

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

October 5, 2016 – 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 7, 2016, 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
 - West Amwell Auxiliary Pork Dinner, October 8th, 4 -7 p.m. Mt. Airy Fire House
 - Municipal Offices Closed October 10th for Columbus Day
 - 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 7, 2016 Regular
 - B. September 7, 2016 Closed Session (Pending Litigation)
 - C. September 21, 2016 Regular
 - D. September 21, 2016 Closed Session (Litigation)
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
 - A. Introduction: Ordinance 12, 2016 AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 138 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY – Soil Management and Removal
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing
 - B. Introduction: Ordinance 13, 2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 109, “LAND DEVELOPMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL TO AMEND PERMITTED USES OF NONRESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS
 - 1) Read by Title
 - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading
 - 3) Set Public Hearing
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Project Status Updates, if any
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Possible Appointments
 - B. Updates
 - 1) Block 46 Lots 5, 6, 7
 - 2) Student Parking/Municipal Lot
 - 3) Construction Clearance/Form
 - 4) Rock Road West Traffic
 - C. Closed Session (Litigation), if needed
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Proposed Ordinances for Discussion
 - 1) Noise
 - 2) Board of Health Membership

- B. Policy Concerning Tax Appeal Filings (Best Practices)
- C. Personnel Policy Manual
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - A. Tax Collector
 - Monthly Report for August & September 2016
 - B. Construction Report for September 2016
 - C. Police Report for September 2016
 - D. Website Review
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - Daily Update re: Transportation Trust Fund, 9/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update/TEST, 9/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Innovation in Governance Awards – 2016 Invitation has been Extended to October 7th, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Seminar/Webinar Round Up (*NARCAN; Labor Negotiations; How to Prepare Your Municipality for When Disaster Strikes; Not Always Black & White – The Gray Areas of Government Ethics; The Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act & Land Use Decisions*); (3), 9/21, 9/28(forwarded e-mail)
 - Weekly Update/Weekly Policy Update re: (*CY 2016-SFY 2017 “Best Practices” Checklist Issued; State Health Benefits Plan Rate Renewal Recommendations Announced; A-4114 Will Protect Municipalities from Increased Transportation Project Costs; Bill Limiting 3rd Party Property Tax Appeals Advanced; Compromise UEZ Extension Bill Introduced; Bill Would Give Freeholders the Power to Force Court Consolidation; Statute of Limitation Liberalization Could Hurt Taxpayers; Advocacy Tools for Local Officials; Apply for the 2016 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards; Pre-Preregistration of 101st NJLM Conference Opened August 1; New for 2016 – The League is going mobile; NJLM 2016 Conference CEU List Updated; Innovation in Government Award Nominations Sought has been Extended to October 7th; Mayors Hall of Fame Reminder; NJ Spotlight on Cities; Please Help NJ Homeland Security and Local Law Enforcement in Planning and Preparation for Events*); 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Important Conference Sessions Environment & Environmental Infrastructure; Innovation in Government Award Nominations Extended to October 7th, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Annual NJLM Conference Sessions and a New Bureau White Paper, 9/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Public Hearing - Proposed Beach Access Rules; Innovation in Government Award Nominations Extended, 9/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Handouts from Sept 26 Narcan-Now What? Program posted; Public Hearing on Proposed Beach Access Rules; New CEUs Added for December 7, 2016 Transforming Unused Downtown Commercial Space Webinar, 9/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Seminar/Webinar Round Up; Important Conference Sessions Land Use and Community Development; Innovation in Government Award Nominations, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Update re: Register for Professional Development Seminar on How to Prepare your Municipality for When Disaster Strikes-A Look at Different Funding Sources, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Weekly Round-Up re: Policy Issues: Legislation & Regulations; 101st Annual Conference Reminders; Also of Interest, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Mayor’s Newsline-October 2016, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Notice of Proposed Membership Dues, 10/1
 - Daily Update re: Transportation Trust Fund, Funding Agreement Reached; Innovation in Government Award Nominations Extended to Oct 7th; October Grant Page Posted, 10/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - B. United States
 - Deborah Costa/FEMA re: Region II
 - + September Preparedness Month Tip #5, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)

- + Hurricane Tip #10, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- + If you see something, say something, 9/22(forwarded e-mail)
- + First Care: You Are the Help Until Help Arrives, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Bulletin, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Kevin Deutsch/US House re: Assistance to Firefighters Grant, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
 - DCA re:
 - + GovConnect Update: September 20, 2016, 9/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + CY2016/SFY2017 Municipal Best Practices, 9/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Transitional Aid Application Process for SFY Municipalities, 9/25 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + GovConnect Update: October 3, 2016, 10/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DEP re:
 - + Press Release: Nominations for Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Due September 28, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: Historic Soldiers Weekend Returns to Fort Mott to Honor Sacrifices of US Troops, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: Two More Vessels Suk as Part of the Revitalized Artificial Reef Program, 9/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Discover DEP Podcast – Environmental Education, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: DEP Received \$850,000 Endangered Species Act Grant, 9/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: 22nd Annual Fall Festival-Sat Oct 1st, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Asset Management for Water Utilities, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: Christie Administration Announces Bid Opening for Construction of Northern Ocean County Beaches and Dunes, 9/29 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: Long Pond Ironworks in Passaic County to Host Civil War Living History Weekend, October 1-2, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: DEP to Fund Reduction of Submerged Tree Stumps in Greenwood Lake, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Hunterdon County Officials Meetings, 10/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DOT re:
 - + Final Design Phase for Route 31 over Peters Brook Bridge Project, 9/19
 - + Celebrate Walk to School Month with NJDOT, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Dept of Labor & Workforce Development re: Inspection Clearance, 9/21
 - Dept of Treasury re: 2016 Certified Director's Table of Equalized Valuations and 2017 Common Level Ranges, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Senator Turner re: Turner Times Newsletter, 9/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
 - Ray Rule re: Notice of Cooperative Award for Rock Salt, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
 - Residents Meghan & Shaun Szczech re: Noise Ordinance, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
- G. D&R Greenway Land Trust re:
 - Framing the Future: Environmental Leadership in the 21st Century, 9/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Celebrate River Days at the Tulpehaking Nature Center, 9/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Preserving Land Makes Cents for All, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Statewide Insurance Fund re: NJ Homeland Security Request, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. PennEast re: Route Update – September 2016, 9/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Deborah Bailey @Southern Co re: Elizabethtown Gas Notices of Public Hearings, 9/27 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. NJ Conservation re: 21st NJ Land Conservation Rally-Call for Workshops, 9/28 (forwarded e-mail)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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