

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Lavery and Ms. Reilly. Mr. Petersen was absent due to conflicting schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to approve Minutes of August 2, 2007.

REPORTS:

ENGINEER QUINN: He reported that he submitted a grant for local aid for guide rails around the township in the amount of \$360,000.

He also noted that the Resolutions to pave Marble Hill are on the agenda this evening.

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REILLY: She made reference to an item she placed in the Committee's Administrative Report that they consider taking the phone booth which is located in the municipal parking area out. It costs the township \$35 per month but is very rarely used. Mr. Fisher noted that he saw someone use it very recently. Ms. Reilly said there is one gentleman who uses it but very rarely. She also noted that there is a phone up at the recreation area for emergencies. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call as follows to direct the phone booth be removed.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	no
	Inscho	yes

She also asked the Committee to consider increasing the yearly liquor license fees. The State sets \$2,000 per license as maximum and Liberty is only receiving \$726.61 per license. She explained that this increase can be done by Ordinance thus allowing a certain percentage increase over a three year period. She explained that this would increase revenue for the township.

ATTORNEY LAVERY: He had no report for this evening except for Executive Session.

COMMITTEEMAN TIBAK: No report.

COMMITTEEMAN GROVER: No report.

COMMITTEEMAN FISHER: He noted that the Central School has a new Principal.

DPW SUPERVISOR MR. ROMANOWITCH: He noted that they worked on three basins near the White property and four basins were repaired on Quenby Mt. Road.

He reported that Mr. Wilson's last working day was August 31, 2007.

EILEEN GREASON: She noted that the Environmental Commission came up with an idea for a grant entitled "Leap into Nature". She needs a letter of support from the Committee to accompany the grant application. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to direct a letter of support be written,

She also reported that the Summer Recreation Program was very successful. Ms. Thompson was to be thanked for a very successful year. She also thanked Jackie Lundon for her assistance at the beach. She noted that the Concession Stand will be opening this Saturday.

MAYOR INSCHO: He noted a meeting of the Warren County League of Municipalities on October 18, 2007. He asked anyone wishing to attend to let Ms. Reilly know.

He then read from a letter written by eleven year old Kelsey Connelly asking if the Shades of Death Road sign could be replaced. Mayor Inscho asked Steve from DPW to replace the sign perhaps on a steel post as she referred to in her letter. Mayor Inscho also asked Ms. Reilly to send a response to her letter. (Let the record reflect that the day after the township meeting, Mayor Inscho asked that the letter be placed back in his mail because he was going to personally respond to it).

Mayor Inscho then announced that the Solid Waste Advisory Board is having a meeting on September 18, 2007 but unfortunately no one from our office can attend due to the date conflicting with the Mediation meeting.

Mayor Inscho also referenced the letter from the Cub Scouts to utilize the municipal building for their meetings on Wednesday evenings when the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector are here. Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to allow this request.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Anita Schmidt – Spring Hill Road – asked the status of the home Jack Wilson is constructing. Mr. Lavery explained that the Stop Work Order is still in effect and will stay in effect until he satisfies the engineer. She also asked the status of the Podlas property status. Mr. Lavery informed her that he filed a Summary Judgment on this matter.

Carolyn Stuber – Marble Hill – asked the status of the Bennett Development. Mr. Lavery stated that he must meet the requirements of DEP. She also asked about the millings being dumped on this property. Mayor Inscho will call Eric Snyder about this.

Mayor Inscho then closed Public Discussion.

RATIFY TELEPHONE POLL VOTE OF AUGUST 23, 2007 –

Mt. Lake Fire Company request for off and on premise raffle for 11/25/07. Motion made by Mr. Tibak and seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call as follows to approve the raffle request.

ROLL CALL:	Tibak	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

Request from Tax Assessor to change her hours from Tuesday evenings to Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to approve said request.

MEDIATION MEETING: Mr. Fisher explained that the school choose the date of September 18, 2007 but did not pick a time or place. As soon as he learns the time and place he will inform the rest of the Committee. He also noted that he must let Ms. Reilly know in advance in order for her to put the notice in the newspaper.

LETTER FOR LEAF CLEANUP – Helen Danitz wrote a follow up letter requesting this be considered by our township. Ms. Reilly did some research on the methods other townships which offer this service utilize. Mayor Inscho asked Ms. Reilly to obtain feedback from Nature’s Choice and Rotondi which are companies that have composting stations, etc. Once the information is collected a report will be made to the Committee. Mayor Inscho thanked Ms. Reilly for researching this matter.

BID AWARD FOR DPW TRUCK: One bid was received by Beyer Brothers in the amount of \$32,472. Mr. Lavery said that all the paperwork accompanying this bid was in order. Motion made by Mr. Tibak and seconded by Mr. Inscho, with roll call unanimous to award this bid to Beyer Brothers in the amount of \$32,472.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 07-36 Refund Tax Overpayment – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to approve said Resolution.
- 07-37 CO-OP Agreement for Paving Marble Hill Road – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to approve said Resolution.
- 07-38 Force Account Agreement – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to approve said Resolution.

ORDINANCE 07-10 – 2ND Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS THE CODE OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (ECHO HOUSING) Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover – Open for public discussion – no public discussion – closed to public discussion and roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance on 2nd reading.

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

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:11 p.m.

Mr. Lavery explained that during executive session no official action was taken and the following was discussed:

Kristoff Settlement Agreement
Contractual matter with Selective Insurance

RESOLUTION 07-39 – KRISTOFF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to agree to Resolution and Settlement agreement with Mr. Kristoff contingent upon the contract agreement being review by Labor Attorney Mr. Glickman and contingent upon the availability of funds for the payoff.

Selective Insurance Bill – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to direct Mr. Glickman to write a letter to Selective stating that we are not responsible for deductible amount for the Kristoff settlement.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher to name Mr. Raymond Bolzan to the Ad Hoc Committee and to ask him to attend all mediation meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator