual Dinner on March 26th

14. ADJOURNMENT

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