

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19, 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
  - 2015 Dog Census by ACIS Commences Week of August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Next Regular Township Committee Meeting – September 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - JCP&L Aerial Inspection to Commence Week of August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Municipal Offices Closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day
  - Please Come to the Table if You Wish to Address the Committee
  - Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During Meeting
5. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES
  - A. July 15, 2015 Regular
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
  - A. John Anderson re: JCP&L Final Resolution of Construction Driveway & Tree Mitigation Plan
8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING
  - A. Public Hearing: 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) Proof of Publication      2) Public Hearing      3) Action on Ordinance
  - B. Public Hearing: 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
    - 1) Proof of Publication      2) Public Hearing      3) Action on Ordinance
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Project Status Updates
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Discussion on the JCP&L Mitigation Plantings
    - 2) Discussion of 8/13 Meeting with DEP Representatives re: 319h Grant Projects
    - 3) Comments on the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers & NJDEP Draft Report/Proposal for a Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study

- C. Ag Advisory
  - 1) Authorization to Post June 4, 2015 Minutes to Website
- D. Finance
  - 1) Authorization to Post June 18, 2015 Minutes to Website
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Possible Appointments
  - B. Updates
    - 1) Rocktown-Lamb. Road Project
    - 2) Block 46 Lot 5
    - 3) Generator
    - 4) Farmland Assessment & Roll Back Taxes
    - 5) Affordable Housing – Petition for Temporary Immunity Filed
  - C. Center Island Maintenance & Tree Care - Estates @ West Amwell
  - D. Orleans & Requested Replacement of Damaged Belgium Block
  - E. Telephone Proposal from Comcast
  - F. Office Space/Elevator
  - G. Municipal Sign Quote/Award
  - H. Discussions
    - 1) Depot Security Issues, continued
    - 2) Unsafe Structures per Memo from Construction Official
    - 3) PennEast
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. A.B.C. Social Affairs Permit for September Event at Running Start Farm
  - B. Award of Bidder for Garbage Truck
  - C. Gypsy Moth Inspection Offer
  - D. Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement
  - E. Township Soccer Field
  - F. Applications for Fire Company Membership
  - G. Resolution Supporting "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" Program
- 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
    - Possible Resolutions
    - Monthly Report
  - C. Construction Reports (West Amwell & East Amwell) for July 2015
  - D. Court Report for June & July 2015
  - E. Police Report for July 2015
  - F. Website Review

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ League of Municipalities

- We Work for Health NJ, 7/9
- Daily Update (Recent Supreme Court Decision Keyport v. Local 68), 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Policy Update – 2015 Legislative Priorities (Transportation Trust Fund; Affordable Housing Reforms; Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission), 7/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Advisory (League Professional Development Program Offerings), 7/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- Seminar Round Up (Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Hostile Work Environment: What You Need to Know; Labor Negotiations: Understanding Collective Negotiations: The Impact of the Sunset of Chapter 78 and the Cadillac Tax; How to Find Grants That Meet Your Municipalities Needs Webinar), 7/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- Federal Update (Transportation Funding Deadline Looms; Senate Finance Working Group Report Maintains Status Quo on Key Tax Exemptions; FY 2016 Spending Bills in Doubt; E-fairness Gains Momentum; Labor Department Proposes Change in Overtime Rules; Following Supreme Court Fair Housing Decision, HUD Issues New Rules; Free Webinar on August 19: Revising Sign Ordinances After Reed v Town of Gilbert; Make a Difference this Summer), 7/23 (forwarded e-mail)
- Professional Development Program (Maximize Community Development Block Grants to Get the Most for Your Municipality), 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Policy Update (President Authorizes Disaster Aid following June 23 Storm; Legislation Would Clarify Status of Volunteers; Spell Act Amendments Posed to Advance), 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Application for the 2015 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards Available; Seminar Round Up), 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Seminar Round Up (Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Hostile Work Environment: Labor Negotiations; How to Find Grants; Maximize Community Development Block Grants), 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (2015 Edition: NJ Municipal Salary Report Available Now), 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Policy Update (Acting Attorney General Issues Directive on Body Worn Cameras and Provides Funding to State Police and Municipalities; Senate President Announces Proposal Pension Funding; Federal Transportation Funding Crisis Delayed for Three Months While Senate Advances Long-Term Fix; Bills on the Governor’s Desk) 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
- Mayor’s Newslines – August 2015, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Municipal Registration is Open, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Conference Pre-Registration Deadline is October 1, 2015, 8/1
- Daily Update (August Grant Page Posted), 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- PD Webinar – NJ Energy Resilience Bank (ERB); Powering Essential Facilities at Critical Times, 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Seminar Round Up), 8/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming Seminars (Sexual Harassment, Discrimination & Hostile Work Environment; Labor Negotiations; How to Find Grants that Meet Your Municipalities Needs; Maximized Community Development Block Grants to Get the Most for Your Municipality), 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- Annual Audit Statement, 8/5
- Weekly Policy Update (OPRA/OPMA; Appellate Division Rules Temporary Layoffs can be Non-Negotiable, Clarifying Recent NJ Supreme Court Decision), 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (CEU Tracking System for 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; NJ Energy Resilience Bank Webinar), 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Woodbridge Twp & 2015 NJ Senior Olympic Games), 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Seminar Round Up), 8/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- Daily Update (Acting Attorney General Issues Law Enforcement Directive Regarding Body Worn Cameras; 2015 League Conference Resolutions; Make Plans to Attend the Annual Business Meeting; League Professional Development Webinar), 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- Weekly Policy Update (Acting AG Directive Regarding Body Worn Cameras; Governor Signs DLGS Streamlining Bill, S-2454 P.L. 2015, c.95; Red Tape Commission to Meeting in September Flood Insurance Policy Holders have until Sept 15 to Request their Hurricane Sandy Claims be Reviewed; A-366/S-1713 Wood Protect and Restore Local Revenues; Division Issues Local Finance Notice 2015-14), 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- 2015 League Conference Resolutions, 8/13

B. United States

- Richard Stokes/FEMA re:
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process (Municipalities), 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process (Municipalities), 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process (Municipalities), 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + IGA Advisory: First Payments going to NFIP Policyholders in Hurricane Sandy Claims Review (Municipal Officials), 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + IGA Advisory: Last Day to Submit Hurricane Sandy Claims for Review in Four Weeks Away (Municipal Officials) 8/12 (forwarded e-mail)

- + Flood Insurance Claim Review Flyer (Municipal Offices), 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- + Updated NFIP Reform Efforts and Claims Review Process (Municipal Officials), 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- CFI Group/FEMA re:
  - + 2015 FEMA Risk Map Survey, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Reminder: 2015 FEMA Risk MAP Survey, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
- Dept of Justice (COPS) re: Champions of Change Initiative – Accepting Nominations, 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Menendez re: Upcoming Workshops for Fire Depts & OEM's, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + GovConnect Update: July 14, 2015, 7/14 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Seminar, 7/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Mandatory Direct Deposit for Local Unit Employees, 8/17 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Dept of Ag re:
    - + Landowner Guide to SADC Procedures for the Condemnation of Preserved Farmland, 7/14 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Detection of Gypsy Moth/Offer of Inspection Services, 7/20
  - DEP re:
    - + Press Release: Christie Administration Files First Eminent Domain Actions, 7/17 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Press Release: Forrest Resource Program, 7/21 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Sustainable Jersey 0 Anti-Idling Projects/Revised Survey, 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Applications for the 2015 GEEA Program, 7/29 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Frenchtown Borough Sewerage Authority, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + News Release: Wharton State Park, 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
  - DOT re: Applications for 2016 State Aid Programs, 7/31
  - Senator Weinberg re: S781 OPMA & S782 OPRA, 7/29
  - Assemblywoman Muoio re: 15<sup>th</sup> Legislative Office Hours, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Division of Public Health Services re: County-Administered Animal Control Officer Services, 7/13
  - Dept of Human Services re: Municipal Alliance Subgrant Agreement, 7/17
  - Susan Pena re: Creative Placemaking Studio Course Seeks Clients, 8/5 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Freeholder Board re: Resolution Urging Governor Christie to protect Local Property Taxpayers by Respecting the Structure & Preserving the Integrity of the Fiscally Solvent Local Pension System, 8/5 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - Construction Official Rose re: Unsafe Structures, 7/29/15
  - 2014 Annual Report from Zoning Board, 8/9
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Delaware Township re: Policy Department Study, 7/14
  - Hopewell Township re:
    - + Press Release on Special Board of Health Meeting, 7/17 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Resolution Prohibiting Survey Access by PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC, 7/29
  - Township of Woodbridge re: 2015 Senior Olympics, 7/31
  - Township of Holland re: Letter to Freeholders & State Representatives on PennEast Pipeline, 8/5
- G. Crossroads of the American Revolution re:
  - Mid July Revolutionary Events Calendar, 7/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - August 2015 eNewsletter, 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Mid-August Revolutionary Events Calendar, 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. Sustainable Raritan Review re:
  - News from the Raritan River Initiative-July 2015, 7/15 (forwarded e-mail)
  - News from the Raritan River Initiative-August 2015, 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic re:
  - Ecosystem Services Lost to Oil and Gas in North America, 7/16 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Map Sets for the Delaware & Schuylkill, 7/29 (forwarded e-mail)
  - ALERT: Potential Environmental Impacts, 7/29 (forwarded e-mail)

- J. HART re:
  - You Are Invited: Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Have You Reserved Your Seat? HART Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Still Time to Reserve your Seat! HART Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. NJ Conservation Foundation re:
  - What Does it Take to Care for 24,000 Acres, 7/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - 25 Wooded Acres Preserved in Hunterdon, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Drop on in to our No-Party Party!, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. JCP&L re:
  - Annual Universal Service Fund Compliance Filing, July 2015
  - Open House Invitation for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Transmission Aerial Inspections/August 2015, 8/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. Alisa Harris/UGIES re:
  - PennEast Pipeline Company Update, 7/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - PennEast Pipeline Company Update, 7/23 (forwarded e-mail)
  - PennEast Pipeline Project – Updated Route, 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - PennEast – Recent News, 8/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. Christine Guhl-Sadovy/Sierra Club re: Sign on to Support Saving Energy, 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- O. Middlesex Regional ESC State Approved Cooperative Pricing System, 7/29
- P. Rutgers re: Snyder Farm Open House & Great Tomato Tasting on August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Q. Lambertville Elks Lodge #1070 re: Invitation to Grand Opening of the Little Free Library on August 8<sup>th</sup>
- R. Raritan Headwaters re:
  - + August News – A Slice of Summer, 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Annual Stream Cleanup Follow-up & Invitation to Participate in 2016, 8/14
- \* S. Jack Herbert/PennEast Pipeline re: PennEast-Importance of Survey Access and Other Updates, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- T. Brian Polito/United Way of Hunterdon, re: Community Leader Volunteer Day, 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- U. NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice re: Support Expanding Access to Driver Licenses to Undocumented New Jerseyans, 8/6
- V. Brittney Nix/Statewide Insurance Fund re: Important Vendor Notice, 8/12
- W. NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency re: Available Resources, 8/17
- X. Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. D/B/A Elizabethtown Gas re: Notice of Public Hearings (3), 8/14

15. ADJOURNMENT

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