

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 6:45 PM**

A G E N D A

Regular meeting begins at 7:30 PM or immediately following Closed Session, whichever comes last.

OPENING; ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting has been sent to three newspapers of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CLOSED SESSION – Potential Contract Negotiations – Hydroelectric Power at Paulina Dam

RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT (up to 5 speakers/3 minutes each)

MINUTES

November 9, 2009 – Regular Meeting and Closed Session
Motion to approve/amend by _____, 2nd _____

November 16, 2009 – Special Meeting and Closed Session (Mr. Lascari absent)
Motion to approve/amend by _____, 2nd _____

PRESENTATION of EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT by Matt Leoncini

PRESENTATION by Renew Hydro LLC – Hydroelectric Power at Paulina Dam

PRESENTATION by Richard Motyka, Tax Assessor, regarding Farmland Assessment

Public Comment on the Consent Agenda Items Only

CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS

- 1 – R.2009-162** Authorization to Pay Bills
- 2 – R.2009-163** Authorization to Transfer Funds
- 3 – R.2009-164** Refund of 2009 Tax Overpayments
- 4 – R.2009-165** Approval of Temporary Budget

4 – R.2009-166 Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Enabling Resolution

5 – Application for Blue Light Permit – Susan Lothian, Blairstown Ambulance Corps

Motion to approve by _____, 2nd _____ Roll Call

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – November Report

Construction – November Report

Finance – November Report

Police Department – October & November Report

Public Works Department – November Fuel Report

Tax Collector – November Report

Warren County Health Department – November 6, 2009

Motion to accept by _____, 2nd _____

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1 – Rte. 94 traffic concerns:
 - a. left hand turn signal at Lambert Rd. – State in process of approving
 - b. engine braking
 - c. in-street pedestrian sign – in process/paperwork sent to State
- 2 – JCP&L billing – Mr. Lascari in process inputting data
- 3 – Senior Citizen Advisory Committee – options under consideration
- 4 – Main Street concerns – road striping; feral cats
- 5 – Review of Noise Control Ordinance – model ordinance received from county
- 6 – Cedar Lake Horse Farm – request for proposal due date extended to November 16th
- 7 – Repairs to Givens Belet building – B. DePuy compiling list of most needed repairs
- 8 – Service Electric Cable TV – extension of cable service
- 9 – Engine braking – review possibility of enacting ordinance (sample ordinance from Hope)

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE for information and possible action

- 1 – from Barbara Emery, CFO, re: Bond Ordinance for Green Acres Loan
- 2 – from Patricia Sagan, Recreation Director, re: Preliminary Assessment
- 3 – from Patricia Sagan, Recreation Director, re: Naming of Gorab Property
- 4 – from Patricia Sagan, Recreation Director, re: Letter from Lynda Ochs
- 5 – from Barbara Emery, CFO, requesting exception to vacation day carry-over
- 6 – from Barbara Emery, CFO, re: Health Benefits
- 7 – from Robert Goltz, Pres., Warren County Regional Chamber of Commerce, re: Use of Footbridge Park for Spirit of Americana Celebration on July 4, 2010
- 8 – from David Diehl, Zoning Official, re: Business Directional Sign Request from New Cedar Ridge Cemetery, Jacksonburg Road/Route 94
- 9 – from Historic Preservation Commission, regarding storage facility
- 10 – from William Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJLM, re: Mayors Task Force for School Funding Reform Seeks Your Support

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (See attached sheet)

FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEEMAN ANDERSON

Subcommittee Member of: Public Safety (Police Commissioner)
Personnel
Finance (alternate)

Liaison to: Recreation Committee
Historic Preservation Commission
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

COMMITTEEMAN LANCE

Subcommittee Member of: Finance (primary)
Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Roads (alternate)
Water Department

Liaison to: Open Space Committee
Public Education – Blairstown Elementary

COMMITTEEMAN LASCARI

Subcommittee Member of: Personnel
Public Safety – Deputy Police Commissioner
Service Electric Cable TV

Liaison To: Public Education – North Warren Regional High
School
Environmental Commission

COMMITTEEMAN SEAL

Member of Planning Board – Class III
Subcommittee Member of: Buildings & Grounds/Streets & Roads
(primary)

Liaison to: Construction, Subcode, Zoning

MAYOR MACH

Member of Planning Board – Class I
Subcommittee Member of: Public Welfare/Municipal Alliance
Small Cities/COAH

Liaison To: County & Municipal Officials
Inter-Municipal Government
Office of Emergency Management
Public Education – Blair Academy
Shade Tree Committee

FROM THE PUBLIC

ADJOURN at _____ PM on motion of _____, 2nd _____

General Correspondence
December 9, 2009

1) NJ State – League of Municipalities

- a) re: A Salute to Women in the Military; Women in Municipal Government Breakfast
- b) re: November 19 Meeting Christie/Guadagno Red Tape Review Group
- c) re: Mayors Task Force for School Funding Reform Seeks Your Support
- d) re: A-3119 – Increases LUARCC Powers
- e) re: QPA Bill Conditional Veto
- f) re: Retrofitting Suburbia
- g) re: Changes to DLG Website
- h) re: League's Legal Consultation Service
- i) re: Lame Duck Legislative Session Begins
- j) re: New Laws
- k) re: Mayors Task Force for School Funding Reform Seeks Your Support
- l) re: Property Tax Relief Funding Deferred Permanent Cut Considered
- m) re: Updated CEU's
- n) re: League Conference Resolutions
- o) re: State Report Confirms Need for Pension and Benefit Reforms
- p) re: Urgent Legislative Alert – A-4280 & S-3045 Time of Decision
- q) re: FCC Adopts Wireless Tower Sighting Petition
- r) re: League Joins Challenge to Verizon's Claimed Exemption from Business Personal Property Tax
- s) re: A-4247, Changes to Taxi License Laws

2) NJ State Offices

- a) Department of Environmental Protection
 - i) Public Hearing on FY2010 Annual Reed Report for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

3) Blairstown

- a) from David Diehl, Zoning Official, re: Notice of Intent/Violation, Block 601, Lot 22
- b) from David Diehl, Zoning Official, re: Notice of Intent/Violation, Block 2101, Lot 7.05

4) Other

- a) from William E. Hinkes, Esq., re: Appeal of Carl and Della Darst, Block 2003, Lot 8
- b) from Richard Keiling, Attorney, Legal Notice for Use Variance, Block 1202, Lot 3.02
- c) from Thomas Burke, Imperial Machine and Tool Co., re: General Information Notice filed with NJDEP