

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

December 6, 2023 – 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 11, 2023, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on that 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

- Certified Election Results: Robert Balaam, Jr. – Twp. Comm. 3 Year Term
- Referendum Results: 676 to 278 in Favor of Purchasing a Pumper Engine for the Fire Co.
- Municipal Offices will be CLOSED Fri./Mon. 12/22/23 & 12/25/23: Christmas
- The Last Township Committee Meeting for 2023 is: 12/27/23
- The “Go Live” for the New Tax Office Software is Expected to be 1/1/24
- Kindly Turn Cell Phones Off During the Meeting

5. PROCLAMATION: Retired Master Poll Worker – Brenda Reasoner

6. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

November 15, 2023 – Regular Session and Closed Session

7. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA *(Limited to 15 minutes)*

8. INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

Public Hearing: Ordinance 9, 2023 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 38 “POLICE DEPARTMENT,” PART 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” ARTICLE III “PROMOTIONS,” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO CLARIFY THE PROMOTION PROCESS

1. Read by Title
2. Public Hearing
3. Action on Ordinance

Public Hearing: Ordinance 12, 2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO AMEND CHAPTER 109, “LAND DEVELOPMENT,” PART 10 “CANNABIS,” ARTICLE XLIII “CANNABIS RELATED BUSINESSES,” TO AMEND CHAPTER 130, “LICENSING” AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 140, “TAXATION,” ARTICLE I “CANNABIS TRANSFER TAX,” AND TO ADD CHAPTER 111, ARTICLE II, CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSING.

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Introduction: Ordinance 13, 2023 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” AND MORE PARTICULARLY BY AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, ENTITLED “PLANNING BOARD” AND ARTICLE IX, ENTITLED “ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT” FOR THE PURPOSE OF VESTING IN THE PLANNING BOARD ALL OF THE POWERS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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9. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution #96-2023 – Authorizing CY2023 Budget Transfers
- B. Resolution #99-2023 – Authorizing Submission of Grant Application
- C. Resolution #100-2023 – Supporting GMNJ’s Appl. to NJCRC for Class I Cultivation/Class 2 Manuf. License
- D. Resolution #101-2023 – Supporting Arbory Wellness Appl. to NJCRC for Class 5 Retailer License

10. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

- A. Approval: Professional Services Contract: Special Engineer Frank Sadeghi of Morgan Engineering
- B. Discussion: Letter from Hunt & Faherty, re: Deed for 125 Hancock Street Block 44 Lot 11
- C. Discussion: Request from DPW Supervisor C. Gabel to take a DPW Vehicle Home Daily

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Treasurer – Bill List: 11/14/23, 11/27/23 & 12/5/23
- B. Court Administrator – Monthly Report: October 2023

13. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS – (Limited to 15 Minutes)

14. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – (Limited to 5 Minutes Each)

- A. Open Space
- C. Ag Advisory
- B. Environmental
- D. Finance Committee

15. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – (Limited to 15 minutes)

16. OTHER

Resolution #102-2023: Closed Session – Contracts/Possible Litigation: Prescriptive Easement for DPW and Land Acquisition/Personnel and Matters Falling Under Attorney Client Privilege

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ League of Municipalities
- B. United States
- C. State of New Jersey
 - 1. Notification from NJDEP, re: Request for Letter of Interpretation on Block 21 Lot 50.02
- D. Hunterdon County
- E. West Amwell
- F. Other Municipalities
- G. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Notification from Elizabethtown Gas 11/28/23, re: Public Hearings on Rate Increases
 - 2. Notification from JCP&L, re: Public Hearings on Amortization Period for Recovery of COVID Costs

18. ADJOURNMENT

c: Trenton Times (fax) Democrat (fax) Website (posting)