

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

April 7, 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

- Filing Deadline for Municipal Petitions – April 12th, 4 p.m.
- Annual School Election Sample Ballot Available at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm>
- School Board Elections – April 20th, 3-9 p.m. in the Municipal Building
- Free Rabies Clinic – May 1st, 1-3 p.m., Township Garage
- 2010 Dog Licenses are Overdue – Late Fees Apply
- Rt 31 Milling & Resurfacing Public Information Session – May 13th, 7:30 p.m., East Amwell Township municipal building
- Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting

5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

- A. March 3, 2010 Regular
- B. March 3, 2010 Closed Session (Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property; Protecting the Safety and Property of the Public; Litigation)
- C. March 10, 2010 Special – Budget Workshop
- D. March 25, 2010 Special – Budget Workshop
- E. March 29, 2010 Special – Meeting with Police Department
- F. March 29, 2010 Closed Session (Protecting the Safety and Property of the Public)
- G. April 5, 2010 Special – Budget Workshop
- H. April 5, 2010 Closed Session (Protecting the Safety and 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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2, 2010 (continued)
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED CONVEYING ROADWAY EASEMENTS FOR VARIOUS STREETS IN MOUNT AIRY ESTATES
1) Continuation of Public Hearing 2) Action on Ordinance

Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds

- B. Public Hearing: 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) Proof of Publication 2) Public Hearing 3) Action on Ordinance

- C. Public Hearing: Ordinance 4, 2010
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF A
PORTION OF ROCKTOWN HILL ROAD, FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP
OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$305,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING
\$100,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A GRANT FROM THE
DELAWARE RIVER JOINT TOLL BRIDGE COMMISSION AND \$200,000
EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AS A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
1) Proof of Publication 2) Public Hearing 3) Action on Ordinance

- D. Introduction: Ordinance 5, 2010 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER
68, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW
JERSEY, AND TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM
CONSTRUCTION CODE TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Tentative)
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) Request of Post December 2009 & January 2010 Minutes on Website
 - 2) Update on March 16th Closing on Toll Property
 - 3) Open Space Invoices
 - 4) Project Status Updates
 - 5) Closed Session (Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property)

- B. Environmental
 - 1) Authorization to Post January 14, 2010 Minutes on Website
 - 2) Report on Flood Mitigation Plan
 - 3) Proposed Revised Resolution

- C. Parks & Recreation
 - 1) Insurance Company
 - 2) Hunting Permits
 - 3) Gulick Road Update

- D. Community Forestry
 - 1) Permission to Post Public Service Announcement on Website

- E. Ag Advisory Committee
 - 1) Permission to Post December 7, 2009 Minutes on Website

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Continuation of 2010 Appointments
- B. Resolution for Deferred Compensation Plan & Execution of Plan Agreement
- C. Township Owned Houses
- D. Report of Meeting @ East Amwell re: Resurfacing of Rt 31
- E. Budget Update; Next Meeting; Proposed Introduction Date

F. Resolution to Enter Closed Session, if needed

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Alex Mikos of Goldenbaum Baill re: Conservation Easement on B 19 L 7.03
- B. John Anderson of JCP&L re: Substation Enhancement on Block 17 Lot 4
- C. Alexauken 319 Grant
 - 1) Request for Contract Extension
 - 2) Professional Services Resolution
- D. Resolution re: Legislation to Restructure Tax & Franchise Fees
- E. Receipt of Dumpster Quotes & Resolution
- F. Receipt of Diesel and Gasoline Quote & Possible Resolution
- G. Application for Blue Light Permit
- H. Request for Cancellation of Late Fees on 1st Quarter Taxes
- I. Resolution Proclaiming May as Older Americans Month

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 March 2010
- C. Construction for February & March 2010
- D. Court – Quarterly Report, 1st Quarter 2010
- E. Zoning for March 2010

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - 3/2 Changes to the DLG Website
 - 3/2 Change Clocks, Check and Update Plans
 - 3/2 NJLM – 4 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 3/3 2010 Census Website Logo
 - 3/3 Federal Action on Transportation Funding & Unemployment Benefits
 - 3/4 NJLM – 2 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 3/5 Urgent – Builders Push a-437 on “Time of Decision” to Assembly Floor
 - 3/8 Urgent Legislative Alert – Time of Decision Posted for Senate Vote
 - 3/8 NJLM Urgent Legislative Alert, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
 - March – Update on Police Officers’ Salaries and Contract Provisions
 - 3/11 Two Issues: SCS for S-1, Abolishes COAH; Time of Decision
 - 3/12 Red Tape Review
 - 3/12 Invitation to Canada Day in Trenton on March 18th
 - 3/12 Three Issues: Women in Government Day; Executive Order 17; Time of Decision
 - 3/15 2010 Census Update- What You Can Do!
 - 3/15 Two Issues: Time of Decision Passes Assembly; S-1 Released from Committee
 - 3/15 Repeal of Licensing Requirement for Junkyards
 - 3/15 NJLM – 3 Issues and Live Broadcast of Governor Christie’s Budget, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
 - 3/16 Governor Christie Delivers Budget Message

- 3/16 Important Changes to DLGS Website – CY 2010 State Aid Certifications
- 3/16 NJOEM Preliminary Damage Assessment Facts
- 3/17 NJLM Daily Advisory – Important FY Budget Information, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/17 Asked the Governor to Veto S-82/A-437; Update on S-1
- 3/17 Important Census Information: Incorrect Addresses
- 3/17 State Budget Follow-Up
- 3/17 NJLM – Follow Us on Twitter
- 3/18 Recent Supreme Court Case on Tax Assessments
- 3/19 NJLM – State Aid Figures Released & Tax Appeals Ruling, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/10 2010 Census: Simple Ways to Boost Your Area's Mail Participation Rates
- 3/19 CY 2010 Property Tax Relief Certification
- 3/19 NJLM – CY 2010 Property Tax Relief Certification, previous topic, (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/19 Professional Developments Seminars:
 - + Performance Measurement in the Public Sector on May 11th
 - + Foreclosures: What They Are & How They Work on April 8th
- 3/19 State Energy Tax/CMPTRA Cuts
- 3/19 Update on S-1
- 3/19 Seminar: New Jersey's Economic Stimulus Act and the Recovery Zone Bond Programs on May 4th
- 3/20 NJLM Daily Advisories, previous topics, (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/22 Fire and EMS Grant Workshops
- 3/23 NJLM Daily Advisory – Grant Workshops & New Publication (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/23 Governor Christie Signs Pension Reform
- 3/23 President Anzaldi Comments on Governor's Proposed Budget
- 3/23 Professional Development Seminars re:
 - + A Review of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA)" on October 5th and October 13th
 - + Performance Measurement in the Public Sector on May 11th
 - + Ethics & Conflicts of Interest on June 15th & 25th
- 3/23 NJLM Daily Advisories – Pension Reform; Budget and FEMA (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/23 NJLM Daily Advisories – Governor Signs Pension Bill (forwarded e-mail)
- 3/25 Mayors Fax Advisory – Three Issues: Ask the Governor to Veto S-82/A-37; Updated Ethics Resources from the League; Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Deadline
- 3/26 Social Media for Municipal Officials
- 3/26 Support of Organ and Tissue Donation
- 3/26 Pension Reforms FAQ's
- 3/29 Shaping the "City" of New Jersey Conference
- 3/29 Impact of Federal Healthcare Reform on Local Governments
- 3/29 Professional Development Seminars re:
 - + Foreclosures: What They Are & How They Work on April 8th
 - + Artemis Records Retention & Disposition Management System on June 11th
 - + Performance Measurement in the Public Sector on May 11th
- March 2010 Legislative Bulletin, No. 1, 2010-2011 Legislative Session
- 3/30 Mayors Fax Advisory re: Two Issues – New Local Finance Notices; Changes to the DLGS Website
- 3/31 Public Hearing Schedule for the NJ Privatization Task Force Announced
- 3/31 Pension Reforms Expanded FAQ's
- 3/31 Washington Watch – Local Jobs Bill Our Next Priority
- 3/31 Census Update – Final Push

- 3/31 NJLM – 5 Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/1 Ask the Governor to Veto S-81/A-437 On Time of Decision
- 4/1 Request to Withdraw Budget Provision
- 4/2 NJLM – Urgent 2010 Census Notice (forwarded e-mail)

B. United States

- Representative Holt re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Workshop 2010, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Menendez re: Hosting AFG Workshop, 3/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- Census Bureau re:
 - + Now's the Time to "Take 10" and Inspire Your Community to Mail Back Their Census Forms, 3/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + A Status Update on the 2010 Census, 3/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Thank You for Use of Facility, 3/16
 - + Display Your 2010 Census Mail Participation Rate & Motivate Your Community, 3/31 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
 - + GovConnect Update:
 - + March 16, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + March 30, 2010 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + CY 2010 State Aid Certification Posting, 3/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Important Notices: New LFN and Public Works Training Requirements, 3/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
 - + NJ Clean Communities Seminar & Awards Banquet, 3/4 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Adopt-A-Beach Program 2010, 3/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, 3/25
 - + Request for Information on NJ Karst Sinkholes, 3/25
- DOE re: 2010-2011 Municipal Percentage Shares for Regional School District Tax Levies, 3/17
- DOT re: Block 8 Lots 13, 14, 15, & 53, 3/16
- Senator Doherty re: Opposition to Time of Decision Rule, 3/1
- Assemblyman Peterson re: Elimination of 4% Levy Cap

D. Hunterdon County

- Planning Board re:
 - + 2010 Hunterdon County Breakfast Talk Program Series, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2010 Planning & Design Awards, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + County Septic System Inventory Database, 3/4
 - + Breakfast Talk on March 31st, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Decision to Combine Funding Rounds for Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Preservation, 3/8
 - + Learn How to Save Money at the 7th Annual Morris County Municipal Summit, 3/19 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + 2010 Planning & Design Awards Press Release (forwarded e-mail)
- Utilities Authority re:
 - + County Recycling Plan, 3/3
 - + Recycling Meeting Information, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- * - Dept of Human Services re: Older Americans Month, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- Tax Board re: Final Equalization Table for Year 2010

E. West Amwell Township

- Zoning Board re: 2009 Annual Report, 3/4
- * - Monica Paerg re: Interest Charge, 3/10
- Affordable Housing Updates from Housing Official Walsh, 3/4 & 3/29
- * - Stanley & Kathy Stoy re: Burgess Application Block 19 Lot 7.03

F. Other Municipalities

- Township of Clinton re: Resolution Opposing a Proposed "Bloomsbury Industrial Park" in Franklin Township, Warren County, 2/24

- Borough of Glen Gardner re: Resolution of Support Governor Christie's Efforts to Reduce Spending and Taxpayer Burden, 3/2
- City of Lambertville re: Letter of Appreciation for Snow Plowing Assistance, 3/3
- Township of Readington re: Resolution Urging the State Legislative to Reform Interest Arbitration, 3/1
- Township of Hardyston re: Highlands & Pinelands Aid Cut Meeting, 3/24
- G. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re:
 - Quarter Meeting on April 5th, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Update for April 5th Meeting, 3/25 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Reminder and Agenda, 4/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. South Branch Watershed Association re: Twentieth Annual South Branch Raritan River Clean Up, 2/20
- I. Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission re: Compact Authorized Investment (CAI) Grant Program Application Opportunity, 3/9
- J. Cherry, Weber & Associates re: Replacement of County Bridge W-124 Alexauken Creek Road, 3/15
- K. PAIC re: Injury Prevention and Ergonomics, 3/18
- L. John Sassman re: Staff Kudos
- M. HART re:
 - New Pedestrian Law – Sign Retrofit, 3/31 (forwarded e-mail)
 - News from HART – Bike to Work Event, 4/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - News from HART Commuter Information Services, 4/1 (forwarded-email)

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Website (e-mail)