

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 30, 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
 - Municipal Offices Closed – New Years Day, January 1, 2016
 - Township Committee Re-organization Meeting – January 6, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
 - PSE&G to Perform ROW Vegetation Maintenance throughout 2016
 - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
 - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
 - A. December 2, 2015 Regular
 - B. Closed Session Minutes for Possible Opening (Attorney Faherty)
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
 - A. Bud Etchells re: Block 31 Lot 7 Hunter Woodlot
8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING
 - A. Public Hearing: Ordinance 11, 2015 An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 109, Part 4, Article XXI, of the Code of the Township of West Amwell (Environmental Features)
 - 1) Proof of Publication
 - 2) PB Response
 - 3) Public Hearing
 - 4) Action on Ordinance
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Project Status Updates
 - B. Ag Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post October 1, 2015 Minutes to Website
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Updates
 - 1) Unsafe Structures – Rt 31
 - 2) Ratio Challenge
 - 3) SHREC re: Solar Power Purchase Agreement
 - 4) Generator
 - 5) Rocktown-Lamb. Road
 - B. Continued Discussion & Possible Resolution for Traffic Enforcement Agreement with East Amwell
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. PSE&G Vegetation Management along Alexauken Creek
 - B. Fimbel Driveway Pipe Issue/Chapter 75 of Code

- C. PTO West Amwell School re: Raffle Applications
 - 1) Findings & Determination
 - 2) Resolution
- D. Interest/Attendance at Upcoming League Seminars (Orientation; Legislative Day; Budgets)
- E. 2016 Reorganization
 - 1) Draft Agenda
 - 2) Resolutions
 - 3) Bond Counsel
 - 4) Appointment List
 - 5) Depot Flyer
- F. 2016 Covanta Agreement for Garbage Disposal
- G. Resolution Refunding Overpayment of Permit Fee
- H. Authorization to Post Planning Board Activities Notice to Website & Facebook
- I. Fire Company Equipment
 - 1) Resolution Amending State Contract Purchase
 - 2) Resolution Approving Purchase of Turn Out Gear
- J. Discussions
 - 1) Clothing Purchase
 - 2) Solicitor Permit & Fee
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - 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
 - Resolutions (overpayment & cancellation of small balances)
 - Monthly Report for November 2015
 - C. Construction Report for November 2015
 - D. Police Report for November 2015
 - E. Website Review
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - Seminar Round Up, 11/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update/Sustainable Jersey Education, 12/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - December Issue of NJ Municipalities Magazine is Available Now, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update, 12/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Annual League Survey, 12/3, 12/4, 12/8 (forwarded e-mails)
 - December 2015 Mayor's Newslines, 12/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Weekly Policy Update, 12/4 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Webinar: Emerald Ash Borer in NJ – Now What?, 12/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Seminar Round Up, 12/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Legislative Alert, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update (Annual League Survey; Claim Your CEU's; Seminar Round Up), 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Weekly Update (Bills Would Facilitate Fire District; Assembly Committee Approves Bill Reinstating Municipal to Regulate Residential Rental Properties; Long-Term Federal Transportation Policy Enacted; Costly Workers' Comp Expansion Advances; Governor Signs Bills of Interest), 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Seminar Round Up, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)

- Daily Update (Claim Your CEU's; Seminar Round Up), 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- Legislative Alert, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Policy Update (Regulation of Residential Rentals; Four Constitutional Amendments Considered; Bills on the Governor's Desk; Washington Compromise Funds Federal Programs Through September; Internet Tax Freedom Changes Could Prove Costly; Wall Township Named Environmentalist of the Year), 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (various topics), 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (various seminars), 12/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Update (Bills Passed in Senate & Assembly; Spill Act Amendments; Hospital Tax Exemption, 12/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Planning & Participating in a Mayors Book Club, 12/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Free South Jersey Complete Streets Workshop), 12/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- 22ND Annual Scholarship Competition, 12/23

B. United States

- Senator Menendez re: AFG Application Period Opening, 12/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Congressman Lance re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Notification, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- Kendall Murphy/FEMA re:
 - + External Affairs Bulletin Week of November 30, 2015, 12/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + FEMA/IGA Advisory – Firefighter Grants (AFG) Program Updates, 12/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: SBA Reopens the Superstorm Sandy Disaster Declaration, 12/4 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + SBA Opens Another Disaster Loan Outreach Center in New Jersey, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Updated NFIP Reform Fact Sheet, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + External Affairs Bulletin Week of Dec. 7, 2015, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Update NFIP Reform Fact Sheet, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- Richard Stokes/FEMA re: Contact Change, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- Arthur Goetz/FEMA re: Introduction, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
 - + Tax Court Electronic Case Jackets, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + NJLM Offers Webinar on "A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Updates, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update: December 18, 2015, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + LOSAP CY 2015 Annual CPI Adjustment, 12/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + CY2016 Budget Matters, 12/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
 - + Press Releases:
 - # Allaire State Park Continues Old World Christmas Events, 12/1/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Ringwood State Park & Skylands Manor to Hold Annual Holiday Events, 12/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Annual Black Bear Hunt to Start in Northern Jersey, 12/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Black Bear Hunt Starts Monday, 12/4 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Season of Services, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Wood Burning Tips During the Colder Months, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Bear Hunt Extension, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # 2015 NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - # Re-Enactment of Washington Crossing the Delaware, 12/22 (forwarded e-mail)

D. Hunterdon County

- Karen Briggs/HC re: Invitation to 2016 Freeholders Reorganization, 12/16 (forwarded e-mail)

- Freeholder Board re: County Ordinance #2015-02 Land Development Standards Eliminating Fees for Subdivision and Site Plan Review, 12/16 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
 - Tom Allibone re: Lousy Verizon Service, 12/1 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Attorney William Shurts re: Planning Board Attorney Appointment, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
 - Clinton Town re: Meeting of the Mayors, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Delaware Township re: Resolution Requesting DRBC to Hold Independent Hearings re PennEast, 12/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- G. Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area re:
 - December 2015 eNewsletter, 11/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Patriots Week and December Revolutionary Events Update, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. JCP&L re: Continues Circuit Upgrades to Enhance Service Reliability, 12/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Sustainable Hunterdon/HART re: Funding Alert – Sustainable Jersey Grant, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Diane Rosencrance re:
 - Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic & Invitation to Upcoming GREG and MUSC Council Meetings, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - PennEast Update Notice, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. NJ Conservation Foundation re:
 - Building Community in Camden Through Parks & Trails, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - There's a Better Way for NJ's Land Air and Water, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - 22 Acres Preserved in Hamilton Township, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - For Land's Sake! A Banner Year for Saving Land, 12/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - PennEast Upcoming Landowner & Community Forums in January, 12/15
 - Vision and Inspiration for Preserving Land, 12/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Sustainable Raritan River re:
 - NEWS from the Raritan River Initiative – December 2015, 12/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - A Special Announcement from the Raritan River Initiative, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. Raritan Headwaters Assn re:
 - 26th Watershed-wide Annual Stream Cleanup, 12/2
 - Help Us Ban Fracking Waste Dumping on Dec 17th, 12/16 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. Andrew Wyatt/AEC re: PennEast Pipeline Project, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. P.M. Consultants, LLC re: Financial Consultant, Fee Accountant, Staffing Proposal, 12/9
- P. D&R Greenway re:
 - Land Preservation is Good for Business, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Thank You for D&R Greenway, 12/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. Alan Dilley/Franklin Twp re: Electronics Bill, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. Lauren E. Brown/aecom re: PennEast Pipeline – Route Update December 2015, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. Brian Ignatin re: 2016 Hell on Hunterdon Bicycle Ride, 12/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- T. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association re: Two New Education Courses at the Watershed Center, 12/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- U. D&R Canal Commission re: Public Notice for 2016 Monthly Meetings, 12/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- V. FERC re: Project Update for the PennEast Pipeline Program, December 2015
- W. Michael Ehrenreich re: Follow-up to October 14 Letter, 12/22

15. ADJOURNMENT

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Democrat (fax)
Website (e-mail)