

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**December 29, 2010**

**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 Lambertville Beacon, Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 1, 2010, 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
  - Township Committee Re-organization Meeting – January 1<sup>st</sup>, time TBD
  - Municipal Offices Closed January 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lieu of New Year's Day
  - Municipal Offices Closed January 17<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King 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. December 1, 2010 Special
  - B. December 1, 2010 Closed Session (Personnel; Contract Negotiations)
  - C. December 1, 2010 Regular
  - D. December 13, 2010 Special
  - E. December 13, 2010 Closed Session (Personnel-Interviews; Contract Negotiations-Police; Professionals)
  - F. December 13, 2010 Special – SHREC
  - G. December 16, 2010 Special
  - H. December 16, 2010 Closed Session (Contract Negotiations-Police; Professionals)
  - I. December 21, 2010 Special
  - J. December 21, 2010 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. Public Hearing: Ordinance 15, 2010 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
    - 1) Proof of Publication
    - 2) Public Hearing
    - 3) Action on Ordinance
8. SPECIAL AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Authorization to Post November 9, 2010 Minutes
    - 2) Kilmer Soft Cost Reimbursement Package – Authorization to Sign
    - 3) ROSI Update
    - 4) Project Status Updates
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Authorization to Post October 14, 2010 Minutes on Website
  - C. Parks & Recreation
    - 1) Open Gym
    - 2) Joint Summer Music Program/Lambertville
    - 3) Tree Dedication Update (Bleacher)
    - 4) Hewitt Park
    - 5) State Park in West Amwell; Safety Concerns

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. SHREC Update
  - B. Garbage & Trash
    - 1) Receipt of Bids
    - 2) Continued Discussion on 'Plan B' for Garbage Service
  - C. Website
    - 1) Continued Discussion
    - 2) County Interest Poll in a Shared Service for Website/E-mail
  - D. Alexauken Creek Watershed Protection Plan
    - 1) Final Report from Princeton Hydro for 30 Day Public Review Period
    - 2) Set February Date for Final Public Presentation
  - E. Vehicle Maintenance; Changes for Quotation
  - F. Decision on Tax Collector Position Offer
  - G. Resolution to Enter Closed Session, if needed
  
10. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Sourland Alliance, Brief Update (C. Urbanski)
  - B. Consideration of Resolutions re:
    - 1) Exempt the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes from the 2% Cap
    - 2) National Radon Month
  - C. Resolution to Cancel Certain Tax Title Liens
  - D. Draft Packets for January 1<sup>st</sup> Re-organization Meeting
  
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 Report & Deposits for November 2010
  - D. Court
  - E. Police for November 2010
  - F. Roads for November 2010
  - G. Zoning Report & Deposits for November 2010
  
13. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - 11/29 Daily Advisories, 1 Event Update & 1 Issue re: Seminar on Class Action Lawsuits has been cancelled; Recent PERC Decisions Regarding 1.5% Employee Health Benefits Contributions Conflict with DLGS Guidance and Case Law (forwarded e-mail)
    - 12/2 DCA Releases the Best Practices Results; COAH and Management Reform Issues
    - 12/2 Daily Advisories – Two Issues, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
    - 12/3 Training Opportunities for Mayor's and Council Members; 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Legislative Day
    - 12/3 Daily Advisories, Important Training Information for Mayor's and Council Presidents, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
    - 12/3 League Professional Development Program – Class Action Lawsuits: How Will They Impact Your Municipality, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
    - 12/6 Ethics Training Available from NJLM
    - 12/6 Cancelled Seminar on Class Action Lawsuits Scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
    - 12/6 New Content on DLGS Web Site
    - 12/6 League Testifies before Assemblyman McKeon's Committee
    - 12/6 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
    - 12/7 Daily Advisories – Urgent Legislative Alert re: S-1/A-33447, Affordable Housing Hearing; League's Interlocal Advisory Center; S-2405 Would Subject Municipal Employer to Liability Claim Due to Actions of Officer Or Employee (forwarded e-mail)
    - 12/8 S-1451 Jeopardizes Economic Recovery and Redevelopment

- 12/8 Daily Advisories, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/10 Civil Service Reforms Advance
- 12/10 Interest Arbitration Reform Advances
- 12/10 2011 State Legislative Priorities
- 12/10 Update on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
- 12/10 Interest Arbitration Reform Advances
- 12/10 Civil Service Reforms Advance
- 12/10 Governor Chris Christie Reaches Bipartisan Agreement on Critical Tool Kit Measures, Long-Overdue Arbitration Reform Transforms Systems
- 12/10 Speak Oliver on Arbitration Agreement
- 12/10 Sweeney: Landmark Arbitration Deal Good for Taxpayers, Towns and Public Employees
- 12/11 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/13 League Seminar: Collaborating on Real Solutions to the 2% Cap January 29<sup>th</sup>
- 12/13 CY2011 Budget COLA Rate
- 12/13 Professional Development Seminar re:
  - + A Look at Personnel Manuals, Policies, Procedures, and the Impact of Social Networking on March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - + Budget Updates on March 4<sup>th</sup>
  - + Leaves of Absence in New Jersey – A Look at the Family Medical Leave Act, the New Jersey Family Leave Act, and ADA Compliance on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- 12/13 Civil Service Reforms Advances to Governor's Desk Despite League's Concerns
- 12/13 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- \* - 12/14 Urging for the Exemption for Reserve of Uncollected Taxes Sample Resolution
- 12/14 Daily Advisories, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/15 S-1/A-3447, Passes Assembly
- 12/15 A-3393 (Arbitration Reform Amendments) Bills goes to Governor
- 12/15 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/16 Update on League Legal Activities re: In the Matter of Damien Johnson; Gannett Satellite Information Network v. Raritan
- 12/16 Washington Watch Federal Update for the Period Ending December 10<sup>th</sup> re: Spending Plan Remains Elusive; Fate of Bond Provisions in Tax Cut Extension Debate Appears Settled
- 12/17 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/17 S-1/A3447, Affordable Housing
- 12/17 Daily Advisories, previous topic (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/20 Executive Leadership Training for Mayor's and Council Presidents on February 26<sup>th</sup>
- 12/20 Conditional Veto of S-2220 – Cap on Accumulated Sick Leave
- 12/20 Daily Advisories re: The Importance of Leadership in Challenging Economic Times; Conditional Veto of F-2220 Capt on Accumulated Sick Leave; S-1/A-3447 Affordable Housing (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/20 Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition
- no date What is the League?
- 12/21 Legislative Recap re: COAH bill Held; Redevelopment bill held; Reserve for Uncollected Taxes; S-2405, concerning liability claims, Amended; Other Legislative Action
- 12/21 Governor Signs Interest Arbitration Reform
- 12/21 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)
- 12/22 Professional Development Seminars re:
  - +Budget Updates on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
  - +Orientation for the Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced on January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- 12/22 Invitation to Attend 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors' Legislative Day Feb 16<sup>th</sup>
- 12/22 Pension Processing Training for Certifying Officers
- 12/22 Daily Advisories, previous topics (forwarded e-mail)

B. United States

- Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense re: Statement of Support for the Guard & Reserve, 10/29
- Census Bureau Interactive Map Widget, 12/15 (forwarded e-mail)

C. State of New Jersey

- DCA re:
  - + 2010 Best Practice Checklist Results, 12/3 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + GovConnect Update: December 6, 2010, 12/6 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants (EECBS) Program, 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + CY 2011 Budget COLA Rate Local Finance Notice, 12/13 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + COAH Trust Fund Monitoring, 12/22
  - + CY 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant Program Payments, 12/22
- Dept of Corrections re: Adjustments to Current Detainer Notification, 11/24
- DEP re:
  - + January is National Radon Action Month & Proclamation, 11/30 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Poetry Contest, December
  - + Site Remediation Brochure, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)
- Assemblyman DiMaio re: Support for A-3283, 11/30
- Assemblyman Peterson re: Support for A-3283 & S-2310, 12/6
- Office of the State Comptroller re: Audit of Procurement & Costs of Health Benefits, 12/8
- Office of the Governor re: Bipartisan Agreement on Critical Tool Kit Measures, Long-Overdue Reforms, 12/9 (forwarded e-mail)

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D. Hunterdon County

- Freeholder Walton re: Sharing Services Seminars/Schools on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 12/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Upcoming 2010 Building Permits Survey, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
- Planning Board re:
  - + Solar Farm Breakfast Talk Followup, 12/7 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + 2010 Planning and Design Awards, 12/8 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Open Space Trust Program/Municipal Grant Program & Check 12/14
- Agriculture Development Board Meeting on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> & Oct Minutes, 12/8
- Dept of Public Safety re: Emergency Operations Plan Submission, 12/3
- County Administrator re: Municipal Interest in Shared Service for Website and E-mail, 12/21

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E. West Amwell Township

- Application for Letters of Interpretation Line Verification Blox 23 Lot 5 & 9, 12/7
- Housing Official re:
  - + Amended A3447/S-1 Scheduled for Assembly Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, corrected, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Amended A3447/S1 Scheduled for Assembly Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, Chart, 12/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + S1 Not Voted on by Senate Today, 12/21 (forwarded e-mail)
- Shirley Bishop re:
  - + A3447/S1, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + A3446/S1, moving to Senate, 12/14 (forwarded e-mail)

F. Other Municipalities

- Borough of Hampton re: Resolution Requesting the HC Freeholders Engage in An Analysis of Municipal Services, 12/17
- Township of Hopewell re: Public Hearing on 3 Land Use Ordinances on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 11/30
- Borough of High Bridge re: Resolution Requesting the HC Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of the Potential for Shared Services for Police, Fire and Rescue Services, 12/14

G. PAIC re:

- + American Appraisal Property Insurance Report on CD, 12/1
- + December 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 12/7
- + EPL/POL Claim Reporting Notice, 12/17 (forwarded e-mail)

H. Municipal Clerks Association of NJ re: Interlocal Advisory Center, 12/8 (forwarded e-mail)

I. Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Reminder, 12/8 (forwarded e-mail)

J. D & R Can Commission re: Meeting Schedule for 2011, 12/20

K. Weichert re: Surplus Assets, 12/21

L. Century Link re: Reduced Rates for Low Income Customers, 12/22

14. ADJOURNMENT

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