

East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
MARCH 11, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.- Amended Agenda

1) CALL TO ORDER Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

3) AGENDA REVIEW BY CLERK

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Hunterdon County will hold a household hazardous waste clean-up day on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the County Complex. (A computer and electronics day is scheduled for April 10th at the same location, same time.) Call 908:788-1110 for details or email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us

B. Day Light Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 2:00 a.m. Move your clocks ahead one hour.

C. The Township Committee will hold special meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, and on Monday, March 29, to discuss the 2010 budget. The public is invited to attend.

D. The Recreation Committee will hold their annual Egg Hunt at the municipal field on March 27th at 11 a.m. Rain date is on April 3rd at the same time.

E. Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday, April 2, for Good Friday.

F. The annual roadside clean up event will be held on April 17, 2010 – Call Blaine Hummel at 609:466-2907 or email at blaine.hummel@erm.com to register for a road.

G. School Board Elections will be held on April 20, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. All polls are located at the East Amwell Township Building.

H. The annual clean up day will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2010, on the municipal lot from 8 a.m. until noon. Permits may be purchased at the municipal building during regular hours: \$15.00/car; \$20.00/SUV; \$35.00/truck.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 4, 2010, Special Meeting – Budget

B. February 11, 2010, Special Meeting – Stormwater Management Program

C. February 11, 2010, Regular Meeting

D. February 11, 2010, Executive Meeting – Possible Litigation, Litigation, Contracts, Attorney Advice

E. February 11, 2010, Executive Meeting – Contracts

F. February 23, 2010, Special Meeting – Budget

G. February 23, 2010, Executive Meeting – Personnel and Contracts

6) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Comments pertaining to topics not on tonight's agenda (limited to total of 15 minutes)

7) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing:

A. ORDINANCE 10-03: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 92, SECTION 92-20, FEES AND ESCROWS, TO INCREASE THE ESCROW FEE FOR BULK VARIANCES

1) Proof of Publication; 2) Public Hearing; 3) Action on Ordinance

B. 2010 OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND HEARING

Introduction of Ordinances:

A. ORDINANCE 10-04: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

B. ORDINANCE 10-05: BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF BACK BROOK ROAD, APPROPRIATING \$160,000 THEREFORE, INCLUDING \$139,000 AVAILABLE FROM GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND REAPPROPRIATED FROM CAPITAL ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP AND \$21,000 AVAILABLE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$139,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

A. Presentation by Representatives from Comcast Cable – 1st Quarterly Meeting in 2010

B. Winter Road Treatment – Discussion with DPW Superintendent Kadezabek (See 2/23/10 minutes for background information)

- 3/11 email from Clerk on Current Salt/Grit Procedures in East Amwell
- 2/18 Article on Rock Salt Threat to NJ Waterways after On-Slaughter of Snow/Ice
- 2/19 Email from Jeffrey Nichel
- 2/14 Email from Dan DeWaters and 2/15 Response from Timothy Matheny

9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Ad Hoc Bridge Committee Update – Larry Tatsch and Linda Lenox

10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Farmland/Open Space Preservation

- 1) Zuegner, B. 17/L.34 (see 2/15 Atty./Client Email from Attorney Cushing & 3/3 Inter-office Deliberative Memo from J. Conard) – Resolution to Enter Executive Session
- 2) Gutowski/Paulson, B.35.01/L. 37 - Update from Attorney Cushing in Executive Session
- 3) 3/9 Email from Judy Conard Requesting Appraisals for Zoffinger, B.37/L.15 and Requesting Additional Appraisal Funding for Two Green Acre Projects

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Township Administrator's Update

- 1) PEOSHA Inspection
- 2) Board of Health Administrative Officer Update
- 3) Approval of 2010 Dues for Clerk – see 2/23/10 Memo
- 4) Direct Install Visit
- 5) 3/3 Email from TRC Energy Services on Audit Cost
- 6) Request from Ringoes Grange to Include Community Calendar on Website (see 3/6 City Connections Email with Policy for Use of Community Calendar)
- 7) Traffic Enforcement
- 8) Other

- B. Complaint from Hugh McGee re: Reference to Drainage Easement on His Property (See 2/11/10 minutes for background information)

- C. Change in 2010 Township Committee Liaisons: Request from F/OSPC to Assign Member Patricia Cregar as Liaison

- D. 2/19 Letter from West Amwell Mayor Tom Molnar on Shared Services

- E. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Contracts, Litigation, Potential Litigation, Land Acquisition, and to Receive Advice from the Township Attorney)

12) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update from Mayor Kneski on 2/24/10 Mayor's 18th Annual Legislative Day in Trenton

- B. RAFFLE LICENSE RA-10-01: East Amwell Township School PTO: Off-Premises

50%-50% Raffle to be held on May 26, 2010

13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. TREASURER LUHRS:
 - Possible Resolutions
 - Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand

- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
 - February 2010 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
 - Possible Resolutions

- C. CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL DODDY: February 2010 Permit Fee and Certificate Log Reports

- D. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: February 2010 Municipal Court Report

- E. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: February 2010 Road Activities Report

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
 - 2/9 Interest Arbitration Reform & 2/22 Sample Resolution
 - 2/9, 2/18, 2/22 Pension Reform Bills S-2, S-3, S-4 & SCR-1
 - 2/11 Governor Declares Fiscal Emergency
 - 2/12 Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs Team
 - 2/9 Changes to the DLG website
 - 2/18 Review of New Local Financial and General Governmental Laws
 - 2/19 Continuing Health Insurance for Dependents
 - 2/22 Courts Stays Governor's Stay on COAH & Time of Decision
 - 2/22 S-1352 OPRA Mandates Would Increase Local Costs and Decrease Local Revenues
 - 2/22 Support the Troops –March 25 at the Lawrenceville Armory
 - 2/12 Speak Out: A Guide to State Level Advocacy for Municipal Officials
 - 2/28 March 2010 Mayors' Newsline
 - 2/24 Community Energy Outreach Trainings
 - 2/25 Affordable Housing Update; Governor Christie's Mayors Legislative Day Speech Broadcast; NJ Future Redevelopment Forum Postponed
 - 2/15 February 2010 Snow Emergency Issues
 - 2/16 Revised- Important OPRA Fees
 - 2/16 Affordable Housing, COAH and Executive Order
 - 2/16 League Staff Membership in PERS
 - 3/2 Change Clocks, Check and Update Plans
 - 3/3 Federal Action on Transportation Funding and Unemployment Benefits
 - 3/3 2010 Census Website Logo

- 3/2 Changes to the DLG Website
- 3/2 Social Media to be Discussed at Statewide Conference
- 3/5 Urgent: Builders Push A-437 on Time of Decision to Assembly Floor
- 3/8 Urgent: Time of Decision Posted for Senate

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- * - 2/11 DOT re: Dutch Lane, FY 2010 Municipal Aid Program
- 2/18 DEP No Further Action Letter to B. 14.01/L.9
- 2/26 EDA Treasury Letter re: Funding Related to Meszaros Auto Wrecking
- 2/26 DEP Proposed Amendments to FFY2010 Clean Water Priority System
- 2/2 Assemblyman Peterson Acknowledgement of Tax Levy Cap Resolution
- 2/26 Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development: Abatement of PEOSHA Violations
- 3/3 DEP No Further Action Letter, B. 40.02/L.7
- * - 2/25 NJ Department of Community Affairs Request for Resolution Designating March 2010 as Women's History Month

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 2/9 Utilities Authority No Shared Services Recycling Coordinator and Recycling Mandates
- 2/23 Utilities Authority - Upcoming Meeting on 3/5 to Discuss Municipal Recycling Responsibilities
- 2/17 Freeholders' Resolution on Unnecessary Tax Burdens and Working With The Governor on Tax Reform
- 2/22 Open Space Trust Fund Program – 2010 County OSTF Distribution and Municipal Allocations
- 2/23 Soil Conservation District B. 25/L. 4 – Letter of Conditional Certification
- 2/23 Board of Taxation, 2010 Preliminary Equalization Table
- 2/16 Hunterdon Central High School re: Letter to NJ Department of Education Concerning State Aid Cut of \$2,056,258 for 2009-10
- 2/16 and 2/22 Planning Board re: 2010 Census
- 3/3 Utilities Authority re Statutory Recycling Mandates
- 3/4 Planning Board County Septic System Inventory Database

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- February 2010 Recycling Committee 2010 Goals
- 2/8 Recycling Committee Call for 2010 Spring Newsletter Articles by 3/5
- 2/16 SWAC Report from Will Harrison
- 2/25 Zoning Officer Notice to Cease Violation/B.40/L.51.05 (Fiscor)
- Gebhardt & Kiefer:
 - 2/8 Letter from Atty. Cushing to NJ Appellate Division Clerk's Office Re: Joan McGee v. East Amwell Twp.
 - 3/2 Email from Atty. Cushing re: First Aid and Fire Company Governing Body Members
 - 2/15 Atty./Client Privilege Email from Atty. Cushing re: FSHC Appeal of Executive Order
 - 2/15 Atty./Client Privilege Email from Atty. Cushing re: S-1/Impacts On Municipalities

- 2/13 Atty./Client Privilege Email from Atty. Cushing re: Fiscor
- 2/13 Atty./Client Privilege Email from Atty. Cushing re: OPRA/
Digest Number 330
- 2/16 Atty. Cushing to GRC re: GRC Complaint 2007-305
- 2/24 Atty. Cushing to Atty. Wild re: Paulson/Gutowski
- 2/28 & 2/22 Emails from Resident Bausmith re: Weight Limit on Route 514
and 2/26 response from Township Administrator
- F. MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, public hearing notice, Master Plan and Farmland
Preservation Plan Element – 2/22/10 at 7:30 p.m.
- G. BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, ICS 402 Program for Officials – 3/10/10 – 7 p.m.
- H. BEACHWOOD BORO, 2/17 Email Pertaining to Proposed Legislation Affecting
Clerks and Municipalities
- I. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, 3/3 Resolution Urging Legislature to Reform Interest
Arbitration
- J. TOWN OF CLINTON, 2/24 Resolution Opposing a Proposed Bloomsbury Industrial
Park in Franklin Township, Warren County
- K. DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 13, No. 1 – ask for copy
- L. RARITAN VALLEY RAIL COALITION, 2/17/10 email re: March 1 Meeting
Announcement and 12/14/09 Meeting Summary
- * M. STONY BROOK MILLSTONE WATERSHED ASSN., 2/10 State of the Watershed
Report for 2010
- N. COMCAST, 1/11, 2/26, 3/8 – Package Changes; Price Adjustments; Wealth TV
- * O. NJ MONTHLY, March 2010 Edition, Listing East Amwell Township as one of the
Top 100 Towns – copy on file in Clerk’s Office
- * P. Nancy Spoerke, Brockton, MA, 3/5 email request for Silver Star Families of America
Resolution
- Q. STOPDATINGVIOLENCE.ORG, 3/5 Resolution for Sexual Assault Awareness
Month
- R. D & R GREENWAY LAND TRUST, Newsletter, Vol. 17, Number 2.

16) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News