

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
August 29, 2012 – 7:00 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 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
 - Municipal Offices Closed September 3rd for Labor Day
 - Township Agricultural Dinner – September 14th
 - WA Ladies Auxiliary Road Port Dinner – October 13th, 4-7 p.m. @ Firehouse
 - Hunterdon County Electronics Collections – October 13th
 - Last Day to Register to Vote in November General Election – October 16th
 - PSE&G ROW Easement Trimming Along Branchburg & Roseland Lines to Commence July 1st 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. July 25, 2012 Special
 - B. July 25, 2012 Regular
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 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) Proof of Publication
 - 2) Public Hearing
 - 3) Action on Ordinance
8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Open Space
 - 1) Declaration of Encumbrance – ROSI Update for Adam Property
 - 2) Wooden
 - 3) Farmland Preservation PIG Funding.
 - B. Environmental
 - 1) Authorization to Post June 14, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - C. Affordable Housing
 - 1) Program Update
 - D. Ag Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post July 5, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - E. Finance Advisory
 - 1) Authorization to Post July 5, 2012 Minutes on Website
 - 2) Possible Debt Refinancing

- F. Recycling
 - 1) Clean Up Day Procedures/Discussion
- G. Park & Recreation
- H. Technology
 - 1) Authorization to Post Webpage, Mission Statement & May 30, 2012 Minutes on Website
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Possible Appointments, continued
 - B. Updates re:
 - 1) Energy Audit Program – Recommendations for DPW & Firehouse
 - 2) SHREC/Solar Installation
 - 3) Census
 - 4) E-tickets
 - 5) Work Undertaken without Permits & Inspections
 - C. Recommendation from Planning Board that Engineering Inspection Fees be Established
 - D. Municipal Building Thermostats & Recommendations for Heating
 - E. Receipt of Quotes for Mow & Snow
 - F. Police Equipment
 - 1) Amended State Purchasing Resolution
 - 2) Purchase Authorization Resolution
 - G. Toll Property
- 10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Resolutions for Consideration
 - 1) Opposing A-323/S-2074 Dealing with Events on Preserved Farmland
 - 2) Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2012 Statewide Crackdown
 - B. Receipt of 2011 Audit from WithumSmith &Brown
 - C. Professional Services Resolution for PrincetonHydro 319h Grant
 - D. Staffing Discussion
 - 1) Housing Official Direction
 - 2) DPW Hiring/Possible Back-Up Staff
 - 3) Meeting Date for Open Space Secretary Interviews
 - 4) Shared Tax Assessor
 - E. Surplus Vehicles
 - F. Discussion re: Possible Revision to Food Handling Ordinance
 - G. League Convention Registration
 - H. Sludge Odors
 - I. Closed Session (Contract Negotiations)
- 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 for July 2012
 - Affidavit of Tax Bill Mailing
 - C. Construction
 - Monthly Report for July 2012
 - July Deposits
 - D. Zoning
 - Monthly Report for July 2012
 - July Deposits
13. CORRESPONDENCE
- A. NJ League of Municipalities
 - 2012 NJ Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards; Governor Signs Solar Legislation; US Green Bldg Council NJ Chapter Seeking Nominations for 10th Anniversary Gala Awards, 7/23 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Sustainable Jersey's Fire Ever "Farm to Table" Fundraiser, 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - New Content on DLGS Website, 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Contractor's Registration Act, 7/25 (forwarded e-mail)
 - July 25 Affordable Housing, Trust Funds State Begins Process to Seize Funds, 7/25 (forwarded e-mail)
 - An Important Decision Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act, 7/25 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Annual Audit Statement, 7/26
 - Judicial Salaries, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Utilize State Museums 911 Commemorative Resources; Upcoming League Seminars, 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Affordable Housing Trust Funds, 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - * - A-323/S-2074 Permits "Agricultural Tourism" Activities on Preserved Farmland, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Federal Updates, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
 - * - Conference Pre-Registration Deadline, 8/1
 - Michael A. Pane Memorial Award – Call for Nominations
 - Invitation to Join Mayors' Wellness Campaign; Verizon Personal Property Tax Issue Appeal; Two Upcoming League Seminars, 8/2 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Affordable Housing, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - DEP Waiver, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Request for Assistance on Energy Issues, 8/4
 - Two Upcoming League Seminars, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Mayors' Newslines – August 2012, 8/5 (forwarded e-mail)
 - New Content of DLGS Website, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - New Jersey Municipalities Magazine; Need to fill an open position?, 8/7
 - Affordable Housing Trust Funds, 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Three Upcoming League Seminars, 8/8 (forwarded e-mail)
 - New Credits Added to Upcoming League Seminar, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Daily Advisory – League testifies before Hearing on Housing Trust Funds; Upcoming seminars, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
 - League Opposes A-2405/S-1651; Upcoming League Seminar, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Appellate Court Restrains COAH, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - URGENT ALERT – Appellate Court Retains COAH from demanding or receiving housing trust funds, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Nominations 11th Annual Innovation in Governance Awards & 2012 Mayors Hall of Fame Nominations; Updated Guidance on Affordable Housing Trust Fund; Upcoming League Seminars, 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
 - 2012 League Conference Resolutions, 8/10
 - Make Plans to Attend the Annual Business Meeting: Thursday, Nov 15th, Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, 8/10
 - Two Upcoming League Seminars, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Updated Guidance on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Dollars, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Bills Enacted by Governor, 8/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Three Upcoming League Seminars, 8/15 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Trial Court Decision in Gannett v. Raritan, 8/16 (forwarded e-mail)

- Corrected Copy Bills Enacted by Governor; Upcoming Sustainable Jersey Webinar & Workshop, 8/16 (forwarded e-mail)
- Annual Conference CEU Credits, 8/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon, 7/18
- Upcoming League Seminars, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- Your Input on an Exclusive Line of League Merchandise; Hiring our Heroes- Mega Job Fair Reminder; New Content on DLGS Website, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming League Seminars, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- Updated CEU List for the League's 97th Annual Conference Sessions, 8/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming League Seminar, 8/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming League Seminar, 8/24 (forwarded e-mail)
- 2012 League Conference Resolutions, 8/27 (forwarded e-mail)
- Best Practices Checklist; Upcoming League Seminars, 8/27 (forwarded e-mail)

B. United States

- Congressman Holt re:
 - + Making College More Affordable, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Hallowed Grounds, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Elections We Can Trust
 - + Out of the Shadows, 8/17 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Privatization Is Not the Answer, 8/24 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- COAH re:
 - + Affordable Housing Trust Funds, 7/23
 - + Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Current Balance, 7/24
 - + Affordable Housing Trust Fund Update, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + AHPNJ Program September 5, 2012, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
- DCA re:
 - + Financial Disclosure Statement Filing Update, 7/27
 - + Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + New Local Finance Board Questionnaire for Select Board Applications, 8/3
 - + LFN:
 - * 2012-15: State Aid Payment Schedule, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - * 2012-17: Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) Renewal Application, 8/10
 - + GovConnect Update:
 - + August 6, 2012, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + August 20, 2012, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + League Professional Development Seminar, 8/16/12
 - + Notice of Proposal, 8/16 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Professional Development Seminar on December 3rd, 8/17
 - + OPEOSH: Sand Safety Notice, 8/22 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + HMFA Foreclosure Relief Programs, 8/27
 - + 2012 Best Practices, 8/27 (forwarded e-mail)
- DEP re:
 - + Waiver Rule – August 1, 2012, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Press Release: Interactive Boating Website, 8/3 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Associate of State Dam Safety Officials, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + Reminder Concerning the NJDEP Anti-Idling Campaign, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + NJDEP & Social Media, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + FFY 2013 Proposed Clean Water Project Priority List – Public Notice, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- Dept of State re: Public Notice: Two additional Public Hearings on the draft Final State Strategic Plan: New Jersey State Development & Redevelopment Plan, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
- DOT re:
 - + FY 2013 State Aid Program, 8/8
 - + Block 8 Lot 62 Permits, 8/17
- * - Dept of Agriculture re: Next Funding Round/Appropriations Request for the Municipal PIG Program Partners, 8/24 (forwarded e-mail)

- Office of the Governor re:
 - + New Poll: New Jerseyans Stand Behind their Governor, 7/24 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + ICYMI: New Poll – Majority of New Jerseyans Like their Governor and Believe in their State, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- State Police re:
 - + DR 4021 (FEMA Disaster Recovery, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
 - + DR 4021 (55), 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
 - Utilities Authority re:
 - + Information on Upcoming Events, 7/20
 - + 2nd Quarter Recycling Inspections Forms & Request for 2nd Quarter Municipal Recycling Program Monitoring Report, 8/8
 - Planning Board re: Public Notice – Two additional Public Hearings on the draft Final State Strategic Plan: New Jersey State Development & Redevelopment Plan, 8/6 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Human Services re: Invitation to 40th Anniversary of Senior Center on Sept 7th, 7/25
- E. West Amwell Township
 - * - Bill Wolfe re: Violation: Fulper Johanna Farms Sludge Odors & Impacts, 8/26 (forwarded e-mail)
- F. Other Municipalities
 - Delaware Township re: Public Hearing on Proposed 2012 Re-Examination Report Master Plan, 8/16
 - Township of Hopewell re: Resolution Opposing A-323/S-2074, 8/15
- G. PAIC re:
 - Summer Newsletter, 7/23
 - Legislation Signed into Law, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Safety Directors Bulletin – School Crossing Safety Programs & the 4Fs, 8/10
 - Safety Expo, 8/22 (forwarded e-mail)
- H. EMEX re: Reduce Energy Costs, 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- I. North Jersey Resource Conservation & Development re: Summer Update, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
- J. HC Family Success Center re:
 - August Calendar, 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Family Trivia Night – Kids vs. Parents, 8/16
 - Girls Nite In – 8/23
- K. Crossroads of the American Revolution re: August 2012 Newsletter, 7/30 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. First Energy Corp re: Vegetation Management Aerial Patrol, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- M. HART re: Annual Report 2011-2012, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- N. Request for Summary of Third-Party Charges – Moore et al v. Verizon et al, Case No. 09-cv-1823 SBA, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail) (2)
- O. CFI Group re:
 - FEMA Survey on Flood Risk, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
 - Reminder – FEMA Survey on Flood Risk, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. Verizon Services re: Request for Summary of 3rd Party Charges – Moore et al v. Verizon et al, Case No. 09-cv-1823 SBA, 8/9
- Q. New Jersey Planning Officials re: NJPO Summer Newsletter, 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
- R. Sustainable Hunterdon re: Don't Miss Out! "Green" Movie Screening – "Kilowatt Ours", 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
- S. Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River re: 2012 Common Waters Forum On October 11th, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- T. NJ Clean Communities Council re: 2011 Report, 8/8
- U. Dan Seiter re: South Hunterdon School Regionalization, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
- V. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity re: Six Homes in Kingwood Township, 9/1

14. ADJOURNMENT

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