

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
SEPTEMBER 13, 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. The Environmental Commission is working with Raritan Headwaters Association to provide well test kits for various parameters. Kits will be available at the municipal building beginning September 10th for return on October 9th between 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Check the Township website for list of available tests.

B. The Grit-yard is now open the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. for residents to bring branches/brush for chipping and to pick up mulch. This will continue for the next couple of months.

C. Goodwill will have a collection truck at the October 6, 2012, Recycling Depot from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. on the municipal lot

D. Municipal Offices will be closed on October 8, 2012, in observance of Columbus Day

E. Hunterdon County Utilities Authority will hold an electronics collection day on Saturday, October 13th, and a hazardous water clean-up day on Saturday, November 10th. For more information, email hcua@co.hunterdon.nj.us or call 908-788-1110.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 9, 2012 Regular Minutes

B. August 9, 2012, Executive Minutes (COAH Contracts, Personnel, Litigation, Atty. Advice)

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

7) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Resolution Amending Resolution 02-13 Regarding the Organization of the Meeting to Add the Consent Agenda and Executive Session Items

B. Professional Services Resolution to Appoint Thomas Decker of Van Cleef Engineer as Conflict Engineer for Alethea Solar Project

- C. Ratification of Approval for 4H Amusement Games Licenses for AG-12-04 and AG12-05 for Donna Cooke (Two Water Race Games)
- D. Authorization to Apply for MA 2013 NJ DOT Grant – see August 14, 2012, email From Engineer O’Neal re: Resubmission of Project List from 2012
- E. Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund – Resolution to Authorize Mayor’s Signature on Historic Preservation Grant Agreement for Phase 3 Funding Of \$19,000 (See 8-23-12 Letter from Hunterdon County)
- F. The Ridge at Back Brook: Request for Social Affairs ABC Permit for Health Research and Education Trust of New Jersey

8) PUBLIC HEARINGS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinances:

- A. Resolution to Amend Capital Budget for Acquisition of Computer Equipment and Software
- B. ORDINANCE #12-08 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
- C. ORDINANCE #12-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FURTHER AMENDING CHAPTER 92-100 AND CHAPTER 92-101 (LAND MANAGEMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL REGARDING SOLAR AND PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES

9) SPECIAL DISCUSSION

- A. Quarterly Presentation from Comcast
 - 1) 8/17 Letter from Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager Molly Adams on Philadelphia Broadcasters
- B. Discussion on Preparation of Bond Ordinance for Purchase of Dump Truck and Mower
- C. Best Practices Checklist Review

10) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

11) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Board:

- 1) 8/28/12 Letter of Resignation of Member Michael Weis
- 2) Appointment of New Members

12) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Township Administrator's Update

- 1) Ringoes Sidewalks/DOT Grant
 - 8/14 Email from Engineer O'Neal on Costs for Archeologist
 - 8/6 NJ SHPO re: Application for Review
 - 8/28 HC Engineer re: 2nd Set of Comments from NJ DOT
- 2) Response to West Amwell on Continuation of Shared Animal Control Services
- 3) Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment: Pam Dymek for Office Coverage June 11 – July 8, 2012
- 4) Raritan Township Police Report for August 2012: 20 Hours/47 Summonses
- 5) Proposal from Engineer for Clawson Park Improvements
- 6) Other

- B. Support for 5/17 Senator Pennacchio legislation on Transparency in Government
- Requested by Mr. Mathews - see June and July 2012 Minutes for Background

- C. Resolution to Acknowledge Receipt of the 2012 Audit

13) NEW BUSINESS

14) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

15) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Resolution to Enter Executive Session to Discuss COAH Contract; Personnel Issues (Finance Department); Acquisition of Land (Dog Park); Litigation (Tree Harvesting Complaint/Other); Advice from Attorney

16) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. ASSISTANT TREASURER ANDREWS

- Bills of the Evening and Statement of Cash on Hand

TREASURER BALDINO

- Possible Resolutions

B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:

- August 2012 Municipal Receipts and Disbursements Report
- Possible Resolutions

- C. COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN: August 2012 Municipal Court Report

D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT KADEZABEK: August 2012 Road Activities Report

17) CORRESPONDENCE

A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:

- 9/7 DCA Develops New Budget Reporting Tool
- 9/7 National Preparedness Month
- 9/7 Grants Resource Center
- 9/6 Affordable Housing Trust Funds Update
- 9/5 Property Tax in NJ
- 9/5 Exclusive Line of League Merchandise
- 9/5 BPU Issues & Recommendations re: Utility Service Disruptions
- 9/5 Facebook/Municipal ID on Site; Webinar on Affordable Care Act
- 9/5 Funds for Hepatitis B Inoculation
- 8/30 Comptroller Alert – Workers’ Compensation Program,; Certifying Officers For Pensions
- 8/29 League Support A-2681 & Opposition A-2405/S-1651 (Civil Actions for Sexual Abuse)
- 8/29 A-2586 & S-1534 Exempts Private Institutions of Higher Learning from MLUL
- 8/29 Update on Affordable Housing Trust Funds
- 8/27 Best Practices Checklist Issued
- 8/26 2012 League Conference Resolutions
- 8/21 Hiring Our Heroes Mega Job Fair
- 8/21 New Content on DLGS Website
- 8/16 Trial Court Decision in Gannett v. Raritan
- 8/16 Accident Victims Privacy Protections; Appts. Of Unemployed Firefighters
- 8/10 Opposition to A-2405/S-1651 (Removing Statute of Limitations on Civil Actions for Sexual Abuse
- 8/10 Make Plans to Attend Annual Business Meeting at League Conference And League Resolutions Requested
- 8/13 Updated Guidance on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Dollars

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 9/4 Governor Christie 911 Resolution
- 8/10 Governor Christie Third Balanced Budget
- 9/5 DEP Shade Tree Federation Annual Meeting Information – ask to see copy Of brochure
- SADC 9/5 re: East Amwell v. Mountain Logging & Stahl
- * August 2012 DEP re: No Idling Pledge
- *- 8-15 BPU Response to East Amwell Township re: Verizon Build Out
- SADC, 8/9 Copy of Order from SADC v. Quaker Valley Farms, LLC and David Den Hollander – ask for copy
- 8/8 DOT Grant Availability
- Rutgers Annual Call for Public Information Contest – ask for copy
- DEP, Notices of Hazardous Discharge (ask for copies):
 - 8/15 Dunkard Church & Haines Rd.-

- 8/24 Welisewitz Road

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

*- 8/29 Planning Board Re: Proposed Amendment to HC WQMP (Phase I)

- this item will be on the October 11, 2012, agenda for action

Board of Chosen Freeholders:

- 8/20 Program Announcement for 9/27 at 3:00 p.m. at the County for
North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

- 9/6 Resolution re: Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk on John Ringo Rd.

- 9/6 Resolution re: No Passing on Rosemont-Ringoes Road

- 8/10 Soil Conservation District, 8-10 B.38/L. 30, 48 Hour Land Disturbance
Notification (Albert Elias Home) ask for copy

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 8-27- 12 Request from Resident Christopher Plunkett to Create Community
Tree Ordinance for Tree Management in East Amwell Township

- 8/20 Tax Assessor Busher information on 2012 Tax Appeals

- 8/15 Tax Assessor Update on Reassessment

-8/1 Copy of AVR Rescue Squad Notice to Hunterdon County re: Coin Toss
Event Dates

- 8-22 Letter from Mayor to HC Library re: Book Drop on Municipal Property

- 9/5 Letter from Environmental Engineer Corp to NJ DEP re: Ringoes Service
Station Receptor Evaluation Form - ask for copy

- 9/7 Attorney Cushing to Judge Martin re: State v. Mountain Top Logging, LLC

F. HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP, 8/15 Opposition to A-323/S-2074 (Special Events
On Preserved Land

G. DELAWARE TOWNSHIP:

- 8/16 notice of Master Plan Re-examination public hearing on 9/4/12 at 8 p.m.

- News from the Bridge Newsletter Fall 2012 – ask for copy

H. PSE&G, Rate change hearing information

I. JCP&L, 8/21 public hearing on service rates

J. D&R GREENWAY LAND TRUST, Summer 2012 Newsletter

K. COMCAST, 9/4 Channel Changes

18) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News