

East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
FEBRUARY 10, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.

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. 2011 Dog Licenses are now due: \$12/altered dog; \$15/non-altered dog; the rabies inoculation must cover the entire licensing period - call 908:782-8536 x 10 for details.
- B. Municipal Offices will be closed on February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- C. The Township Committee will hold the following special meetings on Thursday, February 24, 2011:
 - 7:15 p.m. to interview a candidate for a township board
 - 7:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing on Ordinance 11-04 (Bond Ordinance for \$295,000 for the acquisition of farmland easements on Zuegner and Drift Properties) and to discuss the 2011 budget.
- D. Comcast Representatives will attend the following 2011 Township Committee Meetings: March 10; June 9, September 8, and December 29, 2011
- E. Hunterdon County will hold a hazardous waste day on March 12 and a computer and Electronics Collection Day on March 26, 2011. Both events will take place at the County Complex on Route 12 in Flemington from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us for more information
- F. The Environmental Commission and Recycling Committees have announced the 2011 Dates for Road-side Clean Up on April 16 and Annual Clean Up Day on April 30. Details will be provided closer to the events.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 13, 2011, Special Minutes (Interview)
- B. January 13, 2011 Regular Minutes
- C. February 1, 2011, Special Minutes (Interview)
- D. February 1, 2011, Special Minutes (Introduction of Ordinance 11-04, Budget, Resolution for Executive Session for Personnel)
- E. February 1, 2011, Executive Minutes (Personnel)

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

7) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearings:

A. ORDINANCE 11-01: AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2010 SALARY AND WAGE SCHEDULE

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

B. ORDINANCE 11-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, SPECIFICALLY "ZONING, CHAPTER 92" OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP

- Overview of Ordinance by Planner Joanna Slagle

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

C. ORDINANCE 11-03: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 21, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 20, LOT 17.01, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$435,000.00 THEREFORE FROM THE OPEN SPACE TAX TRUST FUND AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY TO D & R GREENWAY LAND TRUST TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY AS OPEN SPACE

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

Introduction of Ordinances:

A. ORDINANCE 11-05: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 75, FEES, ARTICLE I, C. MISCELLANEOUS FEES FOR TRASH PERMITS, AND CHAPTER 120, SOLID WASTE, SECTION 120-2, FEES, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR SUV OR MID-SIZE VEHICLES AND TO FURTHER DEFINE THESE VEHICLES

- (See 1/16/11 Memo from Recycling Committee Suggesting the Increase in Fee.)

8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

A. Continued Discussion on Lock Box and Exotic Pet Ordinances with the Amwell Valley Fire Company

9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Continued Appointments to 2011 Committees/ Boards
 - Tree Harvesting Committee – Environmental Commission Member
 - Recycling Committee – Regular Member and Township Committee Member
 - Sourland Alliance Alternate – Township Liaison
- B. Farmland/Open Space Preservation
 - 1/24 Letter from SADC re: Block 34/Lot 34 and Request for Input on Voluntary Preservation by Property Owner
- C. Zoning Board of Adjustment:
 - 1) 1/12 Letter from Matt Wilkinson re: Waiver of Bills for Appearance Before the Board of Adjustment - AJ-10-04
- D. Recycling Committee: 1/31 Notice from East Amwell Township School Regarding \$50,000 Grand Prize in the TerraCycle Recycling Contest
- E. Historic Preservation Committee: Request to Provide Input on the Dippolito Property, B. 18/L.1 in Response to the SADC 1-24-11 Email – Barbara Sageser, Chairwoman will be present.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Continued Appointments for 2011:
 - Timothy Matheny – Qualified Purchasing Agent
 - Peter Buchanan, Phil Izzo - Smoke Detector Inspections
 - PAIC Insurance Commissioner Tatsch and Deputy Commissioner Matheny
- B. Township Administrator's Update
 - 1) Deputy Clerk/Board of Health Position
 - 2) Horse Signs/AVTA Purchase
 - 3) Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Additional Road Salt for 2011
 - 4) Resident Complaints about Mailboxes
 - 5) JCP&L Tree Trimming -Maps are available in Clerk's Office
 - 6) 1/14 Letter from Hopewell Valley Engineering re: Dutch Lane Engineering Plans for Roadway Improvements
 - 7) Raritan Township Police December 2010 & January 2011 Monthly Reports
 - 8) Other:

12) NEW BUSINESS

- A. 1/26/11 Letter from NJ Department of Transportation Announcing a 2011 Municipal Aid Program for Pedestrian Safety Improvements in the Amount of \$180,000
- B. 1/25 Letter from Governor's Office Regarding Delaware Township/East Amwell Township Joint Municipal Court Appointment of Judge
- C. Discussion on Materials to be Provided in Hard Copy to the Governing Body at the Township Committee Meetings, Email Communications, and Wireless Network

D. Date to be Set and Direction for Township Committee Brainstorming Meeting on Future Township Committee Items for Township Improvements

E. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Receive Advice from the Attorney and to Hear a Presentation from the Township Administrator on Safety Issues

13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. TREASURER LUHRS:

- Transfer Resolution, if applicable
- Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand
- Possible Resolutions, Including Amending Resolution Authorizing Signatures on Township Bank Accounts at Hopewell Valley Community Bank

B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:

- January 2011 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
- Possible Resolutions

C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: January 2011 Municipal Court Report

D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: January 2011 Road Activities Report

15) CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- NJ Municipalities February 2011 Edition – Available in Clerk’s Office
Or download on line at www.njslom.org
- 1/13 Mayors Respond to 12th Annual League Survey
- 1/14 New Local Finance Notices; 2011; 2011 CY Budget Deadline Extensions; Revised Bid Acceptance Dates
- 1/14 S-1 Reforming COAH, Passes Both Houses
- 1/14 Preliminary Damage Assessment for Recent Snow Storms
- 1/18 Changes to the DLGS Website
- 1/19 Update on Legal Challenge to COAH 3rd Round Regulations
- 1/21 Verizon Business Personal Property Tax Update
- 1/21 1.5% Health Care Contributions Law Held to be Constitutional
- 1/24 Local Finance Notice on 2011-2012 Budget Matters
- 1/24 Governor Conditionally Vetoes S-1 (COAH); State Supreme Court Stays March 8 Deadline to Develop New Rules
- 1/25 Committee Hearing on December Snow Removal and Public Safety
- 1/25 Contracting Unit Power Supply Procurement Guidance; Public Health Update on NJ Animal Rabies Cases for 2010
- 1/26 Governor Signs A-2844 (State Budget Posting) and S-1466 (Flashing

Amber Lights on Sanitation Vehicles) into Law

- 1/28 League's Website Provides Valuable Resources
- 1/28 Workplace Blood Donor Coalition
- Undated, Information on League Membership and Benefits
- 2/3 Census Bureau Ships Local 2010 Data to NJ
- 2/3 Available for Download: Collaborating on Real Solutions to 2% Cap
Audio and Video of 1/29 Program
- 2/3 Recent Changes to DLGS website
- 2/4 Conditional Veto of Civil Service Reform
- 2/4 a-3766 Market Competition and Consumer Choice Act Amended
- 2/4 US Census Bureau Delivers NJ 2010 Census Population Totals
- 2/4 Revisions to the Open Public Meetings Act
- 2/4 Speaking Out: Municipal Advocacy at the State Level

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 2/4 DCA Copy of Table of Equalized Valuations
- 1/25 Assemblyman DiMaio re: DOT Grant Aid for Pedestrian Safety
Improvements
- 1/15 DEP Hazardous Substance Notice, 1019 Route 202 - Diesel Spill
(ask for copy)
- 1/13 Assemblyman DiMaio re: Resolution for Reserve for Uncollected
Taxes Outside the Cap
- 1/25 Assemblyman Peterson re: Resolution for Reserve for Uncollected
Taxes Outside the Cap
- 1/24 DEP Notice of Withdrawal of Freshwater Wetlands General Permit
Application on Route 518

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 2/1 Soil Conservation District – Conditional Certification B.21/L. 16.05
-ask for copy
- 1/27 Email from Freeholder's Office re: Sharing Services Seminar on
1/31/11
- 1/31 HART 2009-10 Annual Report - ask to see copy

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 12/22 Comments from Diane and Ted Harrington on Solar Ordinances
(This letter was previously listed on the 12/29 agenda)
- 2/7 Letter from Diane Harrington re: Solar Facilities
- 1/23 Email from R. Cushing re: NJ Bidding Dates for 2011

**F. RARITAN TOWNSHIP, 1/19 notice of public hearing on Land Management
Ordinances on 2/15 at 7 p.m.**

**G. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, 1/20 Resolution requesting HC Freeholders Engage in
an Analysis of Municipal Services and also Potential for Shared Services for
Police, Fire and Rescue**

**H. MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, 1/21 Public Hearing notice for two Land
Development Ordinances on 2/17/11 at 7 p.m.**

**I. MILFORD BOROUGH, 1/18 Resolution Requesting HC Freeholders Engage in an
Analysis of Municipal Services**

- J. TOWN OF CLINTON, 2/3 Resolution Opposing S-1 Legislation Relative to Affordable Housing
- J. NJ LAND CONSERVATION, Announcement of Rally on 3/19 in Lincroft - ask for Copy
- K. ANJEC, 2011 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grants Information - Ask for Copy
- L. NJ PLANNING OFFICIALS, 12/10-1/11 Edition of the NJ Planner Newsletter - Ask for Copy
- M. AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION - National Wear Red Day for Women On 2/4/11 - ask for information
- N. VERIZON, 1/25/11 Annual Remittance Statement Franchise Fee for 2010
- O. COMCAST, 1/21/11 Check in the amount of \$3,331.10 for 2010 use of Municipal Rights of Way
- P. PSE&G, 1/24 Increase in Charges Notice

16) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News