

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
AUGUST 11, 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. Hunterdon County Office of the County Engineer will hold a public information meeting on August 17, 2011, between the hours of 6 p.m-7:30 p.m. at the East Amwell Municipal Building on the Resurfacing and Sidewalk Construction Project for County Route 579 and County Route 602 in Ringoes. Plans are on line at www.eastamwelltownship.com or in the Clerk's Office.

B. Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2011 in observance of Labor Day

C. Good Will Industries will be on site during the October 1, 2011, Recycling Depot on the Municipal Lot from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

D. Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold a Computer & Electronics Collection Day on Saturday, October 8, 2011, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the County Complex at 314 Highway 12, Flemington. Contact hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us for details.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 14, 2011 Regular Minutes

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 - None

8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

A. Presentation by John Stevenson of Hunterdon Area Rural Transit (HART) regarding The creation of a rail trail – see 8/3 email from Mayor Tatsch

9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Farmland/Open Space Preservation

1) Hunterdon Land Trust Funding & Easements on Drift, B.27/L.33 & Estate of Hazel Harrison – see 7/27/11 Memo from J. Conard

- 2) Lang Property, Block 27, Lot 53 & 53.01 – 8/5 Email from D & R Greenways to be Discussed in Executive Session

B. Historic Preservation

- 1) Receipt of 8/1/11 Letter from Hunterdon County Open Space and Historic Trust Program re: Grant in the amount of \$61,800 for Clawson House

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Township Administrator's Update

- 1) Appointment of CFO and Staffing of Office – Will be Discussed in Executive Session
- 2) Additional Hours for Board of Health Secretary
- 3) Raritan Township July 2011 Police Report – 17 Hours/50 Summonses
- 4) Other

B. Tree Harvesting Committee:

- 1) Tree Harvesting Committee Report
- 2) Resident Complaints about Harvesting on Stahl Property, B. 5/L. 1.06 & 2
- 3) 7/21 Letter from DPW Superintendent Kadezabek

C. Receipt of 2010 Audit – Certification and Resolution of Receipt by Governing Body

D. NJ DOT Resolution to Award Contract to Mannon Excavating & Paving for Dutch Lane Project – see 8/2/11 email from Walt Wolf, Ferriero Engineering

E. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Farmland Acquisition, Personnel Issues and to Receive Advice from the Township Attorney

12) NEW BUSINESS

A. Social Affairs Permit – ABC License for Event to be held on Stony Brook Meadows Farm 82 Stony Brook Road, Hopewell, NJ - see 8/9 memo from Zoning Officer

B. 2011 Best Management Practices Checklist for Submission by September 1, 2011

13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. CFO/TREASURER'S OFFICE:

- Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand
- Possible Resolutions

B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:

- July 2011 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
- Possible Resolutions

C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: July 2011 Municipal Court Report

D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: July 2011 Road Activities Report

15) CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- 8/8 Recycling Grants Awarded; Southern Pine Beetle Suppression
- 8/5 Guide to Medical Leave Laws
- 8/5 S-2795 & A-3835 – Multiple Dwellings, Sample Resolution on Website
- 8/4 Calendar of Statewide Activities to Honor Memory of 9/11 Victims
- June 2011 Legislative Bulletin
- * - 8/2 10th Anniversary of September 11th
- 8/2 Debt Ceiling Deal Reached
- 8/2 Monmouth Poll Results – Citizen Satisfaction with Local Government
- 8/1 Civil Service Commission/Rule of Three Decision
- 8/1 S-2950/A-4128, Modification to Land Use Approvals Due to Economics
- 7/29 Audit Statement
- 7/12 Bonner Scholarships Program
- 7/22 Certification of State Aid Lind
- 7/26 Woodbridge Twp. / 2011 NJ Senior Olympic Games
- 7/25 DLGS Guidance on Pensions and Health Benefits Reforms
- 7/27 Supreme Court Decision on Civil Service/Rule of Three
- 7/26 Federal Alert, PACE Legislation Introduced in Congress
- 7/27 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants
- 7/26 Law Requiring Employees to Live In-State on 9/1/11
- 7/22 Pension and Health Benefits Update
- 7/12 House Transportation Reauthorization Bill Spending Cuts & Consolidation
- 7/13 A-4126 Statutory Deadline for Municipalities to Act on Defeated School Budgets
- 7/14 2011 Best Practices Checklist
- 7/18 League Applauds Restoration of Transitional Aid Funding
- 7/19 New League Feature Website Resource
- 7/20 Senior Property Tax Freeze Information

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 8/4 Senator Turner Acknowledgement of East Amwell Letter on S-2887/A/3992 Wind Generation/Farmland
- 7/12 Letter from NJ DEP re: Meszaros/Site Remediation Reform Act
- 7/13 Great Tomato Tasting Announcement for 8/31/11 in Pittstown
- 7/26 DOT Applications for Municipal Aid, Bikeway, & Safe Streets
- 7/27 GRC re: McGee v. East Amwell Twp., Complaint 2010-45
- NJ Transit Public Hearing Notice for Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act
- 7/1 Office of the Governor, Government Reform

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 8/3 Second Quarter Municipal Compliance Report

- 7/27 Administrator Yard, re: Timely Tax Payments
- 7/20 HCHS Administrator Krov re: Revised State Aid Notice
- E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:
 - Amwell Valley Fire District #1 Audit for 2009 & 2010 – ask to see copy
 - 8/1 Attorney Cushing re: GRC Complaint 2010-45
 - 7/27 Legal Notice re: Board of Adjustment Hearing on Variance Relief For B. 5, L. 1.06 & 2 (Stahl) – Solar Installation – 8/9/11
 - 7/14 Letter from Twp. Administrator to Hopewell Valley Engineering re: East Amwell Files
 - 8/3 Letter from Resident Janelle Wilkinson re: Appreciation for DPW Assistance
- F. WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, 7/25 Notice of Adoption – Amended Community Facilities Plan Element
- G. DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, 7/21 public hearing on solar energy systems on 8/8/11 at 8 p.m.
- H. TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON, 8/1 Resolutions in Opposition of Pipeline and Hydro-fracking for Natural Gas
- I. WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP, 7/15 Notice re: Senior Olympics on 9/9, 10, & 11, 2011 – ask clerk for disk
- J. FREEDOM HOUSE, Request for information on vacant buildings for relocation.
- K. PSE&G:
 - tariff increase August 2011 public hearing notice
 - 6/29 company efforts update
- L. ELIZABETHTOWN GAS, August 2011 public hearings notices
- M. COMCAST, 7/21 New Bundles/New Station

16) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News