

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 7, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

## 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 Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 6, 2015, 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
  - 2015 Dog Census Conducted by ACIS is Underway
  - Fire Company Auxiliary Pork Dinner – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 p.m.
  - Last Day to Register to Vote in General Election – October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - General Election – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - PSE&G to Perform ROW Vegetation Maintenance from Nov 1 throughout 2016 (Roseland & Pleasant Valley Lines) Information Available in Clerk's Office
  - 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 16, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
  - B. September 16, 2015 Closed Session Minutes (Pending Litigation & Attorney-Client Privilege)
  - C. September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - D. September 16, 2015 Closed Session Minutes (Attorney-Client Privilege)
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Project Status Updates
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Authorization to Post July 9, 2015 Minutes to Website
    - 2) NCTE Letter for NJDEP - 319h Grant
    - 3) Approval of Flyer for Distribution at Depot
    - 4) Request that West Amwell Become an Intervenor (FERC & PE)
    - 5) Letter to DEP in Support of Environmental Commission Letter
  - C. Ag Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post August 6, 2015 Minutes to Website
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Possible Appointments
  - B. Updates
    - 1) Generator
    - 2) Unsafe Structures – 46/5 Search Funding
    - 3) Comcast Phone System/Back-Up Plan
  - C. Discussion Concerning Professional Services for 2016
  - D. Resolution Ending Police Consolidation Efforts

- E. Continued Discussion on Held Checks for Mileage & Equipment Allowance
- F. Resolution Affirming Community Aggregation Provider
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Best Practices Inventory
  - B. Resolution of Award for Rocktown-Lamb. Road Project
  - C. DPW
    - 1) Uniform Allowance
    - 2) Driveway Fee
  - D. Resolution for ACO/ACI Shared Service with Lambertville
  - E. Meeting with Various Entities Concerning Sullivan Dam
  - F. Recommendation for a Construction Records Clearance Ordinance, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
Memo from Construction Office Rose
  - G. George Washington Road (Coon Path) Concerns/Request from Resident
  - H. Resolution Urging the Governor to Protect Local Property Taxpayers by Respecting the Structure and Preserving the Integrity of Local Pension Systems
  - I. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Personnel; Attorney Client Privilege)
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. Tax Collector
    - Possible Resolutions
    - Monthly Reports for August and September 2015
  - B. Construction Report for September 2015 (East & West)
  - C. Police Report for September 2015
  - D. Website Review
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - Daily Update (Seminar Round Up), 9/16 – (2) (forwarded e-mail)
    - Upcoming Webinar – “A Review of the Open Public Records Act,” 9/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (Important Conference Sessions-Budget and Finance; Webinar Reminder, 9/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Policy Update (Attorney General Directive on Body Worn Cameras; New GASB Rule Requires Disclosure of Tax Abatements; Mayors Committee on Life Sciences; FEMA Again Extended Sandy Damage Claim Deadline to October 15; Best Practices Checklist for CY Municipalities in due Friday, October 16, 9/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (Don't Forget CEU Tracking System Procedures for 100<sup>th</sup> Annual NJLM Conference; Upcoming Seminar), 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Upcoming Webinar; CEU Tracking System for 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 9/23/15 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (Free Webinar; Seminar Round Up), 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (Seminar Round-up) 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (2015 Conference Resolutions; Upcoming Webinar; Conference Session on Sustainability), 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Update (Lagging State Pension Investment Returns Could Mean Higher Bills in Future; Federal Shutdown Deadline Looms; State Preemption of Local Authority over Bee Keeping; Bill to Require Release of 'Bidders List' on Governor's Desk, 9/25 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update (League Conference Deadlines), 9/28
    - Urgent Alert (League Releases Two Reports on Affordable Housing, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)

- Daily Update (Fraud Alert for New Jersey Municipalities; October is National Cyber Security Month), 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Police Car Camera Mandate to be Suspended), 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Seminar Round Up), 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Federal Update for the Week Ending September 25, 2015, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- October 2015 Mayor's Newslines, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Reminder-18<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame; Important Conference Session; October Grant Page), 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Governor Declares Emergency in Anticipation of Hurricane Joaquin), 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Additional Information/Resources Related to State of Emergency And Hurricane Joaquin, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin Update, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Update (Storms & Preparation; Reports on Affordable Housing; Police Car Camera; Increase to Bid Threshold; Municipal Debt Obligations; Open Enrollment; Best Practices), 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- Nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin Update, Oct 2, 2015, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- Nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin Update, 10/3 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (League Annual Conference CEU List; Tracking System), 10/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- League Information – Hospitality Functions; Room Accommodations; Shuttle Bus Schedule, 10/1
- ADA Compliance, 10/1
- Notice of Proposed Membership Dues, 10/1

B. United States

- Kendal Murphy/FEMA re:
  - + HUD Announcement and FEMA Sandy Claims Review Extension until October 15, 9/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process, 9/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + External Affairs Bulletin Week of Sept. 21, 2015, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + News Release: Last Day to Request a Review of Hurricane Sandy Flood Insurance Claims is Three Weeks Away, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Important Updates, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Encourages Families and Communities to Participate in National PrepareAthon! Day, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Announces Grant Awards for Fiscal Year 2015 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants Program, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + External Affairs Bulletin Week of September 28, 2015, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Ready to Review Your Sandy Flood Claim, Just Call and Ask, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Be FloodSmart: Flood Tips from the National Flood Insurance Program, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
  - + GovConnect Update: September 18, 2015, 9/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Transitional Aid Application Process for SFY Municipalities, 9/25
  - + Local Unit Investment in Municipal Notes, 9/25 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Best Practices Submission Deadline & Appeals, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Adjustment to Bid Threshold, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Storm Preparation and Response – Emergency Financing & Procurement Matters, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated State Contracts for Storm Preparation & Response, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
  - + Press Release: Ramapo Bear Warning, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Press Release: DEP Auction Framing Leases @ 12 State Parks, Forest, Recreation Areas, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)

- + DEP Release: Water Supply Drought Watch Issued for Three New Jersey Regions, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Press Release: Historic Soldiers Weekend, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Dam Safety – Hurricane Joaquin, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Hurricane Joaquin Preparedness, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- + 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Forestry Festival Cancelled Due to Anticipated Inclement Weather, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- NJEM re: Hurricane Joaquin Public Notice: Price Gouging During an Emergency, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Dept of Treasury re: 2015 Director's Table of Equalized Valuations, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Susan Pena re: Bridging Art & History Childrens Art Show/HC Cultural & Heritage Commission, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Solid Waste & Recycling re: Upcoming Collection Events, 10/28
- E. West Amwell Township
  - West Amwell Citizens Against the Pipeline re: New Post/PennEast Formally Files with Federal Government, 9/27
  - \* - John Flemming re: George Washington Road/Coon Path, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - \* - Construction Official Rose re: Construction Records Clearance Ordinance, 10/1
- F. Other Municipalities
  - \* - Kingwood Township re: Resolution Supporting Integrity of Local Pension System, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - \* - Lambertville City re: ACO/ACI Position, 10/1
- G. Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area re:
  - Mid-September Revolutionary Events Update, 9/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - You Can Make an Impact, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - October 2015 Newsletter, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association re:
  - World Water Monitoring Day, 9/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Announcing new Monthly E-News, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. HART re: Annual Report 2014-15, 9/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Statewide Insurance Fund re: Statewide Insurance Fund Legal Services – HELPLINE, 9/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. JCP&L re:
  - Thermovision Inspections to Help Enhance and Maintain Service Reliability, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Proposed Transfer of Transmission Assets & Lease of Real Property Assets to Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, 9/25
  - Preparing for Possible Impacts of Hurricane Joaquin, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Tools for Customers, 10/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re:
  - September 28<sup>th</sup> Agenda, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - First Fifteen Years Brochure Distribution, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Annual Meeting, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. New Jersey Land Trust Network re: 2016 NJ Land Conservation Conference—Call for Workshops, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. NJ Clean Communities re: 2014 Statistical Report, 9/16
- O. Mike Spille re: PennEast is Officially Filing their Formal Application to FERC Today, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. PennEast re: Projected Update: PennEast Files Application with FERC (9/24/2015), 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. NJ Conservation Foundation re:
  - Proposed 36-mile to Cross 4,000 Acres of Preserved Open Space, 9/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Take a Hike, Drink a Pint, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 74 Acres Preserved in Sourland Mountains, 10/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. Lauren Brown re: PennEast Pipeline Project-Update, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. Raritan Headwaters re:
  - Breaking News: RHA Offers Water Conservation Tips, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - October News-Water, Water Everywhere, 10/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- T. D&R Greenway re:
  - The Rockefeller Legacy of Preservation, 10/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Extended Gallery Hours Begin October 10, 10/5 (forwarded e-mail)

15. ADJOURNMENT

C: Trenton Times (fax)  
Democrat (fax)  
Website (e-mail)