

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:14 by Mayor Inscho
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.
FLAG SALUTE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss the Great Meadows Regional referendum.

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

Mr. Lavery explained that we emerged from Executive Session at 7:20. During this session pending litigation issues were discussed concerning Great Meadows Regional Board of Education. No official action was taken.

AWARD BID: Mayor Inscho explained that two bids were received for electrical work to be done at the Lisbon Capri as follows: Land Post in the amount of \$2,185 and Wires Electric in the amount of \$2,000. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call as follows to award this bid to Wire's in the amount of \$2,000.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Petersen	yes
	Mr. Grover	abstained
	Mr. Fisher	yes
	Mr. Inscho	yes

Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to direct Mayor to send a letter to residents of Liberty Township to remind them of the referendum scheduled for December 11, 2007.

At this time, Mr. Fisher left the meeting to attend a public meeting being held by Great Meadows Regional School Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/1/07 – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to approve said Minutes.

RATIFY TELEPHONE POLL TAKEN ON 11/5/07 – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to ratify said vote of the following:

Would we drop appeal if the referendum passes in both townships - yes
If the referendum fails we must keep all options open – yes

If it passes the 10 year funding formula cycle will begin - yes

REPORTS:

ENGINEER QUINN – Please find written report attached hereto.

Discussion ensued as to the Wilson property issues. Mr. Petersen stated that he is not in favor of letting him go forward until all the problems are remedied. All agreed.

MR. PETERSEN: He noted that Mark Camus from AIR2 notified him that his company will be conducting power line inspections by helicopter in the very near future. Therefore if anyone calls we can explain what this is about. The State Troopers who were in the audience also noted this.

He then commended the Environmental Commission referencing the Audubon Presentation and how wonderful it was.

He reported that Jenny Jump State Forest has demolished the cabins back on Lake Just It. Ms. Reilly asked if she could send a thank you letter to Mr. Kabert's office and she was told that this was a good idea. She will prepare a letter.

MR. ROMANOWITCH: He noted that the footings have been placed and steel ordered for the wash bay. He also stated that the truck should be delivered soon.

EILEEN GREASON: Please see attached report.

Discussion about a grant from the Forestry Management Plan was discussed. Motion made by Mayor Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to direct Mayor Inscho to sign application to apply for this grant.

HULSE'S REST HOME: The new owner of this Home was introduced. He was accompanied by the former owner. Discussion from several members of the audience ensued. Mr. Grover suggested that the residents be given contact telephone numbers in order to call the group home if they see a problem. Paper work was handed out to the residents listing contacts, telephone numbers, etc. for residents to call twenty four hours a day in case they see something unusual. Neighbors complained about the residents of this home drinking alcohol – they are not allowed to have alcohol in the home therefore they drink out in the public. Mr. Shoemaker, owner of Liberty Liquors was present. He agreed that he would not sell alcohol to the residents. Mayor Inscho stated that he would personally ask Mr. Nykun to please not sell alcohol to these residents as well. Ms. Reilly was directed to write a letter to Dept. of Community Affairs to ask their cooperation in having the residents refrain from alcohol and drugs and set up a policy of “three strikes you're out”.

THE NJ MENTOR GROUP HOME: Ms. Reilly noted that she was informed by Ms. Carney, Assistant Director of The Mentor that they refused to send someone to the

meeting this evening since they were already present at one of our meetings. Ms. Carney advised Ms. Reilly that she conferred with Ms. Mumaw from Great Meadows Regional and she will be giving Ms. Mumaw paperwork for the tuition situation. Ms. Reilly also noted that Senator Lance was unable to attend the meeting this evening but his aid – Jean – has been making phone calls to various offices in Trenton to try to determine who is in charge at the State level of these group homes.

Discussion ensued from the public. They informed the Committee that they attended the Open House at the Mentor but not all of their questions could be answered due to confidential issues. Trooper Wambold from the NJ State Police was present and stated that he will make contact with the group home. It was also suggested that Ms. Reilly call Ms. Carney and ask if some sort of sign could be placed either in the yard or at the mailbox of the home because people visiting residents in the home and going into the driveways of the surrounding neighbors homes.

Mayor Inscho suggested that the residents either call or email our area legislators to ask these questions.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No public discussion this evening.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT: Mayor Inscho appointed Dave Schaaf to Land Use Board as Alternate #2.

ORDINANCE #07-11 - LIMITING TRAFFIC ON THE BUZZARDS GLORY ROAD BRIDGE TO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ONLY – 2ND READING. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover – open for public discussion – no public discussion – roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance on 2nd reading.

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

07-44 – Transfers

07-45 Authorizing Sale and Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes Not to Exceed 4380,000.

07-46 Refund Tax Overpayment

07-47 Cancel Outstanding Township Issued Check

Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adopt the above resolutions on consent agenda.

07-48 Elimination of comp time as of 1/1/08. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

PAYMENT OF BILLS ON BILLS LIST: Motion made by Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call to pay all bills.

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

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:51 p.m.

Mr. Lavery noted that during executive session two pending litigation matters namely Tomeo and Russell were discussed but no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available when the attorney feels there will be no harm to the public.

It was announced that the Committee will conduct a workshop session on December 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The Reorganization meeting will be held on January 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on January 3, 2008 at 7:00. Ms. Reilly was advised to "notice" the Express Times of these meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator