

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
APRIL 14, 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. The Annual Road-side Clean Up Day is on Saturday, April 16 from dawn to dusk. Register with Blaine Hummel at 609-466-2907 for a road to clean.
- B. Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011.
- C. The Annual Clean Up Day is on Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. - noon on the municipal lot. Permits may be pre-purchased at the Clerk's Office: \$15-car; \$25/SUV or mid-sized van; \$35/pick-up truck.
- D. The Township Committee will hold a special brainstorming meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the municipal building. The public is invited to attend. Note the NEW date for this meeting.
- E. A plant exchange will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. – noon in front of the municipal building. Buy a plant/trade a plant!

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 10, 2011 Regular Minutes
- B. March 10, 2011, Executive Minutes (Personnel and Twp. Administrator Contract)
- C. March 16, 2011, Special Minutes (Interview and Appointment)
- D. March 16, 2011, Special Minutes (Budget)

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 HEARINGS

Public Hearings:

- A. ORDINANCE 11-06 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011 AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A:4-45.14)

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

Introduction of Ordinances:

- A. ORDINANCE 11-07 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FURTHER AMENDING CHAPTER 92 (LAND MANAGEMENT) OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL REGARDING SOLAR AND PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES
- B. ORDINANCE 11-08 THE 2011 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

- C. ORDINANCE 11-09 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN OVERLAY ON LINDBERGH ROAD (.17 MILES FROM RIDGE NORTH) AS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$65,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
- D. ORDINANCE 11-10 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR LEVELING AND SUBGRADE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP ROADS AS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$76,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
- E. ORDINANCE 11-11 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SUPER DUTY STRAIGHT BLADE SNOW PLOW AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$4,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Discussion before Introduction on Fees for Stormwater Management Review and Zoning Review for Construction Permits by the Zoning Officer and for Summer Playground Participation

- F. AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 75, FEES, TO INCLUDE FEES FOR ZONING OFFICER REVIEW FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, FEES FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REVIEWS, AND SUMMER PLAYGROUND FEES, AND CHAPTER 6, CHARGES FOR COPIES OF TOWNSHIP RECORDS

8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. An Amendment to the 2011 Open Space Trust Fund

INTRODUCTION:

A. 2011 EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BUDGET

9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Farmland/Open Space Preservation

- 1) Appointment of Christine Rosikiewicz as the Recreation Committee Liaison (email of 3/15/11 from A. Lovisa "stepping down")
- 2) Request for Resolution for Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds in the Amount of \$24,315.43 for B. 21/L. 16 & 16.01 Preservation Costs
- 3) 3/30 Hunterdon Land Trust/East Amwell Township Agreement for Monetary Contribution to the Acquisition of a Deed of Easement on B. 27/L. 33 (Drift/Beaver Creek) - fyi
- 4) Agreement of Purchase of Interest in Unimproved Real Property Between East Amwell Township and D & R Greenway Land Trust for B. 21/L.1 and B.20/L.17.01
- 5) 3/31 Letter from SADC re: Block 11/Lot 3, Southwark Farms, re: Voluntary Sale of Development Easement to State

B. Agricultural Advisory Committee

- 1) Appointment of John Perehynys to the Tree Harvesting Committee

C. Recycling Committee

- 1) Two Annual Resolutions for Tonnage Grants

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Township Administrator's Update:

- 1) Adjustment to 2011 Mileage Benefit from .50 to .51 cents
- 2) Stony Brook Road Update
- 3) Handex Update
- 4) Sidewalks in Ringoes - Meeting with Hunterdon County on 3/22 and 3/9 Notice from State of New Jersey
- 5) Public Defender Appointment – Professional Services Resolution

- 6) Questions from Recreation Committee on Municipal Ball Field Modification
- 7) 2010-11 Annual Visitation of Municipal Court - 4/19/11
- 8) Hopewell Valley 3/22 Update on East Amwell Files
- 9) Raritan Township March 2011 Traffic Enforcement Report
- 10) Advertisement of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Dog Census Positions
- 11) Update on Hunterdon Central Regional High School (3/23) and East Amwell Township School (4/11) Budget Meetings
- 12) Update on Property Complaint at 65 John Ringo Road
- 13) Other

B. RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION to receive attorney's advice and to continue discussion on the Township Administrator's Contract

12) NEW BUSINESS

- A. 3/29 Letter from Ringoes Traffic Safety Committee re: Detour onto Old York Road/Route 179 in the Village of Ringoes with Sample Letters to Area Truckers
- B. Request from Joe Saling for Somerset Wheelmen Bicycle Race Event in East Amwell on Saturday, June 14, 2011
- C. 3/31 Email From Mayor Tatsch with Hunterdon Municipal Data Base Information And update from Committee member Kneski on 4/7 Hunterdon County Shared Service Meeting (See page 26 of Municipal Data Base re: Ranking)
- D. 3/30 Email from Mayor Tatsch re: Census 2010 and Actual Population Estimate

13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. TREASURER LUHRS:
 - Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand
 - March 2011 Revenues Report
 - Cash Management Plan
 - Possible Resolutions
- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
 - March 2011 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
 - Report of Uncollectible Taxes
 - Possible Resolutions
- C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: March 2011 Municipal Court Report
- D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: March 2011 Road Activities Report

15) CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- 4/7 New Financial Disclosure Reporting Requirements
- 4/7 Urging for Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds/
Sample Resolution
- 4/6 New Content on DLGS Website
- 4/6 Support Municipal Priority Funding
- April 2011 Issue of Magazine – on file in Clerk’s Office (online-njslom.org)
- April 2011 Legislative Bulletin
- 4/1 BPU 100th Anniversary Conference on 4/21/11 in Trenton
- 4/1 Early Retiree Reinsurance Program Closing
- 3/31 Supreme Court to Hear League's COAH Appeal
- 3/30 CDBG Fate Could be Sealed by April 8
- 3/29 State Treasurer Testifies on Proposed State Budget Full Budget Document
Includes Best Practices Inventory Information
- 3/29 & 3/16 Available Download "Collaborating on Real Solutions to 2% Cap"
- 3/28 Strengthening Municipal Immunity to Tort Claims
- 3/28 Nonpartisan Legislative Budget and Finance Officer Presents State
Tax and Revenue Outlook
- 3/25 State Posts Proposed Transportation Capital Plan for FY 2012
- 3/24 S-2718, Health Benefits Reform
- 3/23 Pothole Assistance from DOT
- 3/23 Governor Signs S-2068 Free Public Library Dedicated Line Item
- 3/21 S-2664 Market Competition Consumer Choice Act Tabled in Senate
- 3/21 New Content on DLGS Site
- 3/17 Legislative Recap for 3/14/11
- 3/16 13th Annual League Baseball Appreciation Day
- 3/16 Oppose S-2664 Market Competition Consumer Choice Act as a Loss for
Local Communities
- 3/15 League President Addresses Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee
- 3/11 League Position on Senator Sweeney's Shared Services Bill S-2794
- 3/11 A-3859, Special Improvement Districts
- 3/11 S-2664 Market Competition Consumer Choice Act
- ** - 3/3 Update on S-2664 (second copy from 3/10 agenda)
- March 2011 Legislative Bulletin

B. UNITED STATES:

- 3/29 Census Bureau - Information on How to Appeal Errors
- 3/30 2010 Census Count Question Resolution Program Brochure

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 4/8 DCA Historic Trust Conference on June 3 in West Long Branch
- 4/7 DOT Route 31 Resurfacing
- 4/5 DEP, B. 27/L.34 No Further Action Letter – ask for copy
- 4/1 GRC Final Decision on GRC 2007-305
- 3/23 DCA, NJ Government Technology Spring Events
- 3/23 DEP Hazardous Discharge Notice, Rte. 179/579
- 3/17 Governor Christie - FY 2012 Budget Proposals
- 3/16 BPU Appeal to FCC Re: Comcast Cable Communications - 2011 Calendar

Year

- 3/15 GRC - OPRA Alert, Vol. 3, Issue 3
- 3/9 Planning Advocacy Office Re: Economic Activity
- 3/9 DOT Executed Grant Agreement for Pedestrian Safety Improvements for FY 2011 - Municipal Aid Program
- 2/23 Dept. of Education, 2011-2012 Municipal Percentage Shares for Tax Levies for Regional School and Merged Districts
- NJ Transit FY 2011 Request for Federal Financial Assistance
- 3/25 NJ Transit Grant Funding Availability

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- NOTICE from SWAC - Recycling Breakfast Talk is rescheduled from 4/1 to 4/15 at the County Complex at 7:30 a.m.
- 3/29 Senior Services, Request for Resolution in Support of Older Americans Month
- 3/16 Board of Taxation Final Equalization Table for 2011
- HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - 3/25 Notice re: Mosquito Control
 - ** - 3/18 10 Welisewitz Road/ No Illegal Shelter/Kennel on Site
- HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
 - No date, Invitation to Visit Political Science Class on 3/21
 - 3/21 Agenda and Information for Budget Meeting with Regional Districts on 3/23/11
- SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT:
 - 3/23 B.20/L.22 Letter of Certification
 - 3/8 B.25/L.10.06 Report of Compliance

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 2011 Goals for Environmental Commission
- 3/11 Trident Environmental Consultants re: East Amwell Twp. B. 3, Lots 1 & 2.02 (Everitt) Letter of Interpretation - on file in Clerk's Office
- 3/23 Safety Meeting Notes
- No Date, East Amwell Twp. School notice on public meeting on 2011 School Budget on 3/17/11
- GEBHARDT & KIEFER:
 - 4/1 Mid-Atlantic Equine Medical Center Maintenance Bond
 - 3/22 GRC Complaint No-2007-305
 - 4/1 Atty./Client Privilege Email on Complaint 2007-305
 - 3/18 Public Bids Information from DLGS
 - 4/7 Scibilia Subordination
- 4/1 Engineer O'Neal to DOT re: Improvements to Dutch Lane

F. WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 3/24 public hearing notice - Land Use Ordinances (Special Meeting Fees and Approval Agency) - 4/27/11 at 7 p.m.
- 3/28 public hearing notice - development at 1136 Rte. 179 - 4/26/11 at 7:30 p.m.

**G. TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON, 3/10 Resolution Opposing Reduced Allocation of

- Open Space Tax Levy Funds to Municipal Grant Programs
- H. TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, 3/30 Copy of Master Plan Amendment - Land Use Element
 - I. TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, 3/27 Resolution Opposing Reduced Allocation of Open Space Tax Levy Funds to Municipal Grant Programs
 - J. SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, no date, notice of Public hearing on B. 169, Lots 4.02, 4.03, 25 and 62 (Higgins) - 4/7 at 7:30 p.m.
 - K. SOUTH BRANCH WATERSHED ASSN.:
 - 3/11 21st Annual South Branch Raritan River Clean Up on 4/16
 - Stream Watcher Spring Newsletter 2011
 - L. HUNTERDON LAND TRUST:
 - 4/6 Address and Name Change
 - 3/8 Program and Financial Information
 - M. TRC, 3/31 Public Notice of Statewide Pipeline Maintenance Project for Texas Eastern Transmission, LP - Maps on file in Clerk's Office
 - N. D & R GREENWAY LAND TRUST, Spring 2011 Newsletter
 - O. PSE&G, public hearing notices on 4/25, 4/27, & 4/28 on tariff changes
 - ask for copy
 - P.

16) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News