# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 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
- AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Next Regular Township Meeting August 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. June 15, 2016 Regular
  - B. June 15, 2016 Closed Session (Unwarranted Invasion of Privacy; Contract Negotiations/Police)
- 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. <u>Public Hearing</u>: Ordinance 08, 2016 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY
    - 1) Proof of Publication
- 2) Public Hearing
- 3) Action on Ordinance
- B. Introduction: Ordinance 09, 2016 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 11, LOTS 1 AND 1.01 (HOLCOMBE FARM) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL
  - 1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1st Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
- 9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Authorization to Post March 8, 2016 Minutes to Website
    - 2) Project Status Updates, if any
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Authorization to Post April 14, 2016 Minutes to Website
    - 2) 319h Grant
      - Approval of Final Plans for the Municipal Property
      - Request for the DPW
    - 3) Resolution for the Delaware River Basin Commission
    - 4) Request by Neighboring Municipalities for a Fracking Ban Ordinance
  - C. Pipeline Committee
    - 1) Update re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) 45 days to comment
  - D. Ag Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post May 5, 2016 Minutes to Website

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Possible Appointments
- B. Updates
  - 1) Block 46 Lots 5, 6, 7
  - 2) DPW Alarm System
  - 3) Block 23 Lot 12, Route 31
  - 4) Student Parking/Municipal Lot
  - 5) Wilson Road Property
  - 6) Disability Insurance
  - 7) Median Barrier/Estates
  - 8) Generator
  - 9) Rocktown-Lamb. Road
  - 10) Solar Installation/Municipal Property
  - 11) Payroll
- C. Mt. Laurel/COAH
  - 1) Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds for Econsult Solutions, LLC
  - 2) Resolution Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Defense Agreement for Vicinage 13 Litigation Group
- D. Assistant Collector of Taxes, Continued Discussion/Possible Resolution
- E. Resolution Appointing Electric Sub-Code Official/Inspector II/Building Inspector II
- F. Route 29 Rockfall Mitigation/Resolution of Support Requested
- G. Proposed Noise Ordinance Comments from Attorney Faherty
- H. Proposal from Zoning Consultant/Resolution
- I. 2016 Salary & Wage Resolution
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement
  - B. Discussion on Proposed Music Mountain Theatre
    - 1) Parking plan
    - 2) Approved vs proposed use
  - C. Construction & Zoning Departments
    - 1) Property Transfer Ordinance
    - 2) Inquiry Form
    - 3) Personnel & Wages
  - D. No Stopping or Standing, Route 179; Resolution
  - E. Resolutions of Hire
    - 1) Summer Help
    - 2) Waste Security Laborer for Recycling Depot
  - F. M & R Quotes/Resolutions of Award
    - 1) Asphalt
    - 2) Stone
  - G. Receipt of DPW Roofing Quotes/Resolution of Award
  - H. Resolution Urging Reauthorization & Increased Funding for Local Transportation
  - I. Police Department
    - 1) Promotions (Skillman; Sellner)
    - 2) Resolution of Hire (Flemming-Probationary)
- \* J. PennEast re: Green Acres Diversion Process Tracts 1026-8-14 & 1026-8-36

- K. Request from WA Auxiliary for Inclusion on Website under Community Links
- L. Mayor's Pledge/Governor's Fairness Formula
  - L. Closed Session (Contract Negotiations/Police; Potential Litigation)
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. Treasurer
    - Possible Resolutions
    - Presentation of Bills for Approval
    - Possible Reports
    - Award of Bond Anticipation Notes & Deferred School Tax Bonds
  - B. Tax Collector
    - Possible Resolutions
    - Monthly Report for June 2016
  - C. Construction Report for June 2016 (West Amwell & East Amwell)
  - D. Court Report for June 2016
  - E. Police Report for June 2016
  - F. Website Review

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - Daily Update (*Transportation Funding Proposal Benefits Motorists and Taxpayers*), 6/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Weekly Update (Transportation Trust Fund; Local Bid Threshold to Other Procurement Laws; Municipal Regulation of Some Taxi Services; Affordable Housing "Gap" Period; Updated License Fee Publication; Join NLC; Free Training from Sustainable Jersey; New Economic Development Resource), 6/17 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 19th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Weekly Update (Transportation Trust Fund Authority Would Double Local Aid; State Fiscal Year Appropriations Bills Introduced; Bill to Reauthorize UEZS Advances; Senate Passes Bill to Permit Volunteer Firefighters to Continue Service After Retirement from PERS or PFRS; Governor Vetoes Bill to Require Police Depts to Provide Cultural Diversity Training; One=year Permit Extension I Sandy-impacted Counties; Affordable Housing "Gap" Period; Newly Updated License Fee Publication; Going to the DNS or RNC Convention/Join NLCV; Free Training from Sustainable Jersey; New Economic Development Resource), 6/24 (forwarded e-mail), 6/27
  - Daily Update (Reauthorization of the Transportation Trust Fund-TTF), 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Daily Update Federal Update (Invitation to Attend NLC Events at the Party Conventions; Water Resources Bill Action Needed; New Overtime Requirements Update; Interior-Environment Appropriations Bills Advance; New HUD Broadband Plans for Low-Income Households; Net Neutrality Rules Upheld; Information Zika Virus Prevention and Preparation; Seminars Scheduled for Supreme Court Decisions), 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 19th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame, 6/23
  - Legislative Bulletin No. 3, June 2016
  - Weekly Update (Transportation Trust Fund Update; Governor Makes Cuts and Signs State Budget; Compromises Enacted on Open Space Funding Legislation; DEP Extends Comment Period for Highlands Septic Density Rule Proposal; Affordable Housing "Gap" Period; Mayors Hall of Fame Reminder; Newly Updated License Fee Publication), 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Daily Update (Request for Guidance on Executive Orders 209 & 210), 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Mayor's Newsline, July 2016, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Daily Update (Federal Updates: Three Issues FAA Recognizes Local Authority in New Drone Regs; Help Shape National Broadband Policy; EPA Announces Brownfields Funding Availability), 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Daily Update (*Transportation Trust Fund; Best Practices & CMPTRA;* Sequestration of Transitional Aid Funding), 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)

- Daily Update (Update on TTF, Best Practices and Transitional Aid; On the Governor's Desk; One-Year Permit Extension in Sandy-Impacted . Counties Signed into Law; Transportation Network Companies Look to Evade Local Regulation; Legislative Alert: Affordable Housing "Gap" Period; Are you Going to the DNC or RNC?; July Grant Page Posted, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Important Affordable Housing Ruling on "Gap" Issue, 7/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Update (Affordable Housing Update, Important Affordable Housing Ruling on "Gap" Issues; Transportation Trust Fund (TTF); State Board of Education Promulgates Emergency Lead Testing Rule; Bill Limits 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Property Tax Appeals; Urban Enterprise Zones (UEZs); Are You Going to DNC or RNC; July Grant Page Posted), 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)

#### B. United States

- Nancy Miza/FEMA re:
  - + FEMA Bulletin Week of June 13, 2016, 6/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Bulletin Week of June 27, 2016, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Fact Sheet, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Bulletin Week of July 4, 2016, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + The Department of Homeland Security Announces the Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA Bulletin Week of July 11, 2016, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- Russell Fox/FEMA re:
  - + When Thunder Roars Go Indoors, 6/17 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Tools and Resources to Help Businesses Plan, Prepare, and Protect From an Attack, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + FEMA's National Emergency Management Basic Academy, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Final GOTHAM WIND Continuity Tabletop Exercise After Action Report, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Safe Rooms, Ready Where You Are: Disaster Kit storage, In Case of Emergency (ICE), 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Special Zika Virus Information UPDATE, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Fireworks Safety; Webinar: Emergency Response raining Options for Houses of Worship; Evacuation Planning; etc., 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Extreme Heat Safety Are You Ready?, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Zika, Terrorism Information, Webinars and More, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + In the Wake of Tragedy, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Help Teach Your Kids How to Prepare for and Cope with Disasters, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Hurricane Tip of the Week #1 Hurricane Watch vs. Hurricane Warning, 7/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - +Continuity Webinar "Using COOP as a Foundation for All-Hazards Response Planning", 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Do I Evacuate or Stay Put?, 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Training and Other Preparedness Information: Webinars, FEMA Classes, ZIKA and More, 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)

## C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
  - + Pre-proposed Amendments Regarding Certification of Available Funds, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + GRC's 10th Annual OPRA Seminar, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
  - + Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notifications, 6/10, 6/29, 7/7, and 7/14
  - + Controlling Mosquitoes in Your Municipality, 6/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Christie Administration Dedicates Site of Former Golf Course as Tall Pines State Park First in Gloucester County, 6/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + NJDEP & BPU Announce Availability of Funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, 6/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Christie Administration Celebrates Official Reopening of Iconic Terminal Building at Liberty State Park, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Discover DEP Podcast, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)

- + Reminder for the Workshop for Preliminary Draft of the Tier B MS4 Permits, 6/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- + DEP Launches Study of Water Quality in Navesink River, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Clinging Jellyfish Study, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Emerald Ash Borer Preparation Checklist, 6/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- + DEP To Announce Increased Mosquito Control Efforts at Fish Stocking Event in Edson, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- + DEP Announces Increased Mosquito Control Resources Statewide 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Reading of Declaration of Independence at Ringwood Manor, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- + DEP Promotoes Environmentally Friendly Boating Through Ecologically Sensitive Areas of Barnegat Bay, 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- + 2016 Recycling Awards Application, 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Discover DEP Podcast: NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- DOT re:
  - + No Stopping or Standing, Route 179, 6/14.
  - + Route 29 Rockfall Mitigation, 6/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Local Aid Recipient & TTFA Projects Shutdown, 7/6
- Office of the Governor
  - + Major Policy Announcement (education funding & property taxes), 6/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Mayors Pledge for Fair School Funding Property Tax Relief, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- Office of the Lt. Governor re: A Letter from the Lt. Governor, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Shirley Turner re: Receipt of Township Resolution Seeking Clarification On Scope of Affordable Housing Obligations, 7/11
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Freeholder Board re: Adjusting Administrative Fee for Gasoline Purchased at County's Public Work Depots, 5/18
  - Josie Glynn/Bill Millett re: Your Input Needed! County Strategic Parks & Open Space Plan Survey, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Resident Charles Henn re: Residential Mulch Delivery, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Township of Woodbridge re: Senor Olympic Games on Sept 9-11<sup>th</sup>, June 2016
- G. Raritan Headwaters re:
  - + Open Space Funds in Danger of Being Diverted, 6/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + We Cannot Afford Dirtier Water and More Flooding, 6/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Birds, Bees, Bugs and Butterflies, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Join Us on the River this Summer, 74/18 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. NJ Planning Officials re: Nominations for NJPO Awards: Deadline Extended, 6/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Statewide Insurance Fund re:
  - + Grant Check, 6/9
  - + Cyber Security for Public Utilities, 6/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. NJ Transit re: Fiscal Year 2015 Section 5310 Grant Application Announcement, 6/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Crossroads of the American Revolution re:
  - Mid-June Revolutionary Events Calendar, 6/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - July 2016 Crossroads eNewsletter, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Mid-July Revolutionary Events Calendar, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. D&R Greenway Land Trust re:
  - Take Action: Make Sure Open Space Dollars go to Open Space, 6/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Listen, Taste and See the Poetry of Pablo Neruda, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Success for Open Space but We're Not Done Yet, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - A Revolutionary Victory for Open Space this Independence Day Weekend, 7/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Explore Abbott Marshlands on July 9th, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. NJ Conservation Foundation re:
  - Land Preservation News Key Property Preserved in Sourland Mountains, 6/22 (forwarded e-mail)

- Good News: Open Space & Farmland Bill Passes, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- State We're In Celebrate NJ's Revolutionary War Parks and Open Spaces on July 4, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Land Preservation News, 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- Help Protect the Highlands and NJ's Drinking Water, 7/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- State We're In Growing Beer in the Garden State, 7/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association re:
  - Help Save the Monarch Butterfly, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Monthly E- News from the Watershed, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. NJ Society of Municipal Engineers re: 2016 Municipal Engineering Project of the. Year Awards Program, 6/15
- P. Madeline & Bruce Berlin re: Chimney Hill Estate Inn, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- Q. Branch Banking Trust Company re: Merger with National Penn Bank, 7/5
- R. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity re: Habitat Happenings, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. PennEast re: Green Acres Diversion Process, PennEast Pipeline Project-Tracts 1026-8-14 and 1026-8-36, 7/2016
  - T. David R. Reading re: Invitation for a Seminar on "Preserving and Protecting American Heroes Graves" (The Mount Amwell Project, 7/8
  - U. Sustainable Raritan River re: Raritan River Initiative NEWS, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

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