

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 6:45 p.m.  
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho  
FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Lavery, Catherine Outlaw, and Ms. Reilly.

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

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

Mr. Lavery explained that a pending litigation matter was discussed during executive session but no official action was taken. Minutes will be available at the time the committee feels there will be no harm to public interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call as follows to approve Minutes of 9/25/07 and 10/4/07.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes to 9/25/07 but abstains from 10/4/07
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	yes

REPORTS:

MR. TIBAK – Nothing at this time.

MR. PETERSEN – Nothing at this time

MR. GROVER – Nothing at this time

MR. FISHER – Nothing at this time

ENGINEER REPORT: Please find copy of report attached hereto.

MS. REILLY – She noted that The Mentor’s open house has been postponed until November 16, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MR. ROMANOWITCH – Roads have been lined – footings in place for wash station – and the new truck should be delivered around November 15, 2007.

EILEEN GREASON: Please find copy of report attached hereto.

MS. RUTKOSKI – She went to her first meeting for recycling. She noted that recycling must begin here at the municipal building.

MS. CASSINI – Gave the attached report referring to Great Meadows Regional School Board.

MS. CASSINI – She stated that the sending districts for the children attending our schools from The Mentor are not paying – she said it is “our bill” but the school is trying to pursue this.

MAYOR INSCHO – He noted that the township received \$64,233.94 for Open Space Land from the State.

He thanked Steve, Ken, Don, Eileen, Bo and Beth for the terrific job done for the Fall Clean-Up. He noted that the township saved \$6,000 per clean up.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – She thanked the Mt. Lake Fire Company, Township Committee and Mayor, and the Department of Public Works for all of their help and support for the Joan Knechel Cancer Walk which raised over \$60,000 this year.

She then asked the status of The Lodge. Mr. Petersen explained that the septic system is going to be repaired, the survey completed and paperwork submitted to the State for the subdivision.

She then mentioned the school issue. Mr. Fisher gave a scenario of the steps the committee must take in order to go in front of a judge. Mayor Inscho suggested that the residents send emails to all of our legislators encouraging them to do something for us to help with the formula for funding.

She asked about the NJ Mentor Group Home and asked if the township had any control. Mr. Lavery explained the State allows Mentor to put a group home wherever they desire. We have no control and cannot shut them down.

Discussion ensued concerning The Mentor Home and Hulse’s Group Home. The Mayor suggested that we invite representatives from both homes, Assemblywoman Karrow, Assemblyman Doherty, and Senator Lance to our meeting on December 6, 2007 to answer questions the public has concerning these group homes. Ms. Reilly will make the necessary arrangements for this meeting.

Jennifer Cassini is a Girl Scout Leader and she asked the committee to think about environmental projects for the girls to do. Mayor Inscho referred this to the Environmental Commission.

Mr. Woolridge – Marble Hill Road – He thanked the DPW for the great job they did on Marble Hill.

LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. FLANDERS: Re: Homing Pigeon issue with Mr. Snyder. Discussion ensued as to the violations they received and remedies they can take. Mr. Petersen offered to speak with Mr. Snyder to ask that if they move the cage to another location, can they keep the pigeons without any further problems. Mr. and Mrs. Flanders agreed to this suggestion.

FIRE COMPANY SPECS FOR NEW TRUCK: Chief Lunden came before the Committee with specs for a new fire truck they wish the township to purchase. It was explained that fire apparatus is very expensive and the cost of this truck is \$470,000. He also said that it would take ten to twelve months to get actual delivery of the truck once ordered. Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to direct Mr. Lavery prepare specs for purchase of a fire truck.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

Mt. Lake Fire Company Raffle Permit: Ms. Reilly stated that all the paperwork was in order for this permit. Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to approve this application.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

#### RESOLUTIONS:

07-42 – Cancel Tax Sale Certificate

07-43 - Cancel Tax Sale Certificate

Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adopt Resolution 07-42 sand 07-43.

07-44 - School Compromise Proposal

Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt Resolution 07-44.

ORDINANCE 07-11 – AN ORDINANCE LIMITING TRAFFIC ON THE BUZZARDS GLORY ROAD BRIDGE TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ONLY. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to approve at 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place on December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 9:15 p.m.

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

Podlas Litigation matter  
Potential litigation Wooded Valley  
Litigation with Russell  
Personnel Worker's Comp Issue

He noted that the Minutes from this session will be made available once the Committee feels there would be no harm to public interest.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to direct Mr. Lavery to file reconsideration in the Podlas matter.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator