

**East Amwell Township Committee**  
**1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551**  
**JULY 9, 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. Summer Playground will continue at East Amwell School through July 24, 2015. Contact the Clerk's Office for more details.

B. The Township is currently undertaking the state mandated, bi-annual dog census throughout the municipality. The census taker has an I.D. issued by the County, and she will be canvassing throughout the summer. Contact the Clerk's Office for more details.

**5) UPDATE FROM THE CFO**

A. Update from Margaret Pasqua

**6) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Historic Preservation Update from Chair Barbara Sageser

**7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 11, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes – Resolution for Executive Session

June 11, 2015, Executive Meeting Minutes – COAH; Attorney Advice

June 11, 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. Presentation from John Anderson re: JCP&L Update

B. COAH (Affordable Housing) Update

C. Request for Sourland Spectacular Bicycle Event on September 12 and Use of Small Municipal Parking Lot on Wertsville Road as a Rest Stop – See June 25 email From Bart Thompson

**10) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. A.B.C. Social Affairs License for National Psoriasis Foundation Event to be held at the Unionville Vineyard on August 15, 2015.

- B. Annual A.B.C. Licenses for Harvest Moon Inn and Amwell Valley Fire Company
- C. Amended Resolution for Certified Recycling Coordinator Rick Smith
- D. A.B.C. Social Affairs License for St. Peter's Foundation for an event at The Ridge at Back Brook on August 31, 2015
- E. A.B.C. Catering Permit for Barn Party at 107 Van Lieus Road on August 1
- F. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Bid Threshold from \$36,000 to \$40,000 and the Quote Threshold from \$5400 to \$6000 via QPA Timothy Matheny
- G. Revised Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund to Assign Remainder Monies To Debt Incurred with Clawson Park (see June 11, 2015 Minutes for background)

## **11) PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **Public Hearings:**

- A. ORDINANCE 15-10: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT ROLLER AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$36,000 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND
  - 1) Proof of Publication;
  - 2) Public Hearing;
  - 3) Action on Ordinance
- B. ORDINANCE 15-11: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS 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 SURPLUS FUND
  - 1) Proof of Publication;
  - 2) Public Hearing;
  - 3) Action on Ordinance
- C. ORDINANCE 15-12: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$11,500 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOWER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
  - 1) Proof of Publication;
  - 2) Public Hearing;
  - 3) Action on Ordinance

### **Introduction of Ordinances:**

- A. (NEW NUMBER) ORDINANCE 15-13 REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,600,000 REFUNDING BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

- B. ORDINANCE 15-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 75, FEES, OF THE CODE OF EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP TO ADD A NEW SECTION FOR FEES FOR USE OF THE SOCCER FIELDS LOCATED AT EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

**12) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**13) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Township Administrator's Update:
  - 1) Reappointment of Gary Myers as OEM Coordinator, effective July 15, 2015
  - 2) Award of 2015 M & R Bids
  - 3) Other
  
- B. Continued Discussion on Draft Ordinance for Abandoned and Foreclosed Properties (See 5-14-15 and 6-11-15 Minutes for Background)
  
- C. Mayor's Update, if applicable

**14) NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Tax Abatement Ordinance
  
- B. Fill Dirt Ordinance
  
- C. Accessory Driveway Ordinance

**15) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**16) EXECUTIVE SESSION, If Applicable**

**17) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- A. TREASURER/CFO PASQUA
  - Bills of the Evening – July 9, 2015 Bill List
  - Resolutions, including Open Space Trust Funds – Use of funds for East Jersey Developers
  
- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
  - June 2105 Disbursements & Receipts Report
  - Resolutions
  
- C. DPW SUPERINTENDENT SILVERTHORN:
  - June 2015 Monthly Report
  
- D. NJSP – KINGWOOD:
  - June 2015 Activity Report

- E. WEST AMWELL TWP. POLICE:
  - June 2015 Activity Report

**18) CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
  - 6/9 EPA; Internet Taxes; Sales Tax Equity; Religious Accommodation
  - 6/18 Roadmap to Resolution – Pensions
  - 6/17 Roadmap Report – Impact on Property Taxes
  - 6/11 Supreme Court on Pension Funds
  - 6/12 OPRA/OPMA; Supreme Court on Pensions; Public Safety Employees Residency; Verizon Stipulation
  - 6/23 Federal Spending; E-fairness Legislation; Local Taxing Authority; Permanent Tax Ban; Supreme Court Case on Gov. Speech; Sign Case Limitations
  - Announcement of New Directorship
  - 6/26 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame
  - June 2015 Legislative Bulletin
  - 6/24 Sunset Provision in Ch. 78
  - 6/29 New NJ Tax Payer Dollar
  - July 2015 Mayor’s Newsletter
- B. UNITED STATES:
- C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:
  - 6/12 DEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge – 13 Ridge Road – ask for copy
  - 6/16 Division of Taxation, Tax Assessor re: \$250 Veterans Deduction audits
  - 6/12 DEP New Site remediation Webpage – ask for copy
  - \*- 6/24 DEP Green Acres Matching Grant of \$310,000 Award
  - June 2015 Dept. of Agriculture – Emerald Ash Borer Discovery
  - 6/25 DEP Green Acres Report on Satisfactory East Amwell Visitation on 6-24-15
  - 7/2 DCA Increase in Minimum Bid Threshold and Quote Threshold for Municipalities with QPAs
- D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:
  - 6/12 Engineer’s Office – Sale of Surplus Equipment
  - 6/10 Planning Press Release re: CED Strategy Implementation by Freeholders
  - 6/17 Freeholders’ Resolution re: Speed Limits on Route 579
- E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:
  - 6/22 Attorney Cushing re: FCC Amendments to Rules re: Cell Towers
  - 7/1 Attorney Client Privilege Email from Mr. Cushing re: COAH
- F. HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP , 6/18 Notice of public hearing on 7-1 re gas station and Convenience store at Route 31 and 518.
- G. BOROUGH OF LAUREL SPRINGS, 5/11 re: Transparent Tax Act – ask for copy
- H. ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP, 6/10 Resolution - Transparent Tax Act – ask for copy
- I. UNITED WAY, 6/3 2014 Hunterdon County Community Impact Report – ask for copy
- J. LAND CONSERVANCY OF NJ, 2014 Annual Report – ask for copy

K. FIRST ENERGY:

- 6/15 Press Release on \$10 Million Substation Expansion in Hunterdon and Mercer Counties
- 6/22 Grant Opportunities for School Year 2015-16 (sent to E.A.S. also) – ask for copy

**19) ADJOURNMENT**

CC: Township Committee  
All Officials  
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat  
Times of Trenton  
Star Ledger  
Courier News