

**East Amwell Township Committee  
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551  
APRIL 12, 2012 - 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. 2012 Dog Licenses are now over due. Cost is \$12/altered - spayed dogs and \$15/non-altered/non-spayed, and there is a \$25 per dog late fee assessed.
- B. The Annual Roadside Clean up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012. Contact Blaine Hummel at 609-466-2907 to register for a road.
- C. The Annual Township Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Permits are available in the Clerk's Office: Cost for permits is as follows: car, \$15; SUV or mini-van, \$25; and truck, \$35.
- D. East Amwell Township will sponsor a summer playground in 2012, running from July 2 through July 27 from 9:00 – 11:45 a.m. at East Amwell Township School.

**5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. March 6, 2012, Special Minutes (Budget)
- B. March 8, 2012, Regular Minutes
- C. March 8, 2012, Executive Minutes (Attorney Advice, Contracts, Land Acquisition, Possible Litigation, GRC Complaint)

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

**7) PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearings:**

- A. ORDINANCE 12-02: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 75, FEES, TO INCLUDE FEES FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND
  - 1) Proof of Publication;
  - 2) Public Hearing;
  - 3) Action on Ordinance
- B. ORDINANCE 12-03: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

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

C. 2012 OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND HEARING (prior to Adoption of 2012 Budget)

- 1) Public Hearing; 2) Action

D. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET

- 1) Proof of Publication; 2) Discussion on Budget; 3) Public Hearing;
- 4) Action

**Introduction of Ordinances:**

A. ORDINANCE 12-04: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF, OR THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 27 LOTS 53 and 53.01 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$260,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE OPEN SPACE TAX TRUST FUND.

- 1) Discussion to Authorize Ordinance Prior to Introduction
- 2) Action on Ordinance

B. ORDINANCE 12-05: AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 TO UNDERTAKE A REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY (See 4/9 Memo from Assessor Marianne Busher for explanation.)

C. ORDINANCE 12-06: 2012 M & R CAPITAL ORDINANCE

**8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

A. Discussion with Hunterdon County Library Commissioners re: Location of South Branch Library – see 3/18/12 memo from Director Mark Titus

- 1) Recommendation from Committee Member Mathews to Use Historic Clawson House as Potential Site for Library Branch – see 3/29 Email from B. Sageser to M. Titus

B. Presentation from NJ State Police Barracks in Kingwood

C. Presentation by OEM Deputy Coordinator Charlie Soos on Municipal Alert Systems

**9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Recycling Committee:
  - 1) Appointment of Certified Recycling Coordinator
  - 2) Tonnage Grant and Tonnage Tax Resolutions
  
- B. Appointment Change for 2012 Boards/Committees:
  - 1) Planning Board Membership
  
- C. Scibilia Property, Block 11, Lot 37 – Discussion to be held in Executive Session

**11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Township Administrator's Update
  - 1) 3/27 Letter of Resignation from CFO/Treasurer Kathryn Monzo
  - 2) Summer Playground Update
  - 3) Raritan Twp. Police March 2012 Report (Almost 20 hours/ 31 Summonses)
  - 4) Shared Services Agreement Amendment for Raritan Township Police Coverage – See Proposed Resolution
  - 5) Clawson Park Tree Donation
  - 6) Clawson Park Drainage Plans
  - 7) Additional Names on 2011 Salary and Wage Resolution
  - 8) Request for Additional Pedestrian Crossing Sign for Village of Ringoes
  - 9) Sidewalks in Ringoes:
    - 3/28 HC Plans for Roadway Resurfacing & Sidewalk Construction for County Routes 579 & 602 – plans on file in Clerk's Office
    - 4/2 Draft copy of Agreement and Estimate and Color Chart for Sidewalks and Curb
    - Request for Resolution of Support for Application to be Presented to State Historic Preservation Office
  - 10) Application for Municipal Fields Usage – Amwell Attitude
  - 11) Other
  
- B. Continued Discussion on Tree Harvesting Complaint from the Harringtons (see 1/12, 2/9, and 3/8 Minutes for background) See 4/2 Letter from Attorney Cushing
  
- C. 2012 Township Administrator's Contract (See 2/9 & 3/8/12 minutes for background) This item will be discussed in Executive Session.
  
- E. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Personnel, and to Receive Advice from Township Attorney on Possible Litigation and GRC Complaint

**12) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request from Resident Andrea Bonette to Comment on DEP Waiver Rule – see 3/8/12 email from Mrs. Bonette

- B. Professional Services Contract for Auditor Charles Case for Joint Municipal Court of East Amwell and Delaware Township – see 3/16 Letter from Delaware Township
- C. RAFFLE LICENSE Application 12-03: St. Peter’s Foundation for Event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook on September 10, 2011

**13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- A. TREASURER MONZO
  - Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand
  - Possible Resolutions
- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
  - March 2012 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
  - 2011 Report of Uncollectible Taxes
  - Possible Resolutions
- C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: March 2012 Court Report
- D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: March 2012 Road Activities Report

**15) CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
  - March 2012 Legislative Bulletin
  - 3/7 OPRA and OPMA Reforms Bills Released from Committee
  - 3/15 Two New Rule Comments by League
  - 3/14 Senate Energy Tax Restoration Follow Up Needed
  - 3/14 Senate and Assembly Voting Sessions on Thursday
  - 3/22 Energy Tax Funding Gaps, Funding Cuts & State Skim
  - 3/20 Recent Study Lists NJ as Least Corrupt State in Nation
  - 3/21 Email Lists and OPRA
  - 3/20 Affordable Housing/Municipal Trust Fund Dollars
  - 3/16 Permit Extension Bill Held & Results of Senate/Assembly Voting
  - 3/19 League President Tells Assembly to Restore Lost Property Tax Relief
  - 3/26 NJ Clean Air council Annual Hearing
  - 3/26 2012 Annual Legislative Correspondents Club Show
  - 3/26 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund and Safe Streets to Transit Grants
  - 3/26 Support National Donate Life Month
  - 4/2 Affordable Housing/Municipal Trust Fund & Support of A-2717, Extending Deadline on Housing Trust Funds
  - April 2012 Magazine – on file in Clerk’s Office or online at [www.njslom.org](http://www.njslom.org)
  - 4/4 Support for Small Businesses Available On-line
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual League Baseball Appreciation Day on 6/19/12
  - 3/30 DOT re: Hunterdon & Somerset Complete Streets Training Workshop
  - 4/9 Affordable Housing Trust Funds, July Deadline

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 3/9 Dept. of Education 2012-13 Municipal Percentage Shares
- 3/5 NJIT Neshanic River Watershed Restoration Plan Final Report  
(CD on file in Clerk's Office)
- 3/19 DEP, No Further Action, Exxon Mobil – Boss Road Area of Concern
- 3/14 DEP, Withdrawal of Application for Freshwater Wetlands LOI for  
B. 6, L. 13, 16, 25, 26, 30, 31, 31.01, 31.02, and 31.03 (Perehinys)
- 3/21 Superior Court of NJ Annual Visit Notice
- 3/22 Governor Christie Pension Contribution Savings
- 3/26 DCA, April is National Alcohol Awareness Month
- 4/4 DEP News Alert – Fire Danger Alerts

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 3/9 Chosen Freeholders Resolution Supporting Governor's Proposal for  
Veterans Haven North Facility in Hunterdon County
- 3/25 Division of Public Health re: Mosquito Control Program
- 3/20 Soil Conservation District, B. 25/L.7.11 – Renda Construction Orders/  
Letter of Certification
- 3/23 B. 38/L. 30 (Highfields) Letter of Recertification
- 3/29 Ray Krov, HCHS, Budget Facts and Presentation
- 3/12 SWAC Report from Will Harrison

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- Environmental Commission's 2012 Goals and Priorities
- 3/26 Email Board of Health Re: Food Licenses Stony Brook Meadows
- 3/26 Sazferman/Lakind Appeal and Application for Reconsideration of a Retail  
Food Handling Establishment License Issued to Stonybrook Meadows
- 3/13 Attorney Staples Request for Stay of February 28, 2012, GRC Interim  
Order as Revised on March 7, 2012
- 3/30 Letter from Mayor to Hunterdon County Re: Acquisition of Plimpton  
Property, 247 Rileyville Road

F. CSG Environmental Consultants, Response Action Outcome for B. 41/L.44, Minds  
And Manners at Rambling Pines Camp

G. TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON:

- 3/15 Resolution Requesting Amendments to OPRA
- 3/15 Resolution Requesting Public Hearings /Flood Hazard Area Permit  
Application for Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Northeast Supply Link

H. TOWNSHIP OF UNION: 3/7 Resolution Opposing Extending and Expanding  
Permit Extension Act of 2008

I. READINGTOWN TOWNSHIP: 3/9 Resolution Urging Restoration of Funding to  
Paris Grants Program

J. EWING TOWNSHIP, 3/22 Resolution Urging NJ to End Diversion of Energy Tax  
Receipts

K WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 3/28 Resolution in Opposition to OPRA Changes
- Resolution Calling on State Legislature & Governor to Restore Municipal  
Energy Tax Receipts

- 3/30 Ordinance for Renewable Energy – public hearing on 4/25/12
- L. BOROUGH OF CALIFON, 3/19 Resolution Requesting Study of School District Consolidation Alternatives in Hunterdon County
- M. UNION TOWNSHIP, Resolution Objecting to Use of 2001 State Plan Policy Map
- N. NJ LAND CONSERVANCY, March 2012 Newsletter – ask for copy
- O. COMCAST, 3/16 New HD Channel, Billing Changes
- P. D & R Greenways Spring 2012 Newsletter

**16) ADJOURNMENT**

CC: Township Committee  
All Officials  
Bulletin Board  
Courier News

Hunterdon County Democrat  
Times of Trenton  
Star Ledger