

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
MARCH 8, 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. Day Light Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 11, 2012. Remember to set clocks ahead one hour.

C. Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday April 6, 2012, for Good Friday.

D. 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.

E. The Annual Township Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012. Permits are available in the Clerk's Office: Cost for permits is as follows: car, \$15; SUV or mini-van, \$25; and truck, \$35.

F. East Amwell Township will sponsor a summer playground in 2012. Details are being developed at this time.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 7, 2012, Special Minutes (Budget)

B. February 9, 2012, Special Minutes (Interviews)

C. February 9, 2012, Regular Minutes

D. February 9, 2012, Executive Minutes (Attorney Advice, Land Acquisition)

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 Hearing:

A. ORDINANCE 12-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 24, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, ARTICLE IV, TOWNSHIP

ADMINISTRATOR AND ARTICLE VII, DESIGNATION OF THE POSITION OF PURCHASING AGENT

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

B. 2012 OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND HEARING (prior to Introduction of 2012 Budget)

Introduction of Ordinances:

- A. ORDINANCE 12-02: AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 75, FEES, TO INCLUDE FEES FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND
- B. ORDINANCE 12-03: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

8) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

- A. QUARTERLY PRESENTATION BY COMCAST: Rob Clifton, Director of Government Affairs, will be present.
- B. INTRODUCTION OF 2012 BUDGET

9) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

10) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Additional Appointments for 2012 Boards/Committees:
 - Environmental Commission Membership
 - Planning Board Membership
 - Tree Harvesting Committee: Appointment of Member in Absence of Regular Member
- B. Historic Preservation
 - 1) Request for Support of Application for Hunterdon County Funding for Clawson House Rehabilitation, Phase 3
- C. Recreation Committee:
 - 1) Handling of Responsibilities in Absence of Committee
- D. Farmland/Open Space Preservation:
 - 1) Lang, Block 27, Lots 53 & 53.01: Discussion in Executive Session later in meeting.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Township Administrator's Update
 - 1) Animal Control Officer – (see 12/29, 1/12, and 2/9 Minutes for Background)
 - 2) Request from Amwell Valley Little Baseball League for Sign on Municipal Property for Local Vineyard (See 3/23 Emails from T. Mathews & T. Matheny)
 - 3) Summer Playground Update
 - 4) Training Session for Volunteers
 - 5) Soccer Field Lights/Billing
 - 6) State Police February 2012 Report
 - 7) Raritan Township Police February 2012 Report (19 hours/19 Summonses)
 - 8) FEMA update, if applicable
 - 9) Other

- B. Update from Tree Harvesting Committee on Complaint from the Harringtons (see 1/12 and 2/9 Minutes for background)
 - 1) 3/5 Letter of Resignation from DPW Superintendent Kadezabek from Tree Harvesting Committee

- C. Township Wide Reassessment: Discussion on Process and Resolution to Expend Funds

- D. Appointment of Township Committee Members to Review 2012 Township Administrator's Contract (See 2/9/12 minutes for background)

- E. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Land Acquisition and to Receive Advice from Township Attorney on Possible Litigation and GRC Complaint

12) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from Unionville Vineyards to Hold a 5K Run on September 29, 2012 (see 2/29 email from Jennifer Tanner)

- B. Raffle License #12-02 – Coalition for Animals Event to be Held at the Unionville Vineyards on Saturday, September 29, 2012

- C. Application for Special Permit for A.B.C. Social Affair: World of Originality, Inc. for an event to be held at Unionville Vineyards on June 23, 2012

- D. Update from Mayor Kneski on 1/21/12 Hunterdon Central Regional High School Budget Meeting

- E. Update from Mayor Kneski on 20th Annual Mayors' Legislative Day held on 2/8/12

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:

- February 2012 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
- Possible Resolutions

C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: February 2012 Court Report

D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: February 2012 Road Activities Report

15) CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- 2/3 Guide to State Level Advocacy for Municipal Officials
- 2/15 State Government and Local Property Taxes
- 2/16 Proper Flag Etiquette
- 2/7 and 2/27 Changes to DLGS Site
- 2/13 Mandatory Fluoridation Bills; Conference Resolution Update
- 2/23 State Budget Goes to Legislature
- 2/22 October 2011 Snowstorm Mitigation Funds Available
- 2/24 School Board Election Date Changes; Turkey Trip
- 2/22 Mayor's Hall of Fame
- 2/29 Important Decision regarding OPRA and mailing lists
- 2/28 Common Sense Shared Services Act Advances
- March 2012 League Magazine – on file in Clerk's Office or available on line at www.njslom.org
- 3/2 S-743 and A-1338 Extends and Expands Permit Extension Act of 2008
- 3/2 Assembly Budget Committee to Review Energy Tax Issue
- 3/2 S-1451 Reforms to the Open Public Meetings Act
- 3/2 Bloustein School's 20th Anniversary Celebration
- 3/5 Assembly Budget Committee to Consider Restoration of Municipal Property Tax Relief Funding
- 3/6 Permit Extension Bill Advances in Senate & NJ Residential Transformation Act Advances in Assembly
- 3/6 Budget Committee Hearings on-line registration Available for Relief Funding Restoration

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 1/31 DEP No Further Action – B. 18/L. 11 – 4 Amwell Road
- 2/14 DEP No Further Action – B. 12/L.14 - 2 Larison Road
- 2012-13 State Aid Figures for Education in East Amwell
- 2/27 DEP, NJPDES Permit for Hess Station #30333
- 3/1 Notice from Montclair State University as a Public hearing site for

the FY2012 State Budget

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 2/8 Board of Freeholders, Resolution on County Bridge E-166 (Wertsville Road) – Unrestricted Weight Limit
- 2/6 County Engineer, Municipal Surface Treatment Program
- 2/27 Division of Seniors, Disabilities, Veterans Services – Designating May as Older Americans Month

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- Recycling Committee's 2012 Goals
- East Amwell Township School Notice of Meetings, Including Public Hearing to Discuss and approve Final Budget for 2012-13
- 2/9 Attorney Cushing email re: Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- 2/15 Letter from Resident Edward Feinberg re: B.41/L.40.05, 82 Stony Brook Road
- 2/29 Letter from Mayor to Garden State Trust re: Scibilia Property Acquisition
- 3/5 Attorney Cushing Atty./Client re: SADC Communication on Scibilia

F. HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, 2/21 Resolution 12-006 Adopting Comprehensive FLP Element of Master Plan

G. READINGTON TOWNSHIP:

- 2/23 Letter to Freeholders regarding Proposed Changes to Hunterdon County Planning Board
- 2/7 Resolution in opposition to Forest Harvest on State Lands

H. ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP, 2/24 Resolution for Fair Distribution of State Aid for Education

I. UNION TOWNSHIP, 2/15 Resolution to Restore PARIS Funding

J. HOLLAND TOWNSHIP, 2/8 Resolution on More Intensive JCP&L Cutting Near Utility Lines

K. DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, Quarterly Newsletter Vol. 15, No. 1 – ask for copy

L. COMCAST: 2/7; 2/21; 2/28; 3/2 – New Packages, Channel Changes, Existos TV, and XFINITY Signature Support

M. PSE&G, February 2012, Application for Modified Freshwater Wetlands Statewide Permit for Installation of New Natural Gas Distribution Mains

16) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board
Courier News

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger