

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**July 25, 2012**

**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 3, 2012, 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
  - 2012 Dog Licenses are Overdue – Late Fees Apply
  - A Dog Census is Underway; Residents Should Expect a Visit
  - Weekly Recycling Commences August 4<sup>th</sup>, Trial Basis
  - The Next Regular Township Committee Meeting will be August 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Municipal Offices Closed September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day
  - Hunterdon County Electronics Collections – October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - PSE&G ROW Easement Trimming Along Branchburg & Roseland Lines to Commence July 1<sup>st</sup> and Continue Thru 2013
  - 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 27, 2012 Regular
  - B. June 27, 2012 Closed Session (Litigation-Garden Solar)
  - C. July 18, 2012 Special
  - D. July 18, 2012 Closed Session (Personnel-Interviews)
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. Municipal Alliance – Jason Fuhr
  - B. Regionalization Study – Dave Beaumont
  - C. Public Hearing: Ordinance 14, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 3, 2011 AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL (Renewable Energy Facilities)
    - 1) Proof of Publication
    - 2) PB Response
    - 3) Public Hearing
    - 4) Action on Ordinance
  - D. Introduction: Ordinance 15, 2012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1, 2012 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) Read by Title
    - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
    - 3) Set Public Hearing
  - E. Introduction: Ordinance 16, 2012 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (tentative title)
    - 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
    - 1) Mowing
    - 2) Request for Secretary

- B. Environmental
    - 1) Progress Report on 319 h Grant
      - 7/5 Field Trip to Assess Projects
      - 7/12 Meeting with Marc Sanford of Orleans Homeowners Assn.
      - Discussion & Meeting with SHRHS School Board Members
    - 2) Sustainable Jersey Grant – submitted application package
  - C. Affordable Housing
    - 1) Decision on Application Submission
    - 2) Receipt of Lead Contractor RFPs
  - D. Ag Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post June 7, 2012 Minutes on Website
    - 2) Letter Regarding Farming Municipal Property
  - E. Finance Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post June 6, 2012 Minutes on Website
    - 2) Hunting Program
  - F. Recycling
    - 1) Roll-Offs
    - 2) Weekly Recycling
  - G. Website
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- A. Possible Appointments, continued
  - B. Updates re:
    - 1) Energy Audit Program
    - 2) SHREC/Solar Installation
    - 3) South Regionalization Contribution Request
    - 4) Census
  - C. Revised Creekside Resolution
10. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Municipal Alliance Renewal Application 2013
    - Resolution
    - Application for Signature
  - B. Discussion
    - Handling of Construction Work Undertaken without Permits & Inspections
    - Outsourcing Mowing & Snow Plowing of Certain Parcels/Roads
  - C. Recommendation from Planning Board that Engineering Inspection Fees be Established
  - D. S & W Resolution
  - E. Request from National MS Society Concerning Annual Bike Ride on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>
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
  - C. Construction – June 2012 Report

- D. Court
  - June 2012 Report
  - 2011-2012 Comparison
- E. Police – June 2012 Report
- F. Zoning – June 2012 Report

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - Becky Wright re:
    - + Senate Action Property Tax Relief Restoration Fight (forwarded e-mail)
    - + URGENT ACTION NEEDED - Urge Gov. Christie to Approve A-2921/S-1900, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Assembly Approves A-2921. Property Tax Relief Restoration Fight Moves to Senate. Vote Scheduled for this Thursday, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Urgent Alert: Affordable Housing, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Education Foundation Economic Recovery Program, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Property Tax Relief Voting Record Posted, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - APA-NJ opens nominations for “Great Places in New Jersey” 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Senate Action on Municipal Property Tax Relief Restoration Scheduled for Tomorrow. Please Ask Your State Senator to Approve A-2921/S-1900,3. 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Housing Trust Funds Court Issues Temporary Injunction Prohibiting Forfeiture of Marlboro’s Municipal Housing Trust Funds, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Decision Rendered in Verizon v Hopewell Business Personal Property Tax Case – More Bad News for Taxpayers, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - ETR Goes to Governor; Senate Approves A-2921 Municipal Property Tax Relief Goes to Governor, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Housing Trust Fund Extension Heads to the Governor, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Call for Nominations – Eleventh Annual Innovation in Governance Awards, 7/1
  - Mayors’ Newslines - July 2, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Leg Recap, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Prop Tax Next Steps, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - DLGS Website, 7/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Education Foundation Economic Recovery Program, 7/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Urgent – Housing Trust Funds, 7/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Transportation Deal, 7/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Washington Watch, 7/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Parks and Recreation Month, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - League Shared Services Advisory Service; League Files Brief to Protect Municipal Housing Trust Funds; Workshop on Clean Energy offers Free CEU Credits, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Seminar: Year 4 of Economic Recovery: New Municipal Realities to Come – ½ day program, 7/11
  - New Jersey Municipalities Magazine, 7/11
  - Upcoming League Seminar: Labor Negotiations Primer; Survey on Potential Use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in Fleet Vehicles; Upcoming League Seminar: Ethics, Conflicts of Interest & OPRA, 7/12 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame; Upcoming League Seminar; 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors’ Hall of Fame, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Lieutenant Governor Requests Disaster Declaration, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Legislative Bulletin, No. 4 June 2012
  - Appellate Division Decision Regarding Trust Funds, 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Upcoming League Seminar: Ethics, Conflicts of Interest & OPRA; Upcoming League Seminar: Labor Negotiations Primer; Municipal Directory & Legislative Roster Order Form, 7/17 (forward e-mail)
  - Improper Participation in the Pension System, 7/17 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Affordable Housing Trust Funds; Red Tape Review Commission Hearing on Government Contracting/Procurement, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Daily Advisory – July 18, 2012 re: previous topics, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Do Not Use Unauthorized Hotel Reservation Services, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Seminar: “Taking the Mystery Out of Applying for Grants, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Do Not Use Unauthorized Hotel Reservation Services, 7/19

B. United States

- Congressman Holt re:
  - + What Comes Next?, 6/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + His Sacrifice Counts, 7/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Research Work, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + How Can I Help You, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Lautenberg re: Reminder: Federal Disaster Relief Grants Available for Local Governments to Help Rebuild Economics Following Irene/Lee, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
  - + Health Benefit Contribution Increase. 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + \$1.2 Million Available for Historic Preservation Grants, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + GovConnect Update:
    - ~ July 2, 2012, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - ~ July 23, 2012, 7/22 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + State Comptroller Investigation Finds Widespread Improper Participation in State Pension System, 7/19
  - + Reminder – Proposed Rules on Procurement Cards and Electronic Funds Transfers, 7/19
- DEP re:
  - + Press Releases:
    - ~ DEP and New Jersey Department of Agriculture Partner in Battle Against Mosquitos, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
    - ~ DEP Seeks 2013 Americorps Watershed Ambassadors, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
    - ~ Sewer Mapping, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Reminder: NJ 2012 Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS), 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + International Coastal Cleanup Reminders, 7/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Water Quality Inspection, 6/28
  - + NJDEP Commissioner on Recycling, Opinion Editorial, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + 2012 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards, 7/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- GRC re: UPDATE: 6th Annual OPRA Seminar for the Public, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
- Assemblywoman Spencer re: Major Taylor Cycling Club of NJ Annual Ride, 7/1
- Office of the Governor re:
  - + Governor Christie's Summer Tax Cut Tour, 6/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor Chris Christie delivers his THIRD consecutive balanced budget WITHOUT raising taxes in New Jersey, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor Christie: We Cannot Let NJ be Like Washington DC, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + 2 Years & 5 Million Views Later: Some of Governor Christie's Best YouTube Moments, 7/5 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor Christie Takes "The New Jersey Approach" to Washington, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + NJ's June Jobs Numbers: Best Two-Month Period of Job Creation in 12 Years, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor Christie: Saving Lives Is What This Is Really About for Me, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)

D. Hunterdon County

- Julie Gordon re: Bridge W-71 Closing on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)

E. West Amwell Township

- Doris Hoff re: Speeds on Rt 579, 7/10
- Barbara Walsh re: Update from Court on COAH Trust Funds, 7/14

F. Other Municipalities

- Frenchtown Borough re: Resolution Municipal Enlistment in the Military Initiative, 6/27
- Township of Ewing re: Resolution in Support of Declaring Violence as a Public Health Issue in Mercer County, 6/27
- Township of Woodbridge re: 2012 NJ Senior Olympic Games, June 2012
- Lambertville City re: Resolution in Support of Military Initiative to Employ Reservist and National Guard, 7/17

- G. Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic re:
    - + Agenda, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Minutes, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - H. HART re:
    - + Annual Meeting Invitation, 6/26 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Bike Hunterdon- Visit us at the Farmers Market, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Have you Reserved Your Seat? HART Annual Meeting, 7/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - I. Crossroads of the American Revolution re: July 2012 eNewsletter, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - J. Hunterdon Prevention re:
    - + New DEA Legislation on 26 Synthetic Drugs, 6/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + July Calendar of Events, 7/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Savvy Social Security, 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Family Game Night, 7/17, (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Sign Up for FSC Events, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - K. PAIC re:
    - + 2013 Class Requests-Action Needed if You Would Like to Host Classes in 2013, 7/10
    - + Safety Expo, 7/13 forwarded e-mail)
    - + Notice – Bloodborne Pathogens Train-the-Trainer Classes Have Been Scheduled, 7/19
  - L. North Jersey RC&D re: What's New with NJRC&D, 7/2
  - M. Crossroads of the American Revolution re: Crossroads Gazette, 6/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - N. APWA re: Nominations for Public Works Professional, 6/26
  - O. NJ Society of Municipal Engineers re: 2012 Municipal Engineering Project of the Year Awards Program, 6/25
  - P. Sustainable Hunterdon re: Don't Miss Out! "Green" Movie Screening – "Bag It", 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Q. NJ Planning Officials re: Affordable Housing Trust Funds, 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - R. Kerry Sevilis (SHRHS) re: Regionalization Letter to DOE, 7/18
  - S. JCP&L re: Bi-Annual Notification Request, 7/16
  - T. Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program, Inc. re: Donation Thank You, 7/16
  - U. Rutgers re: Great Tomato Tasting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 7/23
  - \* V. National MS Society re: Annual Bike MS Ride on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 7/19
14. ADJOURNMENT

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Website (e-mail)