

**JANUARY 24, 2008 MINUTES  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Mayor Inscho at 7:04 p.m.  
**SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE** read by Mayor Inscho  
**FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Lavery, and Ms. Reilly. Let the record reflect that Mr. Grover was absent due to a conflicting schedule.

**REPORTS:**

The following individuals had a report:

**COMMITTEEMAN TIBAK** – he noted that he is working with the computer technician in reference to the problem with the Mr. Lifer's computer.

**COMMITTEEMAN FISHER** – He stated that the State asked for an extension to file their appeal in the school matter. They have until February 18, 2008.

**DPW SUPERVISOR ROMANOWITCH:** He stated that the new truck should arrive sometime next week.

**EILEEN GREASON:** She noted that the Recreation Commission had their reorganization meeting. Mr. McGreevy is Chair and Amy Deiterman is Vice Chair. They will have baseball sign ups on 1/21/08, 2/4/08 and 2/6/08 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

She also noted that the Environmental Commission had their reorganization meeting. Mr. Phil Wooldridge is Chair and Tom Webster is Vice Chair.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

**Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive** – asked what the litigation is about with Russell. Mr. Lavery said it was in reference to the sidewalks.

**She also asked the status of the Bennett situation on Marble Hill.**

**Gary Hart – Marble Hill – responded by stating the garbage is still there plus they are dumping more.**

**Mayor Inscho responded by stating that our Zoning Official is here this evening but he is on the telephone at the present time. He asked that the audience please chair this matter until Mr. Snyder can come into the meeting to answer questions.**

**FIRE TRUCK BID DISCUSSION: Mayor Inscho noted that only one bid was received from Darley in the amount of \$469,476. He asked Ms. Reilly if other bids were requested. She stated that four bids were sent out but only one bid was submitted. She was directed to call the other three companies that requested bids to ask why they did not submit a bid. Mr. Petersen feels we should re-bid. Mayor Inscho stated that he cannot vote in this matter, but that he conferred with Mr. Grover and he too feels this should be re-bid. Chief Lunden asked them to please reconsider because he is afraid that if we re-bid the bids will come in around \$500,000. Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Petesen with roll call as follows to reject the bid from North Jersey Fire and Rescue.**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Tibak</b>	<b>yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Petersen</b>	<b>yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Fisher</b>	<b>yes</b>
	<b>Mr. Inscho</b>	<b>abstained</b>

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**BACK TO PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Mr. Eric Snyder was now present to answer various questions.**

**In reference to the Bert Bennett matter – Mr. Snyder stated that he will call the Warren County Board of Health first thing tomorrow morning. He noted that he sent out another letter to Mr. Bennett. If issues are not resolved, he will issue violation notices and take this matter to Court.**

**Lisa Thomas – She noted that this is illegal dumping**

**Russell Brown – Walnut Lane – He said it sounds like you let him do whatever he wants to for the past eleven years.**

**Mr. Lavery responded by stating that no one has been any harder on Mr. Bennett than the Liberty Township Committee members. He encouraged Eric to issue summons to the guy every day until the issue is resolved.**

**INPUT FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AS TO THE LISBON CAPRI PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP.**

**Mayor Inscho stated that an invitation was extended to the following Committees for their input as to ideas for this property: Land Use Board, Recreation Commission, Open Space Board and Environmental Commission.**

**At this time Frank Joseph – Lakeside Drive – applauded the Committee on the work done at The Lodge. He noted that Ron Petersen did a lot of work there and he wanted to personally thank him. He also thanked other volunteers namely Ed Gallagher and Frank Jalosky. At this time the audience applauded and gave their thanks!**

**Frank Joseph then read a memo from the Environmental Commission giving ideas for the use of the properties owned by the Township. Please find this memo attached.**

**Mr. McGreevy, Recreation Commission agrees with what Mr. Joseph read in his report but added that they would like to see a portable ice skating ring on the property instead of using the Lake. Discussion ensued.**

**The Environmental Commission would like to keep the natural beauty of the area. Basketball, tennis courts, skate parks, and other impermeable surfaces will increase storm water runoff and add to nonpoint source pollution entering the lake. Lighting for these activities will disturb neighboring residents.**

**Mr. McGreevy then suggested perhaps the tennis courts here at the Municipal area could be flooded in the winter for ice skating. He also suggested more docks put placed at the lake along with equipment for swimming competitions. Perhaps vending machines could be put in the building at the beach which could be locked at night but create revenue.**

**Mr. Fisher suggested that the concrete pier on The Lodge side could be used for fishing.**

**Greg Sipple – Open Space – proposed bringing back the local triathlons. These generated a lot of money annually.**

**Eileen Greason – Mt. Lake Road suggested a docking system for fisherman to use with a railing barrier. She noted that they should designate parking area for boats and trailers. Instead of a chemical weed control at the beach, she suggested a new technique which is chemical free but is done by divers placing mats into the bottom of the water. She also would love to have solar panels placed on the garage.**

**John Crisp – Free Union Road – Suggested putting lights at the proposed pavilion which would allow for summer concerts and dances.**

**Mr. Hannigan – Tamarack Road feels it should be kept for recreational purposes such as boating, fishing, etc. He feels an open air pavilion is a good idea but he is afraid of vandalism.**

**JoAnn Ward – Lakeside Drive – suggested having boat rentals as a way to make money and to provide recreation option for people who do not own their own boats.**

**Mr. Petersen asked Mr. Snyder that if the Green Pond Room were taken down would there be any problem putting something up in its place. Mr. Snyder said no.**

**Ms. Ward asked a time frame and was informed at least one year from now.**

**Mr. Hannigan asked the Committee to find out what is causing the mold in the Green Pond Room to assure it won't happen again.**

**Mayor Inscho thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and welcomed everyone back at every meeting.**

**At this time JoAnn Ward – Lakeside Drive – questioned what can be done about speeders around the Lake. She asked what can be done to reduce this problem. She then suggested portable speed bumps.**

**Chief Lunden stated that the Fire Company would have problems with this.**

**At this time Mr. Fisher noted that the township applied for a Municipal Aid Grant but was denied this year. This would have been for safety issues such as guard rails, etc.**

**Edward Gallagher – Park Street – suggested additional speed signs be placed around the Lake.**

**Mayor Inscho stated that the State Police coverage around the lake has been excellent!**

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

**REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher, with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:55.**

**Mr. Lavery explained that during Executive Session the following was discussed but no official action taken:**

**Contractual matter with Porzio**

**Pending litigation with pigeons**

**Pending litigation with Russell**

**CONTRACT WITH PORZIO: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to sign contract with Porzio with his revised hourly rate of \$265 per hour and to put in the budget the same as last year which was \$45,000 total.**

**At this time Ken Lunden came back into session. He asked the Committee if he talked to the people who submitted the bid and could get them to come down in their price, would the township be willing to award the bid to them. The Committee stated that they already rejected**

**the bid but they are willing to meet with members of the Fire Company and discuss this issue. It was decided to begin the meeting of February 7, 2008 at 6:30 instead of 7:00 to enable meeting with the Chief and members of the Fire Company to discuss same. Mr. Lunden agreed to this.**

**Ms. Reilly stated she would “notice the Express Times of this”.**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 9:03 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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