

**East Amwell Township Committee
1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551
MARCH 10, 2016- 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. 2016 Annual Dog Licenses are now overdue. \$12 for Neutered/Spayed and \$15 for Non-Neutered/Non-Spayed, and a late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for dogs registered after February 29. Contact the Clerk's Office at 908-782-8536 x10 for more information.

B. Day Light Savings Time Begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2016

C. The Recreation Committee will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the East Amwell School on Saturday, March 19, at 11 a.m. with a rain date of March 26. See Township website for details.

D. Municipal Offices will be closed on March 25, 2016, for Good Friday.

E. Look for important dates in the Spring Newsletter from the Environmental Commission and Recycling Committee, including Roadside Clean Up on April 16; Clawson House Open House on April 16 and 17; Annual Clean Up Day on April 30; Annual Plant Exchange on May 21.

5) UPDATE FROM THE CFO

A. Update from CFO Margaret Pasqua

B. Resolution to Adopt Temporary Emergency Appropriations

C. Introduction of the 2016 Budget

6) SPECIAL DISCUSSIONS

A. Quarterly Presentation from Comcast

B. Representatives from HART – Speed Study Results for Lindbergh Road from January 4 to February 1, 2016

C. COAH (Affordable Housing) Update – Attorney Cushing

7) STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Recreation Committee – Pete Fick

8) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 11, 2016, Minutes

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

10) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Social Affairs Permit – SAFE in Hunterdon for an event to be held at The Ridge At Back Brook on April 28, 2016.

11) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Introduction of Ordinances:

A. ORDINANCE #16-02 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST AMWELL, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF

Public Hearings: None

12) SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

13) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Township Administrator's Update:
 - 1. Resignation of FOSPC Administrator Pam Thier
 - 2. Trailer Deck Removed
 - 3. Summer Playground
 - 4) Other

- B. Legal Opinion on Conflict of Interest re: The Ridge at Back Brook – See 2/17 Opinion from Attorney C. Norman

- C. Mayor's Update, if applicable

14) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request from National Psoriasis Foundation – Cyclist Event on May 21 – 100 Mile Ride Leaving from Unionville Vineyard at 6:30 a.m. (300 Riders)

- B. Proposed Language – Amendment to Chapter 92 of The Code of East Amwell re: Golf Courses

- C. Proposed Referendum Question for November Ballot to Enact a Road Improvement Tax

15) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16) EXECUTIVE SESSION, If Applicable

17) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. TREASURER/CFO PASQUA
 - Resolution(s) Prior to Bill List
 - Bills of the Evening

- B. TAX COLLECTOR HYLAND:
 - February 2016 Disbursements & Receipts Report
 - Resolution(s), if applicable

- C. MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK HOOVEN:
 - February 2016 Municipal Court Report

- D. DPW SUPERINTENDENT SILVERTHORN:
 - February 2016 Monthly Report

- E. NJSP – KINGWOOD:
 - February 2016 Activity Report

- F. WEST AMWELL TWP. POLICE:
 - February 2016 Traffic Enforcement Report

18) CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES:
 - NJ Municipalities Magazine, March 2016 – ask to see copy
 - 3/4 State Aid; PILOT changes; Budget Hearings; Redevelopment; Stormwater Hearings; Public Employment Conference
 - 2/29 Mayor’s Newline for March
 - 2/26 Policy Update, State Aid Numbers, Telecom Personal Property Tax Bill; SBA Assistance/Storm Jonas; So. Jersey Verizon Hearing; Municipal Inspections of Residential Rentals; 4/12 Hearing/Municipal Stormwater NJPDES Permit Program
 - 2/25 Mayor’s Annual Hall of Fame Program
 - 2/24 Appellate Decision re: Municipal Residential Rental Inspections
 - 2/23 April 24 – Hearing on Municipal Stormwater NJPDES Permit Program
 - 2/19 Policy Update, Governor’s State Budget Proposal; A-184 Verizon v. Hopewell Business Personal Property Tax Before Committee; Updated Vegetative Management Regulations; NJ Future Redevelopment Forum
 - 2/18 Updated Vegetative Management Regulations

- 2/17 Governor's State Budget Proposal for Next Fiscal Year
- 2/12 A-302, Revenue Restoration Bill Needs Amendment
- 2/12 Policy Update, A-302; Disaster Declaration for 17 Counties for Jonas; NJ Pension/Health Benefit Study Commission Report; State Budget Briefing; Transitional Aid; Sustainable Jersey Events; NLC Library of Free Research Reports Online

B. UNITED STATES:

C. STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

- 2/18 DOT 7 Day Notice of Line Striping On Route 179 – ask for copy
- 2/17 DEP Notice of Suspected Hazardous Discharge – 225 Mountain Road – ask for copy
- 2/26 DCA, 2015 Table of Equalized Value Amended Per Court
- 2/26 DCA, CY 2016/SFY 2017 State Certification Information
- 2/19 DEP, 262 Wertsville Road – No Further Action Letter – ask for copy

D. HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- 2/29 Soil Conservation District, No Certification Required for Cell Tower at Amwell Valley Fire Company – ask for copy
- 2/17 HART Pedestrian Grant Funding Information
- 2/11 County Engineer, Traffic Striping Various Roadways – ask for copy

E. EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 2/9 The Ridge at Back Brook: December 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Report
- 1/10 Letter of Appreciation from Resident Janelle Wilkinson re: DPW Snow Removal
- 2/19 Pluese, Becker and Saltzman, re: McCormick 105 LLC v. Kennedy Final Judgment
- 2/22 Letter from Atty. St. Angelo to Pluese, Becker and Satzman re: COAH restrictions on property
- Gebhardt & Kiefer (all Atty./Client Privilege):
 - 2/12 Atty. St. Angelo Summary of Ocean County COAH Cases
 - 2/17 Atty. Cushing re: Blog by Atty. St. Angelo re: Municipalities Limited Authority to License Residential Rental Properties
 - 2/25 Atty. Cushing re: Recent Synopsis of NJ Spotlight re: COAH Ruling in Ocean County
- 2/17-22 Email String Between Clerk and D & R Greenway re: Cider Mill Preserve Maintenance
- 3/7 Email String from Zoning Officer re: Dumpsters at 30 Back Brook Road

*F. KINGWOOD TWP., 2/26 Consideration of Ordinance to Ban Hydro-Fracturing

G. HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP:

- 2/25 public hearing notice-D&R Greenway Major Division on Stony Brook Rd.
- 2/18 public hearing notice from property owners at 53 Marshall Corner Woodsville Road re: bulk variance application - ask for copy

*H. AMERICAN RED CROSS, Request for Resolution in Support of American Red Cross Month in March

I. ANJEC:

- 2/25 "Save Our Land and Drinking Water from Fracking"

- 3/2 Pileup of Electronic Waste
- 3/2 Electronic Petition to Stop PennEast Pipeline

J. PSEG:

- 2/16 White Paper on “NJ’S Energy Future”
- public hearing notice re: adjustment of charges – ask for copy
- 2/22 Freshwater Wetlands General Permit #1 for Repair, Replacement and Maintenance of Natural Gas Distribution in Public Rights-of-Way
 - copy of application on file in clerk’s office

K. RARITAN HEADWATERS ASSOCIATION, 26th Annual Stream Clean Up on Saturday, April 16 - 9 a.m. – noon

L. BIG BROTHERS/SISTERS, Bowl-a-thon on 5/5 in Frenchtown – ask for copy

M. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION (DRBC), 2-29 List of Applications

19) ADJOURNMENT

CC: Township Committee
All Officials
Bulletin Board

Hunterdon County Democrat
Times of Trenton
Star Ledger, Courier News