

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.
FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Lavery, and Ms. Reilly. Let the record reflect that Mr. Petersen arrived at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher will roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss one contractual matter for a fire truck.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Lavery stated that during executive session one contractual matter was discussed in reference to the purchase of a fire truck but no official action taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to approve Minutes of 12/6/07, 1/1/08 and 1/10/08.

REPORTS:

THOMAS QUINN, ENGINEER – He reported the following:

No driveway permits were approved this month.
No action in Wooded Valley
He met with Lydia about the Tax Map changes.

MR. LAVERY: He noted that he wrote a letter to Bennett to clean up the area off of Marble Hill. It was his understanding that he began the clean up process.

He also noted that he sent a letter to the surveyor of The Lodge.

MAYOR INSCHO – He informed the committee that he received a phone call from Mr. Bennett stating that he was cleaning up the property and will be removing the millings, etc. He also stated that once it is cleaned up he will be writing a letter to the township asking if we would like to acquire the property.

He stated that a budget meeting with the Municipal Court of North Warren will be held on February 11th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Tibak stated that he would attend this meeting.

He noted that the Warren County Public Safety is putting in a new paging system.

He informed the Committee that he received a letter from Solid Waste Advisory Board noting that their meetings are the same night as our township meetings. Therefore, he was going to call them to ask if someone else could attend these meetings. He said that now that we have a new recycling coordinator perhaps that person could attend. He will call to find out who can attend.

He reported that the State of New Jersey sent us a yearly bill in the amount of \$450 for the septic at The Lodge. He is going to call the State and ask that this be waived until The Lodge is sold and the new owner can arrange for payment.

He then read a letter from Helen Danitz thanking Willa Reilly for her research as to the removal of leaves and what other townships

do. She also asked that the leaf situation be considered into this year's budget.

DEPUTY MAYOR FISHER – He stated that he attended the GMR School Board meeting. He noted that the newly elected committeeman from Independence complained about the figures in the report being wrong.

He reported that school testing scores show that the scores for the elementary school were higher but the Middle School figures dropped.

COMMITTEEMAN GROVER – He reported that he took engineer through the Casino and is waiting for the report to come back.

He noted that he is working with JCP&L about removing some of the electric at the Casino and the grounds.

COMMITTEE PETERSEN – He noted that the company who provided the septic tank at The Lodge came back and repaired the problem.

He reported that at the Open Space Meeting they talked about pre-auction advertisement for The Lodge.

COMMITTEEMEN TIBAK – He reported that the issue with computer problem has been resolved. He also reported that the Recreation Commission had their reorganization meeting and Mr. McGreevy is the Chairman.

LYNN RUTKOSKI – RECYCLING COORDINATOR – Please see report attached.

At this time Mayor Inscho stated that perhaps we can get Sanico to pick up here at the Municipal Building since they do recycling also. Research will be done as to prices.

Lynn asked if she could set up some recycling here with we have our Spring and Fall Cleanup – she would get the Boy Scouts to assist. The Committee had no problem with this idea.

STEVE ROMANOWITCH – DPW SUPERVISOR – He noted that the new truck should arrive next week.

EILEEN GREASON – She reported that the baseball signups have been going very well.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Stuber – Marble Hill – She asked if the township was interested in the Bennett property and was informed by Mr. Petersen that the Open Space Commission has discussed it

Lynn Rutkoski – She asked where we stood with the school appeal. Mr. Fisher noted that the State gave themselves an extension.

Helen Danitz – She asked if the Committee would consider Belvidere's offer of lending us equipment to do a leave cleanup.

CORRESPONDENCE

Yearly report from Land Use Board. See attached.

AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter into contract with the Mosquito Commission to allow this aerial spraying.

CONTRACT FOR SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP – Quotes were received from Sanico, Waste Management and Gary Grey. (See attached quote list). Motion made by Mr. Inscho seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to contract with Gary Gray for the 2008 Spring and Fall Cleanup who gave lowest quote of \$203 per 30 yard roll off and \$65.00 disposal per ton.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Committee and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee Member or Citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in it's normal sequence on the agenda.

Resolution 08-14	Refund over payment
Resolution 08-15	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-16	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-17	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-18	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-19	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-20	Cancel tax sale certificate
Resolution 08-21	Cancel tax sale certificate

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt all of the above resolutions 08-14 through 08-22.

Resolution 08-22 – Transfers – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

ORDINANCE 08-01 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF NEW JERSEY – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Inscho

– open for public discussion – no public discussion – roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance at 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 08-02 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE -

Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Tibak - open for public discussion – no public discussion – roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance at 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 08-03 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK – Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adopt at first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place on March 6, 2008.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak to enter into executive session to discuss two litigation matters, and two contractual matters.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 9:04.

Mr. Lavery stated that during executive session the following matters were discussed but no official action taken:

Litigation in the Tomeo matter.

Litigation in the Russell matter.

Contractual matter with Statistical Forecasting

At this time Mr. Tibak noted that he should have abstained from the December 6, 2007 approval of Minutes.

STATISTICAL PROPOSAL: Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to accept the proposal from Statistical Forecasting in the amount of \$20,000.

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