

# WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## August 16, 2017, 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 12, 2017, 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. FLAG SALUTE
3. AGENDA REVIEW BY TOWNSHIP CLERK
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Next Regular Township Committee Meeting is September 6, 2017
  - County Ident-a-Shred Days @ Court House, 9 a.m.to Noon on Sept 9, Oct 7, Nov 4 (County residents only; No Businesses; 10 Box Limit)
  - JCP&L/Jaflo Tree Service Vegetation Maintenance Work, July-September
  - PSE&G/Asplundh ROW Herbicide Application, Begins August 15<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. July 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (limited to 15 minutes)
7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S)
  - A. Resolution to Enter Closed Session re: Litigation (Affordable Housing); Safety & Protection of the Public; Personnel
  - B. Reports by Department Heads
8. INTRODUCTION AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES
  - A. Introduction: Ordinance 07, 2017 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, COUTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY
    - 1) Read by Title 2) Motion to Introduce on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 3) Set Public Hearing
9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Open Space
    - 1) Authorization to Post June 13, 2017 Minutes to Website
    - 2) Recommendation Concerning Possible Donation of Block 12 Lot 50
    - 3) Project Status Updates
  - B. Environmental
    - 1) Implementation of the Alexauken Creek Watershed Plan/No Cost Time Extension
  - C. Finance Advisory
    - 1) Authorization to Post May 15, 2017 & June 5, 2017 Minutes to Website
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Possible Appointments
  - B. Updates:
    - 1) Possible Report on Cost Savings Measures

- C. Community Aggregation Resolution/August 30<sup>th</sup> Bid Receipt
- D. Employee Health Benefits Proposal
  - 1) Continued Discussion
  - 2) PBA Letter & Possible Response
  - 3) Possible Decision and/or Professional Services Resolution
- E. Possible Action on Current Open Positions
  - 1) Waste Security Laborer (Recycling)
  - 2) Construction/Zoning Officer Manager
  - 3) Police Department Custodian
- F. Consideration of Non-Binding November Ballot Question re: Police Services
- G. Request for Extension/Official Last Day
  - 1) Resolution of Confirmation
  - 2) Consideration of Policy Amendment
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Salary & Wage Amendment Resolution
  - B. Municipal Alliance Sub-grant Agreement & Resolution
  - C. Consideration of Affordable Housing Resolution
  - D. Zoning Consultant Services
  - E. Discussion Concerning Farmland Application Inspection Fee
- 12. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 13. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - A. Treasurer
    - Presentation of Bills for Approval
    - Treasurer Report
  - B. Tax Collector Report for July 2017
  - C. Construction
  - D. Court Report for July 2017
  - E. Police Report for July 2017
  - F. Website Review
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE
  - A. NJ League of Municipalities
    - Daily Update re:
      - + Innovation in Governance Awards-2017 Invitation, 7/19 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + CY 2017/SFY 2018 Best Practices Checklist Issued; Contact Your Federal Representatives During August Recess; Registration for 102<sup>nd</sup> NJLM conference Now Open; Upcoming Seminars, 8/2 (forwarded e-mail)
      - + NJ Healthy Communities Network 2018 Community Grants Program; Upcoming Seminars, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
    - Weekly Update re:
      - + State Policy Issues (*Governor Takes Action on Library Bill & Airbnb Legislation; Impact of FY2018 Increase in School Aid to Certain Districts; 20% Interest Arbitration Cap to Expire at End of Year*); Federal Policy Issues (*Federal Communications Commission and Local Government*); Annual League Conference (*Don't Use Unauthorized Hotel Reservation Services; Plan Now for November*); Also of Interest (*Innovation in Governance Recognition Program; Progress of Federal Appropriation for State of Good Repair Grant for Northeast Corridor; Free Training to Keep Municipality in Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, 7/21* (forwarded e-mail)
    - Legislative Bulletin, No 4, June 2017

- + State Policy Issues (*Governor Takes Action on Bills of Interest; NJ Supreme Court Issues Two Rulings Concerning the Tort Claims Act; 2% Interest Arbitration Cap to Expire at End of Year*); Federal Policy Issues (*Update on Federal FY 18 Budget*); Annual League Conference (*Don't Use Unauthorized Hotel Reservation Services; Plan Now for November*); Also of Interest (*Innovation in Governance Recognition Program; Free Event! Creating Health and Inclusive Communities; Free Training to Keep Municipalities in Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program; Nominations Being Accepted for Annual Recycling Awards Program; August Grants Posted*), 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- + State Issues (*CY2017/SFY 2018 Best Practices Checklist Issued; NJ Supreme Courts Issues 2 Opinions of Interest; Proposed Rulemaking; Take Action: 2% Interest Arbitration Cap*); Federal Issues (*August Recess Action Needed of Federal Budget Package; Federal Debt Ceiling Deadline is Coming; Federal Tax Reform Outlined & Details to be Determined*); 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual League Conference (*Don't Use Unauthorized Hotel Reservation Services; Plan Now for November*); Also of Interest (*Innovation in Governance Recognition Program; Free Event! Creating Healthy & Inclusive Communities; Free Training to Keep Municipalities in Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program; Nominations Being Accepted for Annual Recycling Awards Program*), 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- + State Issues (*Governor Takes Action; Proposed Rulemaking; NJ Court Decisions; 2% Interest Arbitration Cap; State Health Benefits Program/Rates*); Federal Issues (*Preliminary Opioid Crisis Commission Report Released; Federal Transit Administration Public-Private Partnership Rule Proposed for Public Comment; Time to Talk to Your Federal Reps*); 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual League Conference; Also of Interest (*Innovation in Governance Recognition Program; Creating Healthy & Inclusive Communities; Free Training on National Flood Insurance Program; Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards for Innovations; Free Webinar on Sign Laws & Panhandling Ordinance*), 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- Annual Audit Statement for Fiscal Year 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017, 7/28
- Mayor's Newsline – August 2017, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- Annual Conference in Atlantic City November 14-16
- B. United States
  - Russell Fox/FEMA re:
    - + Region II Individual & Community Preparedness Bulletin – July 19, 2017 Volume 2, Issue 29, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Region II Individual & Community Preparedness Bulletin – August 1, 2017, Volume 2, Issue 31, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Deborah Costa/FEMA re:
    - + Region II Individual & Community Preparedness Bulletin, 7/26 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Volunteers Needed: Virtual Workshop for Houses of Worship, 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Paul Perillo/FEMA re: Region II Individual & Community Preparedness Bulletin, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Lisa M. Blumerman/U.S. Census Bureau re: 2020 Census Local Update, 7/17
- C. State of New Jersey
  - DCA re:
    - + Statement of State Aid, 7/21 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + GovConnect Update: July 31 2017, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + CY2017/SFY2018 Municipal Best Practices, 8/2 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + Proposed Regulations – Officials Licensed by DLGS, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
    - + LFN 2017-15: Uniform Construction Code Fee Revenues, 8/14 (forwarded e-mail)

- DEP re:
  - + 2017 Recycling Awards, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Weekly Update re:
    - \* Flounder Decision, 7/20 (forwarded e-mail)
    - \* Sheppards Mill Acquisition; Recycling Awards Nominations; Flounder Hook Distribution, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - \* Two River Resiliency aping Outreach; Weston Dam Removal Project; Harvest the Bay Day, 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Significant Weather Event this Weekend, 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + A310 Incident Notification, 8/1 (forwarded e-mail)
- DOT re:
  - + Applications Now Accepted for 2018 State Aid Programs, 7/24
  - + Preconstruction Meeting – Route 179, Route 165 to Route 31/202 Pavement, 7/27 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Preconstruction Conference 8/8/17 for NJDOT, MRRC Central, Sub Region C-1 Contract No C109, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
- PERC re: Proposed Amendments: Negotiations, Impasse Procedures, Compulsory Interest Arbitration of Labor Disputes in Public Fire & Police Departments, 8/7 (forwarded e-mail)(
- Dept of State re:
  - A Letter from Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, July 2017, 7/18 (forwarded e-mail)
  - A Letter from Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, August 2017, 8/4 (forwarded e-mail)
- Senator Turner re:
  - + Turner Times Newsletter July 2017, 7/31 (forwarded e-mail)
  - + Acknowledgement of 2% Cap on Arbitration Resolution, 8/3
  - + Turner Times Newsletter August 2017, 8/9 (forwarded e-mail)
- D. Hunterdon County
  - Planning Board re: Fall Breakfast Talk & Survey, 8/8 (forwarded e-mail)
- E. West Amwell Township
  - James M. Mets/Mets-Schiro-McGovern re: PBA Local 188 & Potential Change I Health Benefits, 7/27
- \* F. Other Municipalities
  - Kingwood Township re: Resolution Supporting Creation of a HC Daytime Fire Department, 7/17 (forwarded e-mail)
  - Borough of Milford re: Resolution Supporting the Creation of a County Daytime Fire Department to Support Our Volunteer Fire Companies, 4/11 (forwarded e-mail)
- G. Statewide Insurance Fund re: Renewal, 7/17
- H. Norris-McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. re: Verizon Wireless Position on Zoning Process Non-Applicability Reservation of Rights, 7/25
- I. Hunterdon Drug Awareness Program re: Donation Acknowledged, 7/17
- J. Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area re: August 2017 Crossroads eNewsletter, 7/28 (forwarded e-mail)
- K. Raritan Headwaters re: Seminar for Local Leaders: Arsenic Awareness Toolkit, Sept 14, 8/11 (forwarded e-mail)

15. ADJOURNMENT

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