

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
MAY 10, 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. Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012, for Memorial Day.

B. Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. All East Amwell polls are located at the municipal building.

C. 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. April 12, 2012, Regular Minutes

B. April 12, 2012, Executive Minutes (Attorney Advice, Contracts, Personnel, Possible Litigation, GRC Complaint)

C. April 30, 2012, Special Minutes (Resolution to Enter Executive Session)

D. April 30, 2012, Executive Minutes (Discussion on Township Administrator)

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

7) SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Resolution of Recognition for the Fourth Grade Students Participating in “Celebrate NJ 2012 Best of the Best”

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Public Hearings:

A. AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

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

Introduction of Ordinances

- A. 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.)
- B. ORDINANCE 12-06: 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

9) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

- A, 5/7/12 Memo from Planner Joanna Slagle on Affordable Trust Fund
- B. Presentation by Gary Myers on FEMA Reimbursement for October 2011 Expenses

10) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Clawson Park Ad Hoc Committee Update

11) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

12) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Township Administrator's Update
- 1) Search for CFO/Treasurer
 - 2) Summer Playground Update:
 - 5/3 Request from Resident Diane Gilbert to Prorate the Fee
 - Appointment of Summer Playground Directors
 - 3) Raritan Twp. Police April 2012 Report
 - 4) April 2012 NJ State Police of Kingwood Confidential Report
 - 5) Amwell Valley Little Baseball League Expenses – Refer to 3/6/12 Budget Minutes
 - 6) Shared Court Opportunity – To be discussed in Executive Session
 - 7) Appointment of PERS Officer
 - 8) Bond Anticipation Note Renewal – See 5/8 Memo from Jane Luhrs
 - 9) Speed Trailer Repair
 - 10) Municipal Door Lock Changed & Policy Manual Change for Securing Building

- 11) JCP&L Updates from John Anderson, if applicable
- 12) Phone Alert System in Place
- 13) Other

- B. Update on Tree Harvesting Complaint – see 4/12/12 Minutes for Background Rev.5/9/12
- C. 2012 Township Administrator’s Contract (Refer to 2/9 & 3/8/12 minutes for background) This item will be discussed in Executive Session.
- D. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Contracts, Personnel, and to Receive Advice from the Township Attorney

12) NEW BUSINESS

13) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

14) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
 - 5/8 Property Tax Funding Restoration Committee Action Scheduled
 - May 2012 NJ Municipalities Magazine – on file & on line at www.njslom.org
 - 5/4 Affordable Housing Trust Funds July Deadline
 - 5/4 Energy Receipts Restoration Bill Introduced
 - 5/4 New User Fee Cap Bill Introduced
 - 5/2 Awards of Clean Communities Grants and Historic Preservation Awards
 - April 2012 Legislative Bulletin
 - 4/30 Support our Vets – Jeans for Troops Day 5/24/12
 - 4/25 Guidance on QPA Exam and Continuing Education
 - 4/24 Administrator or Manager Recruitment Advisory Service
 - 4/23 & 24 Hiring our Heroes – Mega Job Fair
 - 4/20 League Inter-local Advisory Service
 - 4/18 Energy Receipts Restoration Press Conference
 - 4/19 Recent US Supreme Court Decision on Qualified Immunity for PT Employees

- 4/11 Support Men/Women in Uniform
- 4/12 Resolution in Support of A-2454 - Eliminates Unemployment for Seasonal Workers
- 4/10 Energy Tax Receipts Effort Continues

B. UNITED STATES:

- 4/30 Invitation to Mayor to Attend Hunterdon County Mayor's Meeting on 5/23

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 4/4, 4/10 & 5/2 DEP Notice of Hazardous Discharge – Natural Gas/Maintenance - 1325 Route 179
- 4/17 Copy of Biennial Certification for CEA/1034 Old York Road
- 4/9 DOT Notification that East Amwell did not receive MAP grant for 2012

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 5/2 Utilities Authority Commercial/Institutional Recycling Inspection Reports
- 3/21 Copy of Letter of Appointment to Will Harrison as HC SWAC Member
- 4/17 Utilities Authority – Notice of Upcoming Collection Days in 2012
- 4/19 HCR High School, Tax Levy Information
- 4/25 Soil Conservation, Renda, B. 25/L.7.11 Report of Compliance
- 4/27 Copy of HC Engineer's Application to State Historic Preservation Office – Sidewalks Project

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- ** - 25th Annual Roadside Clean Up Report from Blaine Hummel
- ** - 4/7 Copy of NJ Clean Communities Application Submitted
- 4/23 Copy of Letter from Gebhardt & Kiefer to State of NJ Treasury re: County Ordered Municipal-Wide Reassessment
- East Amwell Twp. School Requisition for Debt Service Taxes
- 4/28 Email from Christian Plunkett re: Trees at Clawson Park
- 4/10 Copy of Letter from Ferriero Engineering to NJ DOT re: Close Out Of Dutch Lane Road Improvements

F. RARITAN TOWNSHIP:

- 4/13 notice of amendment to Master Plan – Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation hearing on 4/25 at 7 p.m.
- 4/17 Resolution to Create Veterans Haven North Facility in Hunterdon County
- 4/17 Resolution in Support of PARIS Grant Funding
- 4/29 Public Notice of Zoning Variance Application – 113 Old York Road/porch

G. READINGTON TOWNSHIP:

- 4/2 Resolution Supporting Governor's Proposal to Create Veterans Haven North Facility in Hunterdon County
- 4/2 Resolution Requesting Amendments to Open Public Records Act
- 4/2 Resolution to Have Public Hearings on Flood Hazard Area for Transcontinental Gas Pipeline – Northeast Supply Link Project
- 4/16 Resolution Call NJ Legislature and Governor to Restore Municipal Energy Tax Receipts

H. GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, 4/5 Request Letter in Support of Jessica Lunsford Act (Child Safety Zones)

I. MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, 4/9 Land Development Ordinance amendments, Public hearing on 4/19/12 at 7:00 p.m.

- J. WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:
 - 4/26 notice of public hearing on Right to Farm - 5/23/12 at 7 p.m.
 - 4/25 Resolution for Municipal Enlistment in the Military Initiative
- K. HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, 4/25 Resolution for Restoration of Municipal Energy Tax Receipts
- L. KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP:
 - 5/2 Resolution re: Forest Harvest on State Lands
 - 5/2 Resolution on PARIS Grant Funds
 - 5/2 Resolution Extending and Expanding Permit Extension Act
- M. INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, 4/27 Verizon and Statewide Franchise Agreement in the Community
- N. COMCAST, 4/16 Cable Changes
- O. PSE&G:
 - 4/11 Efforts on Job Creation and Energy Goals
 - 4/ 16 Vegetative Management Work
- P. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, 4/9 Request for Consideration of a smoke free outdoor air ordinance
- Q. SOURLANDS PLANNING COUNCIL, Spring 2012 Newsletter – available on their Website at www.sourland.org
- R. JCP&L, 5/1 “24/7 Power Center” Information

16) ADJOURNMENT

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| CC: | Township Committee | Hunterdon County Democrat |
| | All Officials | Times of Trenton |
| | Bulletin Board | Star Ledger |
| | Courier News | |