# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING February 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

# Agenda

- CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC 1. 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 2, 2013, 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
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 4.
  - 2013 Dog Licenses Now Overdue Late Fees Apply
  - Municipal Offices Closed February 18th for President's Day
  - County Hazardous Waste Clean Up March 9th, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rt 12 Complex
  - County Computer/Electronics Collection April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rt 12 Complex
    Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10<sup>th</sup>

  - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
  - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
- 5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES A. January 23, 2013 B. January 23, 2013 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations; Purchase, Lease or Acq. Real Property)
- 6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
- 7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
- INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING none 8.
- 9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS A. Open Space
  - 1) Authorization to Post April 10 and September 11, 2012 Minutes to Website
  - 2) Trails
  - 3) Project Status Updates
  - B. Environmental Commission/Citizens Advisory Subcommittee
    - 1) Flyer for Mailing to Property Owners with Easements/Approval
    - 2) Stormwater Insert for Tax Bill Mailing

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS 10.

- A. Updates
  - 1) County Surface Treatment Program/Chip Seal Response (due date 2/15)
  - 2) Township Dinner
  - 3) Police/Roads Fueling
  - 4) Roll offs
- B. Form & Sale Resolution for Refunding Bond
- C. Deed Restriction from SERV Home
- D. Website
- E. Proposed Farm Contract
- **NEW BUSINESS** 11.
  - A. South Hunterdon Regional Band Parents Association re: Raffle Application
    - 1) Resolution
    - 2) Findings & Determination

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- B. 2013-2015 Police Contract
- C. Auto Repair Quotes for 2013
- D. Resolutions for Consideration
  - 1) Opposing A-1196 Expansion of WC Law
  - 2) Opposing S-2511 Changes to Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)
- E. Open MHL/AA Position
- F. Discussion Concerning Possible Addition of a Third Voting District

### 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. Treasurer
    - Possible Resolutions
  - B. Tax Collector
    - Monthly Report for January 2013
    - Possible Resolutions
  - C. Court Report for 2012
  - D. Website Review

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - Federal Aid Available for Local Governments Community Disaster Loan Program, 1/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Women in Municipal Government Presents 5<sup>th</sup> Annual WIMG Day, 1/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Municipalities Which Contract with Private Ambulance Suppliers; Revised Open Public Meetings Act Bill Introduced, 1/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - NJEIT Survey Seeks to Identify Cost of Sandy Destruction; Action Needed to Advance Restoration of Energy Receipts Bill, 1/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Upcoming League Seminars (Disciplinary Actions in the Public Sector; Leaves Of Absence in NJ), 1/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Municipal Clerks re: User Fiendly Budget Update, 1/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - BPU Order Mandates Timetable for Specific Utility Reforms, 1/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Invitation to Attend the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mayor's Legislation Day, 1/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Sold Out-Jan 26 Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected & Experienced Officials; Special Municipal Rate @ NJ Future Program, 1/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Louis Bay 2<sup>rd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition, 1/24
  - Sandy Funding Update; Urgent:A-1196 Public Safety Workers' Compensation Scheduled for Assembly Floor Vote Jan 28<sup>th</sup>; Upcoming League Seminars (Budget Updates; Update on Pensions, 1/25 (forwarded e-mail)
  - PSE&G Super Storm Sandy Emergency Response Meeting, 1/25 (forwarded email)
  - Enhanced Clean Energy Program Incentives to Assist Hurricane Sandy Flood Victims, 1/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Sold Out Seminar (Budget Updates); Upcoming League Seminars (Budgets; Ethics, 1/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Affordable Housing, Governor's Order to Abolish COAH; Municipal Housing Trust Fund, 1/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - A-1196 Workers Comp, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Sandy Funding Bill Passed, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Upcoming League Seminars (Executive Leadership; Ethics), 1/30 (forwarded email)
  - NJLM Educational Foundation, Inc. Upcoming Program; 2012 Guide to Unfunded Mandates, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Leadership for a Better America Program, 1/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Sold Out! 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mayors Legislative Day, 1/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Important Conference Cancellation Information, 1/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - February 2013 Mayors' Newsline, 1/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - New Member Benefit Resource for Seeking Grants, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - A Municipal Primer Our Eighth Edition 2013/14, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)

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- Upcoming League Seminars (Disciplinary Actions; Leaves of Absence), 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- February Grant Page Posted; Upcoming League Seminars (Ethics), 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- Women in Municipal Government 5th Annual Day, March 15th, 2/5
- Biannual Compilation of Wages and Salaries, February 2013
- Funding Opportunities Available through the NJ Recovery Fund, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Deadline, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- "Show Your Love for the Jersey Shore" Campaign Opens, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming Workshops & Webinars from Sustainable Jersey, 2/6 (forwarded email)
- URGENT Senate Voting on OPRA & OPMA Legislation S-2511 & S-2512; 2013 NJ Travel Guide, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- Clean Energy Rebate Program Expansion, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- Important Finance Notice Issued, Municipalities Could Qualify for Federal Ratable Base/Revenue Loss Assistance-Deadline for Filing Extended to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- League Analysis on Line: State Government & Your Local Property Taxes (What Residents & Businesses Should Consider, 2/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- Executive Leadership Training for Mayors & Council Presidents, 2/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- Two Matters: Information on Winter Storm Watch/Weather Advisory; National Black HIV/Aids Awareness Day, 2/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- OPRA-OPMA, 2/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- B. United States
  - Representative Rush Holt re:
    - + If a Few More Walked, 1/25 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + \$50.4 Billion, 1/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Rebuilding to a Higher Standard, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Congressman Leonard Lance re: Southern Hunterdon Mobile Office, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + GovConnect Update: January 22, 2013, 1/22 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Changes to ESIP Law Will Encourage Local Units to Reduce Energy Consumption, 1/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Proposed New Rules Local Unit Debt Payments, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Correction Propose NJAC 5:30-8.6, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Help Us Ensure NJ Gets Its Fair Share of Federal Sandy Aid, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + CY2013 Municipal Levy Cap Referendum Procedures, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + GovConnect Update: February 6, 2013, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + 2012 Table of Equalized Valuations as Amended by Tax Court, 2/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - COAH re: Program Notification, 1/25 (forwarded e-mail)
  - DEP re:
    - + 2010 Census & West Amwell Stormwater Tier, 1/22 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Infrastructure Financing Options for Transit Oriented Development, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
    - +Press Release/Christie Administration Announces Recreational Trail Grant, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Community Forestry Annual Accomplishment Report Due, 1/25
    - + Press Advisory, Flood Elevation Standards, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)

+ Press Release, Anti-Idling Grants, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)

Dept of Health re: Healthy Community Design Brochure, 12/20 - OSC re:

- + OSC Guidance on Sandy-Related Contracts, 1/29 (forwarded e-mail) + Benefits Review, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Division of Rate Counsel re: Motion to Dismiss MB Dockets, 2/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- Office of the Governor re: 100 Days Later, Thank You, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail
- Assemblyman Reed Gusciora re:
  - + Resolution #211-2012/A-2753, 2/6
  - + Resolution #212-2012 BPU & Legislature Investigation on Public Utility Preparedness, 2/6

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- D. Hunterdon County
  - Josie Glynn re:
    - + Help Us Ensure NJ Gets Its Fair Share of Federal Sandy Aid, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Grant Opportunities, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Marie Hart re: Thank You on Christmas Lighting Selection
  - V. Rose re: Resignation as MHL/AA, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Pat Masterson re: Appreciation for Expression of Sympathy, 2/4
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Township of Hopewell re: Resolution Adoption by Environmental Commission On Re-opening of Bull's Island, 1/17
  - Borough of Milford re: Resolution on Property Maintenance, 2/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- G. PAIC re:
  - Elected Officials Training, 1/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Legislative Alert, 1/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Ken Wedeen re:
  - The Alternative Press of Westfield Article/Published, 1/23 (forwarded e-mails-2)
  - Letter & Draft Resolution Inviting Reps from the Public, Private, Nonprofit Sectors to Advocate for One Seat Ride Service on the Raritan Valley Line, 2/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. HART re:
  - Reminder: Route 202 Corridor Workshop, 1/23 (forwarded e-mail) - E-News-January 2013, 1/25
- J. NJPO January Updated...Must Read, 1/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Comcast re: Annual Municipal ROW Check, 1/22
- L. Allied Oil re: Fuel Contracts, 1/21
- M. Trap Rock Industries, LLC re: Corporate Re-org/Trap Rock Industries LLC, 1/2013
- N. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hunterdon Somerset & Warren re: Big Brothers Bowl for Kids' Sake Mayor's Challenge, 1/25 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Assn re: A Watershed Moment, 1/25 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. NJ Land Conservation re:
  - Online Registration Open for NJ Land Conservation Rally On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Bogs, Berries, Boots and Byers on April 18th, 2/4 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual NJ Land Conservation Rally on March 9<sup>th</sup>, Registration, 2/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. MCANJ re: Resolution Supporting Expansion of Medicaid Program, 1/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. D&R Canal Commission re: Change of Meeting Announcement, 1/24
- S. Crossroad of the American Revolution re: February 2013 Newsletter, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- T. James Vokral, Middlesex County Board of Elections re: S2364/A3553, 1/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- U. NJ Clerks re: Sample Resolution Opposing OPMA Amendments, 2/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- V. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re: March Cancellation, 2/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- W. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity re: Housing Opportunity in Kingwood, 2/1

# 15. ADJOURNMENT

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