

East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
MAY 14, 2015 - 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 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.

B. Hunterdon County Collection Event: May 30 – Paint, Used Motor Oil, Propane Tanks, Smoke Detectors (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) at the Route 12 County Complex. Call 908-788-1110 for details or email swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

5) UPDATE FROM THE CFO

- 1) Update
- 2) Resolution from Bond Counsel for IRS Form 8038 (Tax Exempt Governmental Obligations)

6) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Board of Adjustment Update – Chair Sherrie Binder will be present.

B. Farmland/Open Space Preservation

- 1) Addition of Targeted Farms to ADA – see 4/14 email and 5/11 memo from Glorianne Robbi

7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 9, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes – Resolution for Executive Session

April 9, 2015, Executive Meeting Minutes – Security, Atty. Advice, COAH Item

April 9, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

9) SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

A. COAH (Affordable Housing) Update

- 1) 4/21 Email from Attorney Cushing on Vicinage 13 Judge
- 2) 4/24 Copy of NJ Builders Association's Letter to Judge E. Coleman re: Supreme Court Decision to Return COAH to Trial Courts

- 3) Resolution to Authorize the Township Attorney and Planner to File for Declaratory Judgment
- 4) January 28, 2015 Resolution from West Amwell Township to Legislators Asking for COAH to Adopt a New, More Sensible Approach to Affordable Housing

10) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. A.B.C. Licenses – Social Affairs Licenses for Amwell Valley Fire Company 1008-31-002-001 for May 15, 2015 & July 13, 2015 Events at the Fire Company
- B. RAFFLE LICENSE #15-03 St. Peter’s Foundation for Event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook on August 31, 2015
- C. RAFFLE LICENSE #15-04 SAFE in Hunterdon for Event to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook on June 18, 2015
- D. A.B.C. Licenses for Events to be held at The Ridge at Back Brook:
 - 1) Urban Promise Ministries on June 15, 2015
 - 2) St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church on June 29, 2015
 - 3) Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey (HRET) on July 27, 2015

11) PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Public Hearing:

A. ORDINANCE 15-07 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$500,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

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

Introduction of Ordinances:

A. ORDINANCE 15-08: 2015 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE

- 1) 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution

B. ORDINANCE 15-09 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$440,000 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

12) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

13) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Township Administrator's Update:
 - 1) Resolution to Award Purchase of Truck on State Bid
 - 2) File Archiving Update
 - 3) Speed Studies by Hunterdon County
 - 4) Radar Equipment Purchase
 - 5) Dog Census Position
 - 6) Personnel Policies & Procedures: #1.23 – Temporary Assignments
 - 7) Other

- B. Continued Discussion on Draft Ordinance for Abandoned and Foreclosed Properties
 - 1) Revised 4/23/15 Draft Ordinance and Cover Memo from Tara St. Angelo
 - 2) Borough of Somerdale Ordinances 2013-08 (Ordinance Providing for Vacant/ Abandoned Properties) and 2015-03 (Abandoned Property List, Designating a Public Officer, and Authorizing the Public Officer to Designate Qualified Rehabilitation Entities

- C. Discussion on an Ordinance Adding a Section to The Code of the Township of East Amwell for Violations and Penalties. (See 4/23/15 Draft from Tara St. Angelo)

- D. Discussion on the Resolution for Use of Municipal Building and Publicizing Events on the Website

- E. Mayor's Update:
 - 1) NJ Mayor's Conference Update
 - 2) Mayor's Meeting in Clinton on 4-30 regarding COAH
 - 3) Other

14) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Special Counsel for The Ridge at Back Brook Tax Appeal

- B. Participation in Second Annual Hunterdon County Community Day on June 13. (See 5/1 Email from Frank Veneziale with Letter from Chris Phelan)

15) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16) EXECUTIVE SESSION, If Applicable

17) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. TREASURER/CFO PASQUA
 - Bills of the Evening – May 14, 2015 Bill List
 - Resolutions

- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
 - April 2105 Disbursements & Receipts Report
 - Report for 2014 Uncollectible Taxes
 - Resolutions, if applicable

- C. MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR HOOVEN:
 - April 2015 Court Report

- D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT SILVERTHORN:
 - April 2015 Monthly Report

- E. NJSP – KINGWOOD:
 - March and April 2015 Activity Reports

- F. WEST AMWELL TWP. POLICE:
 - April 2015 Activity Report

18) CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
 - 4/17 Weekly Policy Update
 - 4/27 Federal Update
 - 4/29 Appointment of New Executive Team
 - March 2015 Legislative Bulletin
 - May 2015 Issue of NJ Municipalities – ask to see copy
 - 5/5 History of League’s 100 Years; Pension & Benefits Reform; Transportation Fund Issues
 - 5/6 NJ Wellness Campaign
 - 5/7 COAH and NJBA Figures
 - 5/8 Weekly Update on Legislative Matters

- B. UNITED STATES:

- C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:
 - 4/10 DOT Award of \$160,000 in Municipal Aid for Zion Road
 - 4/22 SADC Wineries/Special Events on Preserved Farms
 - 4/1 SADC Summary Points of Soil Disturbance on Preserved Farms
 - 4/24 DEP Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge, 68 Linvale Road – ask for Copy
 - 4/23 Green Acres Visit to East Amwell Properties
 - 4/17 NJ Noise Control Council – Emergency Generator Noise Meeting – June 9 at Rutgers
 - 4/8 Dept. of Education, 2015-16 Percentage Shares for Tax Levies for Regional School Districts
 - 4/22 NJ DARE Ends Service to Schools
 - 4/28 DEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge- 30 Snyderstown Road (ask for copy)

- D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:
 - 4/17 Planning Board Announcement of 4/30 Program on NJTPA/CEDS
 - Copy of 4/9 D&R Greenways Letter to Hunterdon County re: Plimpton and Continued Efforts to Enact the Subdivision
 - 4/30 County Engineer, Snow-Ice Control Materials Contract for 2015-16

- 5/5 Hunterdon Central Regional High School, A4F Form for 2015-16
- E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:
 - *- 5/8 Twenty-Eighth Annual Roadside Clean Up Report from Blaine Hummel
 - 4/27 Will Harrison 2015 Clean Up Day Report
 - Tax Assessor List of 2015 Tax Appeals
 - 5/3 Letter from Resident A. Bonette re: Peacock's Reconstruction Resolution For Application AJ-14-03
 - 5/6 East Amwell School, A4F Form for 2015-16
 - 5/7 PAIC Survey of Facilities and Playgrounds
- F. TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON:
 - 4/14 Resolution Opposing Reduction in Historic Preservation Funding
 - 4/21 Resolution Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015
- G. DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, 4/16 public hearing notice for 5/11 for Land Use Ordinance on Exemptions for Minor Subdivisions.
- H. TOWNSHIP OF EWING, 4/17 Resolution Supporting S-1279/Restoration of Lead Hazard Control Assistance Fund
- I. TOWNSHIP OF UNION, 4/15 Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015
- J. TOWN OF CLINTON, 4/28 Resolution Supporting A-4235-Transparent Tax Act of 2015 – Ask for copy
- K. BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY, Resolution Supporting A-4235-Transparent Tax Act of 2015 – Ask for copy
- L. TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, Resolution Supporting A-4235-Transparent Tax Act of 2015 – Ask for copy
- M. WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP, 5/6 Resolution Supporting A-4235-Transparent Tax Act of 2015 – Ask for copy
- N. MERCER COUNTY, 4/20 Notice of Pleasant Valley-Harbourton Bridge Work Closing for Bridge Repair
- O. SOURLAND CONSERVANCY, Spring 2015 Newsletter – ask for copy
- P. NJ SAFETY INSTITUTE, March 2015 – MEL Annual Report & Leadership Booklet
- Q. TRC ENVIRONMENTAL CORP., 5/8 Notice of Application for Permit Statewide Pipeline Maintenance Project for Texas Eastern Transmission, LP with CD – ask for copy of CD

19) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger
Courier News