

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2008  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP SESSION

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 6:34 p.m.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.

FLAG SALUTE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation matter.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Mr. Lavery stated that during executive session the Tomeo vs. Liberty Township litigation matter was discussed but no official action was taken. Minutes of this session will be made public once the committee deems it appropriate.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to direct Kim Marie McDonald to offer as settlement in the Tomeo matter.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: There was no public discussion at this time.

REPORTS:

Ms. Reilly – No report

Mr. Lavery – No report

Mr. Petersen – He wanted to commend Mayor Inscho for his statement in the Express Times today in reference to the Budget.

He then noted that the following: The bolts are in for the salt shed, the new DPW truck has arrived and Modern will be completing the tank work next week, weather permitting.

He also noted that DEP and Soil Conservation had a meeting this morning with Mr. Bennett and they will give him until Spring to clean up the matter and if he is still in violation they will issue violations.

Mr. Grover – He noted that he received a Structural Engineer’s report for the Casino and he will review same and make a report at next week’s meeting.

Mr. Fisher – He noted that the school board had two meetings in reference to their budget. At the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 they added capital improvements of air conditioning for the Central School and replacing carpets at the Liberty School. There will be a hearing on the budget on March 25, 2008 at 7:30 at the Middle School.

He then noted that we received a letter from Mr. Bing of Great Meadows Regional asking Liberty and Independence Townships to merge. He spoke with him and invited him to the meeting this evening and he said he would come but later learned that he could not attend this evening due to a prior commitment.

Eileen Greason – She reported that basketball is winding down and baseball is starting up. She also reported that Community Day is being planned. Next week you will receive a resolution allowing fireworks.

Environmental – They will be having their annual winter presentation on March 20, 2008 about natural gardening. Also, at next week’s meeting, we will be asking for permission to apply for a tree planting grant thru the NJ Tree Foundation. The Commission will partner with the cub scout pack to plant trees at the Liberty School. It is to our advantage to remain in this program as no new grantees are being accepted.

Steve Romanowitch – He noted that the following: the bolts are in for the wash station, the new truck has arrived and a radio has been hooked up. Should have the lettering done by next week.

Mr. Fisher then noted that he received a letter at home from Assemblyman Doherty stating that he would like legislation passed that would mandate

municipalities to have a referendum passed for all bond monies. Mr. Fisher stated that he is opposed to this because he feels it would cost tax payers money in ballots and special elections, etc. He personally wrote back and stated his feels to Assemblyman Doherty.

RESOLUTION 08-24 - At this time a motion was made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover, with roll call unanimous to pass Resolution 08-24 against this proposed Bill and send a copy to Assemblyman Doherty.

Mayor Inscho noted that Assemblywoman Karrow is hosting a Round table Discussion on March 5, 2008 at the Pequest Fisher Hatchery. He and Mr. Fisher plan on attending. If anyone else wishes to attend please inform Ms. Reilly so she can notice the newspaper.

He then thanked the DPW for the terrific job they did during the snow storm. He also thanked Steve on the good job he did with the new truck.

LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. BARTIROMO: Mayor Inscho explained that their letter outlines property maintenance issues which cannot be resolved by the Zoning Official because we have no Property Maintenance Code in place. He explained that they tried passing one several years ago but the public did not want it. Discussion ensued. It was agreed upon by all concerned that Mr. Petersen and Mr. Inscho will meet with the neighbor and offer some suggestions on maintenance. All involved agreed. They will meet sometime next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter back into executive session to discuss one contractual matter.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen to enter back into regular session at 9:09 p.m. Mr. Lavery explained that during executive session one personnel matter and one contractual matter was discussed but no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available once the Committee deems it appropriate.

Motion then made by Mr. Grover and seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to direct Ms. Reilly to sign paperwork for Ms. McDonald to obtain all files from her previous law office concerning the Tomeo matter for her new office files.

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