# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING April 27, 2011 Agenda

 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 Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 1, 2011, 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
- AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Route 31 Resurfacing Project to Begin Soon
  - Rabies Clinic, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 3:00 p.m., DPW Garage
  - Township Country Fair, May 14<sup>th</sup> (Rain: May 21<sup>st</sup>), Municipal Complex 4-9 p.m.
  - Last Day to Register to Vote in Primary Election May 17<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 10, 2011 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police)
  - B. March 23, 2011 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
  - C. March 23, 2011 Regular Meeting
  - D. March 23, 2011 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police)
  - E. March 31, 2011 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
  - F. April 18, 2011 Special Meeting
  - G. April 18, 2011 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police)
- 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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 6, 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL – Establish Special Meeting Fees

- Proof of Publication 2) Planning Board Response 3) Public Hearing
   Action on Ordinance
- B. Public Hearing: Ordinance 7, 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL – Agency Approvals

- Proof of Publication 2) Planning Board Response 3) Public Hearing
   Action on Ordinance
- C. Introduction: Ordinance 9, 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL – Amount of Fees and Escrow Deposits Due 1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

- D. Robert J. Clerico re: Road Options
- 8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Results of Auction on Block 8 Lot 20 & 36 & Possible Resolution
    - 2) Invoices
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Authorization to Post January 13 and March 10, 2011 Minutes to Website

- C. Recycling
  - 1) Tonnage Report for 2010 & Submission Resolution
  - 2) Tax ID Resolution
- D. Country Fair
  - 1) Flyer Distribution/Student Assistance for Depot and Fair Day
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. 2011 Appointments, continued
  - B. Updates re:
    - 1) SHREC re:
      - Proposed Lease
      - Letter to Commissioner Grifa
    - 2) Grant Writing Services (Fisher)
    - 3) Hunting the Farm
    - 4) Census Letter
    - 5) Delaware/West Amwell Policing
    - 6) Calton/Centex Inspection Status
    - 7) Bleacher Memorial
  - C. Budget Concerns/Questions
  - D. Status of Recycling Coordinator Certification
  - E. Office of Planning re: Plan Endorsement Determination
  - F. Police Vehicles
  - G. Status of Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act Legislation

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reserve for Preliminary Expenses Resolution
- B. NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application for Jason Fretz
- C. Computer Donation Resolution
- D. Resolution for National Police Week
- E. Resolution for Older Americans Month
- F. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of A3412 (Sharing Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds)
- G. Consideration of Block 43 Lot 2 Donation
- H. COPS Grant
- I. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property)

# 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
  - Monthly Report & Report of Uncollectible Taxes
- C. Clerk/Human Resources
  - Proposed Letter on Retirements
- D. Construction re: Monthly Report for March 2011
- E. Court re: First Quarter Report
- F. Police re: Monthly Report for February 2011
- G. Zoning re: Monthly Report for March 2011

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - 3/21 New Content on DLGS Site
  - 3/22 Daily Advisory, Seminar Reminder Leaves of Absence in New Jersey A
     Look at the Family Medical Leave Act, the New Jersey Family Leave Act,
     and ADA compliance (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/23 Daily Advisory, Governor Sign S-2068 Free Public Library Dedicated Line Item; Local Law Enforcement Strategies: Technology and New Management Models; Pothole Assistance from DOT; Seminar/Police & Fire Dept Consolidation (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/24 Daily Advisory, S-2718 Health Benefits Reform (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/25 State Posts Proposed Transportation Capital Plan for FY 2021
  - 3/28 Strengthening Municipal Immunity to Tort Claims
  - 3/25 Professional Development Seminars:
    - + E-mail Retention and Security
    - + Ethics & Conflicts of Interest
  - 3/25 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/28 New Jersey Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony
  - 3/28 Nonpartisan Legislative Budget and Finance Officer Presents State Tax And Revenue Outlook
  - 3/28 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/29 Available for Download: Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2% Cap
  - 3/29 State Treasurer Testifies on Proposed State Budget Full Budget Document Includes "Best Practices Inventory" Information
  - 3/29 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 3/30 CDBG Fate Could be Sealed by April 8
  - 3/31 Supreme Court to Hear League's COAH Appeal
  - 3/31 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/1 Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Closing
  - 4/1 100 Years of the NJ BPU Celebrating the Past and Setting the Course for the Future of Regulation, Innovation, Development and Technology in New Jersey
  - 4/1 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/4 State Treasurer Testifies Before Senate Budget and Appropriations
     Committee Addresses Possible Supreme Court School Funding Mandate
  - 4/4 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/5 Public Image Works Series for Sustainable Jersey
  - April 2011 Legislative Bulletin
  - 4/5 League CEU Tracking System Shuts Down May 1st
  - 4/6 New Content on DLGS Web Site
  - 4/6 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/7 Urging for Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds Sample Resolution
  - 4/7 New Financial Disclosure Reporting Requirements
  - 4/6 Support Municipal Priority Funding
  - 4/7 Seminar: Month 25 of Economic Recovery: Where are we and where are we going?
  - 4/7 Daily Advisory, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/8 White House Briefing on Local Impacts of Federal Shutdown
  - April 2011, Five Years of Creating Healthier Communities: Have you joined the Mayors Wellness Campaign yet?
  - 4/11 Support for New Jersey's Involvement in the RGGI Program
  - 4/11 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/12 S-2718 Health Benefits Reform
  - 4/13 Energy Tax and CMPTRA Under-funding Informational Tools
  - 4/13 PERC Decision Clears Way for Collection of 1.5% Employee Health Benefits Contribution
  - 4/18 13<sup>th</sup> Annual League Baseball Appreciation Day
  - 4/18 New Content on DLGS Web Site
  - 4/18 Daily Advisory, previous topic plus seminar reminders (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/20 Interlocal Advisory Center
  - 4/20 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 4/20 May 1<sup>st</sup> the CEU Tracking System for League Conference Sessions will be Shut Down
  - 4/20 Daily Advisory, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)

- 4/22 Daily Advisory re: Postal Regulations Could Jeopardize Local Services (forwarded e-mail)
- 4/25 Update on S-2664/A-3766 "Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act
- 4/25 S-2762 Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Refunds
- B. United States
  - Dept of Commerce re:
    - + 2010 Census Count Question Resolution Program, 3/30
    - + On line Survey, 4/12
  - Dept of Justice re:
    - + 2011 SOS Program, 4/5
    - + Potential Suspension of COPS Grant Management Services, 4/8
    - + Information on the COPS 2011 Hiring Program, 4/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - USDA re: 2011 Farmers Market Directory Update, 4/5
  - Representative Holt re: West Amwell Census Response, 4/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + NJ Government Technology: Spring Events, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Municipal Library Appropriation Changed to Tax Rate, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Library Tax Levy Update, 3/24 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Library Tax Levy New Local Finance Notice, 3/25 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Status of Planning and Zoning Board Member Certification, 3/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + GovConnect Update:
      - # April 6, 2011, 4/7 (forwarded e-mail)
      - # April 18, 2011, 4/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + History Preservation Conference At Monmouth University, 4/8 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Pension & Benefits Information Update, 4/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - -DEP re:
    - + Division of Land Use Regulation Stake Holder Meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Follow up Regarding the April 4<sup>th</sup> Land Use Regulations Stakeholder Meeting, 3/30 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + DEP Negotiates Improved NYC Reservoir Operating Plan to Protect Delaware River's Resources, 4/7 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Community Forestry Management Plan, Plan Expiration 4/8
    - + NJ Insists on Strict Delaware River Water Protections, 4/15 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Sustainable Jersey Public Image Works Series, 4/21 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + DEP Transporter Renewal, 4/14
  - -Dept of State re: Plan Endorsement, 4/6
  - -Assemblyman DiMaio re: A3766, 3822
  - -Governor Christie re: Budget, 3/17
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Dept of Human Services re: Older Americans Month Resolution, 3/29
  - Freeholder Walton re: Municipal Database, 4/6
  - Dinner Invitation for Municipal Officials, 3/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - HART re:
    - + April 2011 E-News, 4/7 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Just Bike Month 2011, 4/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Hunterdon Prevention Resources re: Take Control of Your Health, 4/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Hunterdon Land Trust re: Name Change, 4/6
  - SWAC re:
    - + Recycling Breakfast Talk, 4/11 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Agenda Package, 4/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Planning Board re:
    - + Stormwater Infrastructure Survey, 4/12 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + April 28<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Meeting, 4/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Utilities Authority re: Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, 4/15
  - Office of the HC Engineer re: Drainage Improvements for County Routes 513, 519 and 601, 4/15
  - Hunterdon Helpline Literacy Services re: 2011 Spring Tutor Training

- Chamber of Commerce re: Invitation to "Open House Hunterdon" on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 4/19 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Housing Official Walsh re: NJ Supreme Court takes up affordable housing cases, 4/1
  - Hal Shute re: Debt Service Options, 4/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Darlene Goccia re: Possible Donation of Block 43 Lot 3, 3/6
  - Elizabeth Crawford re: Earthship Footprints, 3/25 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Dan Hicks re: Free Electric Solar (PV) System for your non profit organization, 3/25 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Heather Goodman re: Dead Trees at Calton, 4/25 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Township of Bethlehem re: Resolution Opposing Reduced Allocation of Open Space Tax Levy Funds to Municipal Grant Programs, 3/27
  - Township of East Amwell re: Notice of Pending Land Management Ordinance, 4/20
- G. Pennsylvania DEP re: Black Fly Suppression Program Aerial Spraying Public Information. 3/18
- H. South Brand Watershed Assn re: 21<sup>st</sup> Annual South Branch Raritan River Clean-up, 3/11
- I. Invitation: Seminar on The Long Road to Fiscal Recovery: Legal, Financial and Strategic Considerations in Municipal Restructuring, 4/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. Engineering & Land Planning Associates re:
  - Public Notification, NJDEP Land Use Regulation Permits 624 Brunswick Pike, Wetlands Letter of Interpretation, 4/7
  - Public Notification, NJDEP Land Use Regulation Permits 624 Brunswick Pike, Flood Hazard Area Verification, 4/7
- K. Rutgers re: Surviving the Downturn Seminars, 3/31
- L. ISO re: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule, West Amwell TS, 4/7
- M. Verizon re: Invitation to "Technology: The People, The Power, the Potential", 4/11
- N. Texas Eastern/Spectra Energy re:
  - Letter to Landowners Concerning Advance Notification of Construction of Facilities, with maps, 3/25
  - -Statewide Pipeline Maintenance Project, March 2011
- O. Joe McGrath re: Sky Blue Women's Soccer Team Games, 4/19

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

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