

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## March 16, 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
  - Municipal Offices Closed on March 25<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday
  - Petitions for Municipal & County Committee Due April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.
  - Party Change Declarations for June Primary Due April 13<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. March 2, 2016 Regular
  - B. March 2, 2016 Closed Session (Litigation)
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
  - A. Detective Skillman re: RAPID Program
  - B. Mt. Laurel/COAH Update (possible Closed Session)
8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING - none
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Authorization to Post January 12, 2016 Minutes to Website
    - 2) Project Status Updates, if any
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Authorization to Post February 11, 2016 Minutes to Website
    - 2) Music Mt. Median Strip—design, plantings, costs, concerns
  - C. Ag Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post January 7, 2016 Minutes to Website
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Possible Appointments
  - B. Updates
    - 1) Unsafe Structure – Rt 31 Block 23 Lot 12
    - 2) Municipal Sign
    - 3) Block 46 Lot 5
    - 4) Cell Phones
    - 5) Third Amendment to Solar Lease
    - 6) Second Amendment to Power Purchasing Agreement
    - 7) SHREC Bid for Electric & Natural Gas
    - 8) A-302, Revenue Restoration Bill (Dale)
    - 9) DPW Alarm/Phone System

- 10) Budget
- 11) Tax Collector
- 12) Assessor Website
  
- C. PennEast
  - 1) Report on Meeting with PennEast
  - 2) Resolution Prohibiting PennEast from Surveying in the Public Right-of-Way
  - 3) Proposed Letter to Governor Christie
  
- D. Possible Resolution of Award for Generator Bid
  
- E. Fimbel Letter/Request Dated March 7<sup>th</sup>
  
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Resolution Appointing Certified Recycling Coordinator for Submission of Tonnage Report
  
  - B. Planning Board Pre-screening
  
  - C. Discussion on Possibility of Labor Attorney
  
  - D. Closed Session (Litigation; Unwarranted Invasion of Privacy; Contract Negotiations)
  
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
  
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. Treasurer
    - Possible Resolutions
    - Presentation of Bills for Approval
  - B. Tax Collector
    - Possible Resolutions
  - C. Construction Report for February 2016 (East & West)
  - D. Court for February 2016
  - E. Police Report for February 2016
  - F. Website Review
  
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - Mayor's Newslines/March 2016, 2/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Daily Update re:
      - + March Grant Page Posted, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Webinar & Seminar Round Up, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Seminar Round Up, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Earn CEU's Right at your Computer, 3/3 & 3/4 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Webinar & Seminar Round Up, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Upcoming Seminars/Webinars, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Contingency Plans in the Event of NJ Transit Strike; Free Assistance Available to Support Sustainable Energy Projects; Claim Your CEU's, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + New Webinars Added, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Don't Miss Out on This Important Seminar-Dealing with Difficult Employees: What are your Rights and Responsibilities as an Employer in the Public Sector, 3/14 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Update re:
      - + State Aid Numbers; League Opposes PILOT changes; Online Registration for Senate and Assembly Public Budget Hearings; NJ Future March 11 Redevelopment Forum; April 12 Hearing-Municipal Stormwater NJPDES Permit Program; NJ Public Employment Conference, 3/4 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + League President Testifies on State's Proposed Budget; League Opposed PILOT changes; Change to Presentation of State Aid Offset on Property Tax Bills; AC Legislation Advances; S-1105 Interferes in Local Employee Performance Evaluations; Contingency plans in the event of NJ Transit Strike, 3/11 (forwarded e-mail)

- New Webinars Added (5 Topics), 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- B. United States
  - Arthur Goetz/FEMA re:
    - + Sandy Recovery Office Merges Operations with FEMA Region II, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NFIP Fact Sheet, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  
    - + FEMA Bulletin Week of March 7, 2016, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + SBA Press Release/SBA Disaster Loans for New Sandy Declaration Tops \$30 Million, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + New Jersey & New York Sandy Recovery Offices Merge with FEMA Region II, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NJ Hurricane Sandy Recovery – Introduction & Point of Contact, 3/14/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Dept of Justice re: Upcoming COPS Office Grant Program Solicitation for the FY 2016 Community Policing Development (CDP) Program, 3/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + GovConnect Update: March 7, 2016, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + LFN 2016-6: Presentation of State Aid Offset on Tax Bills, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - DEP re:
    - + DEP Release: DEP Announces Key Improvements to Round Valley Reservoir Boat Ramp, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NJDEP Drought Web Link, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + SBA Disaster Loans for Hurricane Sandy Losses, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NJDEP Water Resources Lead (Pb) FAZ, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NJDEP Press Release – Newark/Alternate Water Sources After Elevated Levels of Lead, 3/9 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Preliminary Draft Renewal of the Tier B Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) NJPDES Permit, 3/11 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Update on Newark Public Schools Water Status, 3/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Denise Doolan re: Hunterdon County Veterans Services, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Sabrina Baarda re: Hunterdon County Veteran Services, 3/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
- F. Other Municipalities
- G. Raritan Headwaters re:
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Clean up on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Spring Happenings, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Celebrate Early Day with Us, 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. D&R Greenway Land Trust re:
  - The Power of Being Outdoors: Edie Howard Shares her Story, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Great Time to Take a Walk, 3/4 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Mark Your Calendar/Spring D&R Greenway Events, 3/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Conservation Buyers Wanted, 3/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Paula Schmitt/Delaware River Basin Commission re: NAR for February/March 2016, 3/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. NJ Land Trust Network re: NJ Land Rally, 3/2 & 3/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Tom Gilbert/NJ Conservation Foundation re: Sign the Petition: Say NO to Pipelines on Preserved Land, 3/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Christine Dimas/Hunterdon Land Trust re: NPS Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Centennial Celebration, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. Khrysta Mohammed/Delaware River Keeper Network re: PennEast 401 Certification, 3/3 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. Diane Rosencrance/Natural Lands re:
  - Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic Management Council Special Session Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 3/36 (forwarded e-mail)
  - River Watcher Program, 3/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. Delaware River Basin Commission re: Notice of Applications Received, 3/4
- P. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., re: Upcoming Fund Raiser, 3/3
- Q. Hunterdon County LINK re: New Link Services, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. Moira Kenah/Statewide Insurance Fund re: Statewide Cyber Security, 3/7 (forwarded e-mail)

- S. JCP&L re: Verified Petition for Review and Approval of Costs Incurred for Environmental Remediation of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites, 3/7
- T. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association re: Spring Adult Education Series, 3/12 (forwarded e-mail)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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