

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

July 15, 2015 – 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 6, 2015, 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
  - Next Regular Township Meeting – August 19<sup>th</sup>
  - A Township-wide Dog Census, Conducted by Animal Control & Investigative Services, will commence within the couple of weeks. Hours of this Census count are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Census takers will have I.D.
  - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
  - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
  - A. June 17, 2015 Special
  - B. June 17, 2015 Closed Session (Personnel Interviews)
  - C. June 17, 2015 Regular
  - D. July 2, 2015 Special
  - E. July 2, 2015 Closed Session (Safety & Protection of the Public)
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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 07, 2015 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
    - 1) Proof of Publication
    - 2) Public Hearing
    - 3) Action on Ordinance
  - B. Introduction: Ordinance 08, 2015 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP'S COST SHARE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT TO BE ACQUIRED ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 3, LOT 16 (LAMBERT FARM) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$135,000.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL
    - 1) Read by Title
    - 2) Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
    - 3) Set Public Hearing
  - C. Introduction: Ordinance 09, 2015 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP'S COST SHARE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT TO BE ACQUIRED ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 5, LOTS 24 AND 24.01 (AMWELL CHASE FARM) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$335,000.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Open Space

- 1) Approval of & Mailing of 2015-2016 Hunting Regulations, Letter to Contact Person, Deer Hunting Survey
- 2) Lambert Survey Resolution
- 3) Discussion of SADC Policy Concerning Condemnation
- 4) Project Status Updates

B. Environmental

- 1) Authorization to Post May 14, 2015 Minutes to Website
- 2) Discussion on the JCP&L Mitigation Plantings

C. Finance

- 1) Authorization to Post May 21, 2015 Minutes to Website

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Possible Appointments

B. Updates

- 1) Rocktown-Lamb. Road Project
- 2) Declaratory Judgement Filing
- 3) Letter for Inclusion in Tax Bill
- 4) Dog Census Letters
- 5) Municipal Sign

C. Reversal of June 17<sup>th</sup> Decision of Chris Rose Request

D. Results of MunicBid Auction

- 1) 2000 John Deere Mower with Boom/Resolution of Award
- 2) 1997 International Dump Truck/Resolution of Award
- 3) 2008 Crown Vic/Resolution of Award

E. Fire Prevention Official

- 1) Resolution of Appointment
- 2) Resolution for State of Appointment

F. Sign Off for 2012/13 FEMA Projects

G. Discussion Concerning Depot Security Issues

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Estates @ West Amwell Maintenance & Trees

B. Liquor License Renewal Resolution

C. Resolution to Hire 3<sup>rd</sup> PT Summer Help in DPW

D. Receipt of Petition to Increase Size of Township Committee to Five (5)

- 1) Comments from Jim Cally
- 2) Resolution

E. Resolution Awarding M & R Quote

F. Telephone Proposal from Comcast

G. Salary & Wage Amendment

H. Farmland Assessment & Roll Back Taxes

I. Bike MS Ride on September 13<sup>th</sup>

12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - 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
    - Resolution to Extend Third Quarter 2015 Taxes
    - Monthly Report for June 2015
  - C. Construction Report for June 2015
  - D. Police Report for June 2015
  - E. Website Review
14. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - Impact on Property Taxes When Implementing an Element of Pension and Benefits "Roadway" Report, 6/17 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Status Report on Addressing the "Roadmap to Resolution," 6/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Policy Update; Regional Coastal Resiliency Grants Program, 6/19 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Federal Update, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Niagara Bottled Water Recall Information, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Legislative Update (Legislature Takes Action on State FY 2016 Budget; OPRA/OPMA Pulled from Agenda, (2) 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Sunset of Certain Provisions of c.78 Pension and Healthcare Reforms, 6/25 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Policy Update, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
    - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame, 6/26
    - New NJ Taxpayer's Dollar Demonstrates Need for Property Tax Relief and Reform, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - League of Municipalities Appoints New Executive Team, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Mayor's Newslines, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Legislative Bulletin No. 3, June 2015
    - Daily Update, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Policy Update 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - ArcGIS Census Data Workshop, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Policy Update, 7/10 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Innovation in Governance Awards – 2015 Invitation, 7/10
  - B. United States
    - Richard Stokes/FEMA re:
      - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process (Municipal Officials), 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + NJIP Transformation Task Force Fact Sheet (Municipalities), 7/13/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - C. State of New Jersey
    - NJSP re: FEMA Project Completion Certification Report, 6/16 & 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
    - DCA re:
      - + CY 2015 Statement of State Aid, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Minimum Bid Thresholds Adjusted by State Treasurer, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Storm Response – Financing & Procurement Matters, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + New Rule Changes for Public Records Management, 7/10 (forwarded e-mail)
    - DEP re:
      - + Green Acres Compliance Inspections, 6/19
      - + Press Release: Beware of the Ecologically Sensitive Areas of the Barnegat Bay, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, 6/16
      - + Press Release – Addition of Land to the Princeton Battlefield Park, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + Technical Assistance Advisory, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Dept. of Ag re:
      - + New Farm Link Website, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)

- Senator Turner re: Inquiry on Grant Funds, 7/6
- Assemblywoman Grace Spencer re: Major Taylor Cycling Club Ride on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 6/17
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Sale of Surplus Equipment, 6/12
  - Master Contract for Resurfacing/Surface Treatment Program, 6/24
  - Josie Glynn re: Farmland Preservation Application, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Hills at Hunterdon Board of Directors re:
    - + Replacement of Damaged Belgium Block in the Roadway Curbs, 6/19
    - + Mowing the Grassed Areas Associated with the Rose Run Bridge over Alexauken Creek, 6/16
  - Michael Ehrenreich re: Rumble Strips on Route 29, 6/28, 6/30, 7/1 (forwarded e-mails)
  - \* - Angelo Peluso re: Farmland Assessment, B17 L17.04, 7/9
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Alexandria Township re: Resolution Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015, 6/12
- G. First Energy Corp re:
  - First Energy Education Grants – 2015/16 School Year, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Transmission Forestry Aerial Patrols July 6-10, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Invitation – Tour of the JCP&L Distribution Control Center in Morristown, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. NJ Conservation re:
  - 112-acre Farm Preserved in Dutch Neck, 6/16 (forwarded-email)
  - NJ Conservation Applauds “win-win” for Palisades, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 121 Acres of Farmland and Open Space Preserved in Salem County, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - State We’re In – Economy and Environment: A Redesign that Works for Both, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Proposed PennEast Pipeline, 7/2
  - State We’re In – Summer Music Playlist, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail).
  - Acquisition Expands Pine Barrens Preserve to Over 10,000 acres, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Nockamixon, re: Nockamixon Dam Notice, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. PennEast: NJ Municipal Maps, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Crossroads of the American Revolution re:
  - + July 2015 eNewsletter, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Don’t Miss These Sails!, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Gina L. Smith/AJM re: Claims Contact Information, 6/29
- M. Glenn Duncan/Hunterdon Drug Awareness re: Letter of Appreciation for Donation, 6/29
- N. Raritan Headwaters re: July News – Yay, Summer’s Here!, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. Williams re: Transco Pipeline Overview, June 2015.
- P. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re: Annual Meeting Notice, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. Gebhardt & Kiefer re: Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending on DJ Action, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association re: Festival Season at the Watershed Center, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- \* S. National Multiple Sclerosis Society re: Bike MS Ride on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 7/7
- T. NJ Society of Municipal Engineers, 6/29
- U. Pre-K Our Way re: Request for Support, 7/11

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

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