# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING September 16, 2009 – 7 p.m. Agenda

## 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. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 2, 2009, was 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
  - County Household Electronic Collection Day Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Township Offices Closed October 12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day
  - Last Day to Register to Vote in November Election Oct 13<sup>th</sup>
  - County Hazardous Waste Collection Day Nov 14<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. August 12, 2009 Special Meeting Budget Workshop
  - B. August 12, 2009 Regular Meeting
  - C. August 12, 2009 Closed Session (Litigation-Fair Share Housing)
- 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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 23, 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 90 (FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL AND TO ADOPT, IN ITS PLACE, THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AS CHAPTER 90 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL

- 1) Proof of Publication 2) Public Hearing 3) Action on Ordinance
- B. Public Hearing: Ordinance 24, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 99 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – (Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse)

- 1) Proof of Publication 2) Public Hearing 3) Action on Ordinance
- C. Introduction: 2009 Budget Amendment
  - 1) Resolution to Amend the 2009 Budget
  - 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (print TT 9/19)
  - 3) Set Public Hearing (9/24 7 p.m.)

D. Introduction: Ordinance 25, 2009 (tentative)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 68 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Construction Codes, Uniform

1) Read by Title 2) Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing

## 8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Open Space

- 1) Possible Resolutions for Kilmer (Block 8 Lots 14, 15, 13 & 58)
  - + Award Survey Quote
  - + Award Environmental Assessment Quote
- 2) Letter to County re: Continued Participation in PIG Program
- 3) Update on Fulper Stoy I and Gulick II Reimbursements
- 4) Authorization to Post Minutes
  - + August 11, 2009 & July 14, 2009
  - + Closed Sessions of June 10, 2008; January 13, 2009; March 10, 2009; May 12, 2009
- 5) Open Space Invoices
- 6) Project Status Updates

#### B. Environmental

1) WAT Elementary "Green Art"

#### C. Township Lands

1) Contact with Kit Crisafulli re: Brush-hogging and Planting

#### D. Parks & Recreation

1) County Parkland Suggestions

### 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Municipal Alliance Resolution of Support
- B. Possible Appointments
- C. Update on IPE Meeting
- D. Township Properties
  - 1) 254 Mt. Airy-Harb.
    - Status Update; Next Steps
  - 2) 68 Hancock
    - Propane Tank; Next Steps
  - 3) Creek Road Resident Request Concerning Speed Bumps
  - 4) Complaint Concerning Town Lawn at the Estates
- E. Garbage Cards & Possible Resolution
- F. Possible Police Study Update
- G. Municipal Lien Assignment Block 39 Lot 2.02 & 2.03
- H. Resolution to Enter Closed Session (Purchase, Lease, or Acquisition of Real Property; Litigation; Personnel)

### 10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Concerns Zoning Officer Baldino
- B. Information/Discussion on Professional Services Contracts for 2010
- C. Invitation to Participate in 2010 Census New Construction Program
- D. Mayor's Report on Property Tax at Risk Seminar
- E. Coverage for Garbage Depot on September 26<sup>th</sup>
- F. Award of Fuel Oil Quotes
- G. Request for Letter of Support for Proposed Amendment to Fish Code
- H. Hunterdon Parkland Partnership Resolution

### 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
  - Resolution to Refund Duplicate Tax Payment on Block 11 Lot 22.02
  - Monthly Report for August 2009
- C. Clerk/Human Resources
  - Resignation of MHL/AA Smith-Bohn
- D. Construction Report for August 2009
- E. Zoning for August 2009

### 13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
  - 8/12 Hurricane Season (forwarded e-mail)
  - 8/13 NJ Citizen Corps Receives National Honor
  - 8/14 2009 League Conference Resolutions
  - 8/14 Sustainability and the Obama Stimulus Agenda: Engaging and Connecting with Government
  - 8/14 Make Plans to Attend the Annual Business Meeting, Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Convention Center Hotel
  - 8/17 2009 League Conference Resolutions
  - 8/19 Open Space, Water Supply, Farmland and Historic Preservation Question on November Ballot
  - 8/19 Affordable Housing: Update on Commercial Development Fee (2.5%) Moratorium and Refunds; COAH grants extension to Highlands municipalities; Regional Development Planning and Coordination Program Guidelines; COAH Litigation Update
  - 8/19 League e- Bulletin, previous two topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 8/20 Educators Pandemic Influenza Summit for Chief School Administrators & Public Health Officers
  - 8/21 League e-Bulletin, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
  - 8/21 New Jersey Israel Clean Tech Conference
  - 8/21 Appellate Division Rules that an Assisted Living Facility Need Not Provide Charity Care in order to qualify for a Real Property Tax Exemption
  - 8/21 League e-Bulletin, previous two items (forwarded e-mail)
  - 8/24 Important New Information from the DLGS, 8/24
  - 8/26 Two Issues: Eastampton Affordable Housing Decision; Save the Date – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors' Legislative Day
  - 8/28 Risk of Third Party Service Organizations and Ameripay
  - 8/28 Delay of Red Flag Rule until November 1, 2009
  - 8/31 Eighteenth Annual Mayor's Box Luncheon, Nov 18th, Sheraton AC
  - 8/31 League Luncheon, Nov 19th, Crown Ballroom AC
  - 8/31 Washington Watch Fax Advisory re: CLEAN-TEA; EECBG & Climate Change Legislation
  - 8/31 League Seminar re: Labor Negotiations Primer: "Collective Negotiations and Interest Arbitration"
  - 8/31 National Preparedness Month Kick-Off
  - 8/31 Prevailing Wage Threshold Change
  - 8/31 League e-Bulletin, previous 4 topics (forwarded e-mail)
  - 8/31 League Delegates Luncheon, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 8/31 Women in Government Breakfast, November 19th

- 9/1 A Short History of the NJ Property Tax & the Long Road to Reform September 16, 2009 Agenda Page 4

- 9/1 NJ Municipal Salary Report Updated for 2009
- 9/1 1st Annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon, Nov 17th
- 9/2 Invitation for 2009 NJ Statewide Cultural Festival on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>
- 9/2 COAH Briefing on Sept 24th
- 9/3 League e-Bulletin, various topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/3 Professional Development Seminar "Ethics, Back to Basics"
- 9/4 Professional Development Seminar "The Federal Stimulus Act and Grants – A Workshop on Creativity and the Basics on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> MCCC
- 9/7 League Pre-Registration Deadline is October 1st
- 9/8 Professional Development Seminar New Jersey's Economy: Status of Gloom and Prospects for Bloom on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 9/8 Lame Duck Issues: Limits on School District Management
   Discretion; Unused Sick Leave Pay-out Limits; Ethics Issues;
   Telecommunications Taxes; Redevelopment and Eminent Domain;
   Affordable Housing Reform
- 9/8 Staples Advantage Agreement
- 9/9 League e-Bulletin, previous two topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/9 League e-Bulletin re: Ethics Seminar (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/10 Urgent H1N1 Update
- 9/10 Arts Build Communities
- 9/10 U.S. EPA Workshop on Brownfields Clean-up Grants
- 9/10 League e-Bulletin, previous three topics (forwarded e-mail)
- September 2009 Race for Governor: The Candidates Respond
- 9/11 Two Issues for the "Lamb Duck" and Beyond Mandates Relief;
   Binding Arbitration Reform
- 9/11 Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits
- 9/11 League e-Bulletin, previous two topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 9/11 League e-Bulletin re: Conference on New Jersey's Economy: Status of Gloom and Prospects for Bloom on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, New Brunswick
- 9/14 Reminder of COAH Briefing on Sept 24th
- 9/14 Rethinking our Region: From Infrastructure to Social Structure National Premiere of the New Metropolis

#### B. United States

- Dept of Commerce re: Invitation to Participate in 2010 Census New Construction program, 8/2009
- Dept of Homeland Security FEMA re: Reminder Concerning Floodplain Management, 8/17
- Senator Menendez re: Welcome to the Menendez Message, Volume 5, Issue 7, August 27, 2009 (forwarded e-mail)
- C. State of New Jersey
  - SADC re: FY09 Funding Availability, 9/4
  - DCA re:
    - + AARA Grants and US Dept of Agriculture, 8/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + SFY and CY 2010 Budget Information, 8/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Depts of Ag & Community Affairs American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, 8/20 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + GovConnect Update: August 24, 2009 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + DOW's Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Suffragist Walk Invitation/Directions, 8/24/09 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Whitco Co. LP Stadium Light Poles: Posing Risk of Serious Injury and Death, 8/31 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Prevailing Wage Municipal Threshold Change, 8/31 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Updated NJRA RTI Training Dates, 9/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + NJDARM Artemis System Training, 9/3 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Lead and Beyond (LAB) Conference on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9/3 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Ethics Training for Municipal Officials, 9/3 (forwarded e-mail)

- DEP re:
  - + NJPDES General Permit for the Scrap and Auto Recycling Industry, 8/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Community Forestry Status Report for Mid-Year 2009, 8/20
  - + Annual Report & Certification, Municipal Stormwater Regulation, Deficiencies, 8/26
  - + Tree City USA Program, 9/4
- DOT re:
  - + AARA Project Route 19 WAT Drainage Project, 28 day notice, 8,24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Public Information Center, Rt 29 Drainage Project on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 p.m. Justice Center, 8/25 (forwarded e-mail)
- Dept of Treasury re: Property Damage as Result of Accident on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9/3
- Office of the Governor re:
  - + This Week at the Statehouse, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + This Week at the Statehouse, 8/21 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Economic Recovery Tour Update, 8/24 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Economic Recovery and Green Jobs, 8/26 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Economic Recovery Package, 9/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Message on Property Tax Rebate Checks, 8/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Governor Corzine Welcomes Students Back to School, 9/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Information on H1N1, 9/10 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Investment in Education, 9/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + New Jersey's Roadway, 9/12 (forwarded e-mail)
- Office of Homeland Security re: Terrorism Awareness and Prevention CD, 8/28 D. Hunterdon County
  - HART re:
    - + Sustainable Hunterdon Workshop on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 8/12 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + New School Year Starts with Focus on Walk/Bike to School Safety at Tend Hunterdon Schools, 9/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Chamber of Commerce re:
    - + Shared Services & Health Benefits, 8/17
    - + 2009 Annual Gold Tournament on Sept 23rd
  - Utilities Authority re:
    - + Household Electronic Collection Day-Sept 19th, 8/19
    - + Hazardous Waste Collection Day-Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 8/19
    - + Housing Rehabilitation Program Informational Brochures, 8/19
  - County Engineer re: Cooperative Purchase 2009-2010 Winter Season Snow & Ice Control Materials, 8/25
- Health Department re: Available Funds for Hepatitis B Inoculation, 9/8 E. West Amwell Township
- John Miller re: Speed Humps on Alexauken Creek Road, 8/10 (forwarded e-mail)
- \* Tom Allibone re: AT&T, 8/20
- Corey Sparks re: Estates Town Lawn, 9/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Lehigh Fluid Power re: Public Notification & Outreach Concerning Ongoing Environmental Investigation & Cleanup 1413 Rt 179, 9/1
- F. Other Municipalities
  - Delaware Township re: Public Hearing on Land Use Amendment to Create Accessory Apts on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 8/12
  - East Amwell Township re: Public Hearing on Land Use Amendment to Implement Natural Resource Limitation and Capabilities and Flood Damage Prevention on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 8/20
  - Township of Hopewell re: Public Hearing on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> for Amendment to Land Use Plan Element, 9/4
- G. Shop Rite re: National Hunger Action Month & Help Bag Hunger Event on

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- H. PSE&G re: Notice of Tree Removal as Part of Vegetation Management Work Bowne Station, Garboski, Route 518 and Goat Hill Road Commencing Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 7/16
- NJ Chapter of American Public Works Association re: Request for Nominations, 8/20
- J. NJ Institute of Local Government Attorneys re:
  - + Request for Nominations for William F. Cox Award
  - + Request for Nominations for Fred G. Stickel Memorial Award
- K. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition re:
  - + August 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting Re-scheduled to October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Announcement and Agenda, 9/2 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Verizon re: Community Update, 9/2 (forwarded e-mail)
- L. Bear Education & Resource Group re: Black Bear Feeding Ban & Resolution, 8/31
- M. Bollinger, Inc. re: Group Medical Insurance, 9/4
- N. Kleinfelder re: Former Exxon Service Station, 8/5
- O. New Jersey Conservation re: Land Preservation Story Deadline Extended, 9/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- P. New Jersey Planning Officials
- Q. Lafayette College re: Educational Event on Arbitration, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>
- R. SAFE in Hunterdon re: Annual Candlelight Vigil on Oct 14th 6-7 p.m., 9/8

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

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Trenton Times (fax)
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Website (e-mail)