

MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 5, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 7:03 p.m.
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. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call as follows to approve the Minutes of 2/20/07 – 2/22/07 – and 3/1/07.

ROLL CALL

Tibak	Yes 2/20/07 and 2/22/07 but abstaining for 3/1/07
Petersen	Yes
Bolzan	Yes
Fisher	Yes
Inscho	Yes

RESOLUTION: 07-18 B – BUDGET EXAM – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.

ORDINANCE 07-06 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK. Motion made by Mr. Bolzan, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adopt on first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place on May 10, 2007.

INTRODUCTION OF 2007 BUDGET – Motion made by Mayor Inscho, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to approve the Budget for 2007. Mayor Inscho noted that the municipal increase is seven tenths of a cent.

REPORTS:

Engineer Rich Vollmar: Please find copy of his report attached.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator Ms. Reilly – No report at this time.

Committeeman Tibak – He noted that the website has been updated.

Committeeman Petersen – Noted that the septic for The Lodge has been staked out. He is encouraging the survey to be completed.

He also noted that he reviewed Ms. Kovac's application for Highlands Native Plant Nursery grant application. Ms. Reilly noted that Ms Kovac's could not attend this evenings meeting but would be here for our Work Shop Session on April 26, 2007. She

stated that if anyone has questions for Ms. Kovac's to please give them her prior to the meeting in order for Ms. Kovac's to be prepared. Ms. Kovac's will also bring a draft of a letter of support which needs to be approved by the Committee.

Committeeman Bolzan – He reported that the Municipal Court of North Warren is adding Blairstown and our contract with the Municipal Court is continued.

Committeeman Fisher – He noted that the first meeting for the Dissolution took place March 22, 2007. The state requested additional information which is being supplied. The next meeting is tentatively set for April 19, 2007 at Centenary College.

DPW – Mr. Romanowitch – He reported that they are getting ready to pave Marble Hill. He also noted that the Spring Clean Up will have nine containers and 2 metal containers available.

Mayor Inscho then noted that Trooper Shultis from the Washington State Police Barracks was here this evening and thanked him for coming. Mayor Inscho noted that if any one had any questions for Trooper Shultis to please ask him.

At this time Mayor Inscho noted that Cub Scout Leader Lynn Rutkoski will be given an award from the Warren County Recycling Office for the collection of used phone books. They will be honoring her at their award dinner next month.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Anita Schmidt – Spring Hill Lane – She questioned the water run off from a home being constructed off of Hillcrest Road. Stated her brook is twice the size and she wants something done.

Mr. Vollmar responded by saying the township adopted a “wait and see approach”. He noted that the builder constructed temporary measures to relieve the problem, but that these are not permanent solutions. Mayor Inscho then read a letter from Mr. Vollmar to the builder addressing storm water runoff issues. He gave the builder until April 16, 2007 to resolve these issues or a stop work order will be issued.

Lynn Rutkoski – She reported that the cub scouts are again collecting telephone books. She also noted that they will request another date for the Garage Sale to be held on the municipal grounds. She then asked permission for the scouts to plant flowers around the flag pole. The Committee welcomed this.

Steve Kimball – Hillcrest Drive – He questioned the area where the septic system is being installed on the home being constructed off of Hillcrest Road. Mr. Vollmar stated that the septic issues are supervised by the County Board of Health. He did agree to make a site visit.

Mr. Phil Brady – Hillcrest – Noted that he is also concerned.

Mr. Lavery stated that the County approved the septic and the township has no jurisdiction over this project.

Skip Hopping – Spring Hill – He gave the Committee copies of issues he looked up. He questioned foreclosure proceedings. Mr. Inscho stated that these issues will be investigated and the Committee will have answers at the April 26, 2007 meeting.

Gene Naccarato – Hillcrest – He stated that the water is running out of this project at approximately 4 ½ gallons a minute. Mr. Lavery again explained that the County authorizes wells and septic and that the public should call the County about their concerns.

Julianne Baker – Quenby Mt. Road – She felt insulted due to the fact that they are being told to continue to call the County about the problems. Mr. Lavery responded that he is telling the truth – the County must fix the problem not the township.

Greg Sipple – Park Street – He spoke as a licensed well digger. He noted that the County has specific authority for review of all septic and well. The Township Committee does not have any authority under Chapter 199 of NJ Enforcement Laws.

Mayor Inscho stated that no one here said that they did not care.

Virginia Brady wanted something done “tomorrow” but Mr. Vollmar explained that the letter he wrote to the builder stated he has until April 16, 2007.

Jason Bing – Great Meadows Regional School Superintendent – He asked the procedure for placing a sign on township property. Mr. Reilly will send him a copy of this Ordinance.

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – asked the status of selling The Lodge. Mayor Inscho noted about nine people were interested.

Marge Joseph – Lakeside Drive – asked if the runoff from the Wilson property was going into the Lake and she was informed yes by Mayor Inscho.

She also questioned a well being repaired on Lakeside Drive North. Mr. Vollmar offered to call the well digger but she asked that he not at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion made by Mayor Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to appoint the following position:

Animal Control Officer	Betty Wysocki
Frank Jalosky	Emergency Management Coordinator – 3 year term beginning 1/1/07 ending 12/31/09
Ron Buckenmyer	Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator 3 year term beginning 1/1/07 ending 12/31/09

CONTRACT: Municipal Alliance – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to allow Mayor Inscho to sign contract and direct Ms. Reilly to send a letter along with contact as we did last year, directing how the Committee wishes the money be spent.

RESOLUTIONS 07-19 – Refund Tax Overpayment – Motion made by Mr. Bolzan, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

RESOLUTION 07-20 – Authorizing Interlocal Service Agreement for a Joint Municipal Court. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Bolzan with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

ORDINANCE 07-07 – SALARY ORDINANCE – Motion made by Mr. Incho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt at first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place in May 10, 2007.

ORDINANCE 07-08 VACATE A RIGHT OF WAY – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call as follows to have a first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place May 10, 2007.

ROLL CALL:	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Bolzan	abstain
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	yes

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

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

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session. During executive session the following was discussed:

Contractual
Pending Litigation
Personnel

No official action was taken.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher to ratify telephone poll taken by Ms. Reilly to send a letter to all residents in reference to the feasibility study.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator