# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING April 15, 2009 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. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 2, 2009, was 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
  - Planning Board Public Hearing on Master Plan Re-Examination April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
  - Route 202 Night-time Road Work Starts April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - School Board Elections April 21st from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - Last Day to Register for June 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary May 12<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. April 1, 2009 Regular Meeting
  - B. April 4, 2009 Closed Session (Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property; Personnel)
  - C. April 6, 2009 Special Meeting Budget Workshop
- 6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
- 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION
  - A. FFA Update
  - B. Introduction: Ordinance 10, 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 99 ARTICLE II SECTION 99-8 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

- 1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
- C. Introduction: Ordinance 11, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMEND CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Public Records

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

D. Introduction: Ordinance 12, 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Increase in Dog Licensing Fees

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

# E. Introduction: Ordinance 13, 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Junkyards

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

#### F. Introduction; Ordinance 14, 2009

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE BUILDING THEREON, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$214,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

#### G. Introduction: Ordinance 15, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse)

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

# H. Introduction: Ordinance 16, 2009

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FIRE ZONES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

# I. <u>Introduction</u>: Ordinance 17, 2009

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CLOTHING BINS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL

1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

#### 8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

# A. Open Space

- Possible Authorization to Sign Contracts with Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance – Cost Sharing on Toll Project
- 2) Open Space Invoices
- 3) Project Status Updates

### B. TLC

- 1) Insurance Update on Use of Volunteers for Trail Construction
- 2) Discussion of Meeting with Kit Crisafulli

#### C. Ag Advisory

1) Approval to Post March 2, 2009 Minutes on Website

# D. Community Forestry

1) Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant

#### E. Affordable Housing

1) COAH Status Update

# 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Possible Appointments
- B. United Telephone
- C. Award of Garbage Bid/Resolution
- D. Consideration of Resolution on Binding Arbitration Reform
- E. COPS Grant Submission
- F. Resolution to Enter Closed Session

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Application for Raffles License by West Amwell PTO
  - 1) Resolution
  - 2) Findings & Determination
- B. Consideration of PAIC-Recommended Resolution on Tort Notice of Claim
- C. Safety Coordinator Request
- D. FEMA re: Flood Hazard Compliance & Additional Requirements
- E. Norm Coryell re: Mowing of Land Between Lambert's Hill & Estates at West Amwell

#### 11. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# 12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 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
  - Possible Resolutions
- C. Construction March 2009 Report
- D. Court 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009 Report
- E. Zoning March 2009 Report

# 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - 3/30 Proposed Re-Adoption Police Training Commission Rules
  - 3/31 Furlough Rule Challenged
  - 3/31 Important New Information from the DLGS
  - 3/31 NJ Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony Scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - April 2009 Mayor's Newsline
  - 4/1 New League Service Recruitment and Selection Advisory Service Launched
  - 4/1 Governor Helps League Kick-off Census 2010 Campaign
  - 4/1 S2711 Revises Reassessment Procedures
  - 4/1 Seminars: Tax Appeals: The Mystery Unfolds on April 16<sup>th</sup>; Blight:
     To Revitalization on April 21<sup>st</sup>; Protecting our Children from Sexual Predators on May 8<sup>th</sup>; Emergency, Emergency, Emergency on May 14<sup>th</sup>; Grant Writing, the Next Level on May 19<sup>th</sup> (forwarded e-mail) plus seminar specifics
  - 4/2 Mortgage Stabilization and Relieve Act Notification Requirements

- 4/2 Tax Exempt Bond Provisions Included in Stimulus Bill
- 4/2 Tax Appeals Hit Local Budgets Again
- 4/3 Free Seminar on New State Energy Conservation Initiatives
- 4/3 Reminder Free Limited Membership in International Municipal Lawyers Association
- 4/6 Seminar: Tax Appeal Insights (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/6 Reminder of Available Seminars (see 4/1 listing) (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/6 Census 2010 Update
- 4/6 Age-Restricted Housing Conversion Legislation
- 4/6 National Donate Life Month & Proclamation
- 4/7 Seminar: Emergency, Emergency, Emergency on May 14<sup>th</sup> (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/7 Important New Information from the DLGS
- 4/7 Reminder: Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Funded by Wal-Mart
- 4/7 DEP Permit Efficiency Review Task Force Implementation Plan
- 4/7 Funding for Local Volunteers to Assist in Digital TV Conversion
- 4/7 Webcast to Focus on Energy Block Grant, Economic Recovery
- 4/7 4 Topics: Survey Quantifies Local Budget Stress; National Donate Life Month; Age-Restricted Housing Conversion Legislation (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/7 6 Topics: DEP Permit Efficiency Review Task Force Implementation Plan; Funding for Local Volunteers to Assist in Digital TV Conversion; Important New Information from the DLGS; Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Funded by Wal-Mart (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/8 Seminar: Blight: To Revitalization" (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/8 Seminar reminders for April & May (see 4/1 listing) (forwarded-email)
- 4/9 Seminar: Protecting our Children from Sexual Predators: Criminal History Record Background Checks (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/9 Ask Your Legislators to Support Our Call for Mandates Relief (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/13 Local Government Energy Savings Resources Meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/13 League Seminar: Tax Appeals: The Mystery Unfolds (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/13 Affordable Housing, COAH Challenge League Files Response to COAH
- 4/13 New Civil Service Rule Regarding Furloughs
- 4/13 Important New Information from the DLGS
- B. United States
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency re: Final Flood Hazard Determination. 3/25
  - Senator Menendez re: NJDOT Announces Transportation Enhancement Grant Program, 4/8 (forwarded e-mail)
  - EPA re: Greening the Implementation of State Revolving Loan Fund Projects, no date
  - Congressman Holt re: ARRA Transportation Enhancement Grant Information, 4/8 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Dept of Justice re: 2009 COPS Technology Program Grant Notification, 4/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + Conficker Worm, 3/31 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + 2009 Financial Disclosure Statements, 4/1
    - + Local Government Energy Savings Resources Meeting, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 4/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Clerks Notice on Foreclosure Filings, 4/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Grants for Agencies to Assist with Digital TV Conversion for Households, 4/3 (forwarded e-mail)

- + Mortgage Stabilization and Relief Act, 4/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- + PERC Request for Comments on Public Safety Employee Termination Process, 4/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- + COAH 2009 Regional Income Limits Adopted, 4/8
- + State Amusement Ride Program, 3/31
- + GovConnect Update: April 13, 2009, 4/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Main Street New Jersey Seminar on April 29 &30, 4/13/09 forwarded e-mail
- DEP re:
  - + Garden State Preservation Trust Application Approval, 4/7
  - + Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, 2/27
- DOE re: Allocation of Equalized Valuation for Regional School Districts, 4/9
- DOT re:
  - + Maintenance Roadway Repair Contract No. C102 Rt 202 & 33 14 day Notice, 4/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Announcement Concerning Applications for the Transportation Enhancement ARRA (Economic Recovery) Program, 4/7
- Governor's Office re:
  - + April 3, 2009 Newsletter, 4/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + April 9, 2009 Newsletter, 4/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Jeff Ent for WA Fire Company re: Budget Cuts, 4/5
- F. Other Municipalities
- G. NJ Conservation Foundation re: Barn Swing on May 9th, 3/31
- H. Sourland Planning Council re: Bus Tour on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & Request for Posting, 4/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. PAIC re: Rights and Duties of a Volunteer in Local Government, 3/30 & CD
- J. Myasthenia Gravis Foundation re: Request for Support & Proclamation, 3/23
- K. Protecting American re: Countdown to Hurricane Season, 4/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Lower Delaware River Wild & Scenic re: Volunteers Needed for Project River Bright, 4/6
- M. NJ Tree Foundation re: Legislative Bills S-2503 & A-2872 Licensing of Tree Businesses & Resolution, 4/6
- N. Norm Coryell re: Land Between Lambert's Hill & Estates at West Amwell, 4/9 (forwarded e-mail)

# 14. ADJOURNMENT

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