

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:07 P.M. by Mayor Inscho.
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.
FLAG SALUTE**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Bolzan, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Vollmar, and Ms. Reilly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen, with roll call unanimous to approve Minutes of January 1, 2007 and Minutes of January 4, 2007 with corrections noted by Mayor Inscho for the January 4, 2007 meeting.

REPORTS:

Engineer Vollmar – Report attached.

Attorney Lavery – He noted that he sent a Stop Work Order to Mr. Wilson.

He noted the status of the Rodriques escrow account. Ms. Reilly explained that pursuant to the CFO an additional \$562.50 is owed due to a bill from our former engineer. It was decided that Mr. Vollmar will write a letter explaining that this amount is due from Mr. Rodriques.

Mr. Lavery noted a letter he received from Mr. Bennett's attorney in reference to the number of units that is allowed. He noted that the Developer's Agreement allows four. He responded to this letter noting Mr. Bennett's bounced checks to the township and that Mr. Bennett must abide by the laws.

Mr. Tibak – No report this evening.

Mr. Petersen – No report this evening.

Mr. Bolzan – No report this evening.

Mr. Fisher – At this time he responded to the newspaper article in the Express Times.

He reported that Mr. King advised Mayor Inscho and himself that a new funding formula would be in place by January 1, 2007. It was determined on February 5, 2007 that no new funding formula would be implemented this year.

He reported that some of the facts noted in the Express Times article were not correct.

He no longer involved himself in the meetings with the Ad Hoc Committee of the school because he requested that they be open to the public. After several conversations and emails with Mr. O’Hara, it was explained that the meetings would not be open to the public, and this was decided outside of the actual Ad Hoc Committee meetings. It was at this time Mr. Fisher advised that he would no longer attend the meetings.

Mr. Fisher also noted that he tried to discuss re-apportioning the funding but nothing further was done.

Lastly, Mr. Fisher noted that in the news article Mr. Jones quoted that a straw poll should be taken from the voters in Liberty to determine if the Committee should go further. Mr. Fisher noted that the gentlemen sitting on the Committee this evening were re-elected and that Mr. VanderHaar is now a member of the Great Meadows Regional School Board and this should say something on how the residents feel. He also noted that Mr. VanderHaar tried to discuss re-apportioning the funding at a school board meeting but received no backing on this proposal.

He then noted that copies of the Petition and letter to the school are available upon request.

Mr. Romanowitch – DPW - He noted that he will meet with Mr. Dan Grover tomorrow about the electricity in the Lisbon Capri.

He noted that the Community Service worker is working out very well.

Mayor Inscho – He noted that in the Express Times newspaper article it was stated that they tried to call him for his comments but he noted that he has caller ID on his home and cell phone and no one from the Express Times called him.

He noted that he received a letter from DCA to request updates for their publications. Ms. Reilly will check into this matter and update as necessary.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Cub Scout Leader Lynn Rutkoski asked permission to have a Garage Sale on April 21 2007 and asked if they could rent out spaces. She noted that she will supply the township with a Certificate of Insurance. Ms. Reilly will check with the Township’s insurance carrier to ask if tables could be rented out, etc.

Ms. Rutkoski also asked if four cub scouts who have earned the highest rank could come to the March 1, 2007 meeting and lead the flag salute. This was welcomed by the Township Committee. She will send a written request to Ms. Reilly with the cub scouts names, etc.

She also asked about recycling and how this could be mandated and it was explained that we have no one to police this. Mr. Lavery agreed to write a letter to the haulers to ask if they pick up recycling items for free.

Mayor Inscho then congratulated Ms. Rutkoski’s Cub Scout Pack on the Derby they sponsored.

Mr. VanderHaar, of Pennbrook Court, informed the public about a Composting and Lawn Care Seminar which will be held here on March 15, 2007 and the first 50 who register and attend this meeting will receive one free composter.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: At this time Mayor Inscho appointed John Pergentile on the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Inscho also noted that the township should look into solar panels to place on the roof of the DPW Garage. Mr. Woolridge will try to arrange a meeting in reference to this matter.

CONTRACTS:

2007 Legal Agreement with Porzio was chaired.

2007 Legal Agreement with Sirkis and Lavery – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to sign said Contract.

Gary Gray Contract with Spring and Fall Clean-up 2007 – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to sign said Contract. Mayor Inscho noted that Ms. Reilly received three quotes for this contract and Gary Gray was the low quote.

Aerial Mosquito Control Agreement for 2007 – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to sign said Agreement.

REVIEW LETTER TO SEND TO GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to send said letter.

REVIEW PETITION: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to approve the wording of said Petition prepared by Porzio, Brombert and Newman.

LETTER FROM JOAN KNECKEL MEMORIAL WALK COMMITTEE: The Memorial Walk is going to be held on 10/21/07. They are asking for support from the Township Committee. Motion made by Mayor Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to support this walk.

ORDINANCE 0701 – AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 105, SECTION 41 TITLED “AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL ZONES” SUBSECTION A.(4) TO BE AMENDED TO ALLOW A CHURCH THE SAME SIGNAGE AS A BUSINESS TO READ “A SIGN NOT MORE THAN 32 SQUARE FEET IN AREA PUBLICIZING THE NAME OF AS CHURCH ON THE PREMISES,

ITS PASTOR AND ITS COMING ACTIVITIES. Motion made by Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher – open to public – no public discussion – closed to public with roll all unanimous to adopt on second reading.

ORDINANCE 07-02 – TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 105 “ZONING”, ARTICLE XX, “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 90, “POWERS AND DUTIES OF ZONING OFFICER; CONDITIONAL USE AND VARIANCE PERMITS; EFFECT ON PRIOR CONSTRUCTION”, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY TO REQUIRE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PROOF OF PAYMENT OF TAXES SUPPLIED BY THE TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher – open to public – no public discussion – closed to public and roll call unanimous to adopt on second reading.

ORDINANCE 07-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. This was chaired until the next workshop meeting.

ORDINANCE 07-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING A ROADWAY KNOWN AS HANSEL WOODS DRIVE IN THE WOODED VALLEY ESTATES 1 SUBDIVISION. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt at first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place on March 1, 2007.

RESOLUTION 07-13 Refund Tax Overpayment – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.

RESOLUTION 07-16 – Granting consent of Application of Treatment Works Approval for the Mt. Lake General Store. Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on Bills List.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, personnel and contractual matters.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:29 p.m.

Mr. Lavery noted that during executive session one personnel matter, one contractual matter, and one potential litigation matter was discussed and no official action was taken.

Doris Maney Retirement – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to approve the paperwork submitted by Ms. Maney giving the amounts of accrued sick and vacation time and medical insurance figures.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Township Administrator**