

MARCH 6, 2008 MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:07 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 and Ms. Reilly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by
Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt Minutes of 1/24/08 and 2/7/08.

REPORTS:

Engineer Tom Quinn: Please see attached report.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator: - She read the text of a resolution 08-23 she
prepared after it was verbally adopted at the February 28, 2008 meeting.
She was then directed to send this to Assemblyman Doherty.

Committeeman Tibak - He noted that he would meet with Steve about
closing in the area where the server to the computer is located.

Committeeman Petersen – He reported that he met with The Lodge surveyor
this morning and we should have a survey given to us next week.

He explained that Mr. Romanowitch is absent this evening due to taking a
civil service test therefore he will report that the DPW is busy installing a
fence in two areas of The Lodge.

He stated that Modern has some additional work to do with the septic
situation at The Lodge but this should be completed soon.

He noted that Soil Conservation will be conducting a tree and wild flower
sale.

Committeeman Grover – No report this evening.

Committeeman Fisher – He reported that Assemblywoman Karrow held a Round Table discussion last evening at the Fish Hatchery. Several issues were discussed such as Highlands, Municipal Aid, State polices, etc. He said that he tends to think that the Governor’s budget cuts may be turned down.

Eileen Greason – She reported that the Environmental Commission would like to apply for a NJ Tree Foundation grant. It is the same grant that we received last tree. Mayor Inscho directed her to apply.

She then stated that NJDEP – Bureau of Fresh Water and Biological Monitoring will conduct a water quality monitoring of the Lake this Spring. She is very pleased that the State will be conducting this study. They plan to do this every five years.

Mr. Wooldridge – He reported that a presentation entitled Gardening the Natural Way will be presented here on March 20, 2008 at 7:00.

Lynn Rutkoski – Recycling Coordinator reported that she will apply for a grant to obtain recycling bins. She said the recycling of the telephone books is going well.

Mayor Inscho – He reported that he received a letter from the Freeholders concerning a meeting on April 15, 2008 at 7 p.m.

He announced the Spring Clean Up will be conducted on April 26th and 27th, 2008. The county is conducting a Hazardous Waste Clean Up on April 20, 2008.

He noted that he received an invitation from First Responders about a meeting at the Fish Hatchery on March 13, 2008 which he will attend.

He also requested Ms. Reilly to send a letter to the Mt. Lake Fire Company stating that a meeting will be set up with the Freeholder Board and the County OEM as soon as Mr. DiMaio returns from vacation

He also noted that he will attend a budget meeting on March 12, 2008 with the Municipal Court of North Warren in Hope.

Mayor's Appointment – Mayor Inscho recommends appointment of Lynn Rutkoski to the SWAC for Warren County. Ms. Reilly will write a letter to the Freeholder Board asking that they appoint her.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. and Mrs. Kathenes of 516 Townsbury Road questioned issues with The Mentor Group Home. They stated that there were issues with the septic and they added another bedroom. They also questioned who is actually paying for the education of these children. It was explained that Liberty residents are not paying and that Ms. Mumaw, Business Administrator from the GMR School District is on top of this issue. They asked who is in charge of this group home and Mr. Lavery informed them it was Division of Youth and Family Services. They complained that there are usually five cars in the driveway and who did they belong too. Mayor Inscho suggested that Ms. Reilly write a letter to Senator Lance asking him to ask a representative from The Mentor and a representative from DYFS to attend our workshop meeting on March 27, 2008. Mr. and Mrs. Kathenes feel that they were not told the truth while attending an Open House at the group home and were treated coldly.

Audrey Schmidt – 27 Spring Hill Lane – She then spoke up and stated that she disagreed with them. She too attended the Open House at the Mentor and said she was treated very well and felt the direct opposite of what Mr. and Mrs. Kathenes felt.

Again, Mayor Inscho referred to the invitation which will be extended to those involved. In this respect, many of these questions could be answered.

Audrey Schmidt – 27 Spring Hill Lane – She wanted to extend her thank you to Engineer Quinn for coming to her home and walking her property in reference to the water problem. Mayor Inscho said he would let Mr. Quinn know how much she appreciated this visit,

Ms. Rutkoski – Lake Just It – wanted to know the status of the school appeal issue. Mr. Fisher explained that the State filed paperwork to ask for an extension.

Ms. Stuber – Marble Hill – Questioned the status of the Bennett property. Mayor Inscho stated that Mr. Bennett informed him that he is continuing to remove the stockpile of garbage and asphalt, etc.

John Barton – Mansfield Township – He apologized from coming in late but wanted to ask what the Committee is going to do about issues at the Mentor Group Home. He noted that he actually lives in Mansfield but has property in Liberty. He is very concerned about issues which are present. He detailed a situation with a young adult yesterday which involved calling the State Police. Mayor Inscho explained that a letter will be sent to Senator Lance asking his assistance in inviting officials from The Mentor and someone from DYFS to answer questions. He stated he would like a copy of this letter and was informed he could certainly obtain one.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter about the Joan Knechel Memorial Walk which is scheduled for October 19, 2008. Mayor Inscho suggested that the Port-a-John be moved to the front of the Casino for use that day. He also noted that something be posted on the sign out front on October 1, 2008.

Raffle Permit for Mt. Lake Fire Company – Ms. Reilly noted all paperwork for this application is in order. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to allow this raffle.

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

Mr. Lake Fire Company new member – Eric Jalosky – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call as follows to direct Clerk to sign paperwork for new member Mr. Jalosky.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Ken Lunden informed the Committee he spoke with three fire truck distributors and will be presenting new specs in order for the Township to re-bid for the fire truck. He also spoke with the White Township Committee and he is hopeful that they too will contribute something for this truck. He was thanked by the Mayor and Committee for this.

RESOLUTIONS:

08-24 - Contracting for Fire Works display for Community Day – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

08-25 - Cancel Tax Sale Certificate – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

08-26 – Renewal of Plumbing Subcode Services – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

08-27 – Oppose Funding for State Police – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

08-28 - Reinstate Property Tax Relief – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

ORDINANCE 08-03 – An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation and Establish a Cap Bank – Motion made by Mr. Petersen seconded by Mr. Inscho – open for public discussion – no public discussion – closed to public discussion – Roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance on 2nd reading.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on Bills List.,

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation ad two potential litigation matters.

REGULAR SESSION – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:29 p.m.

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

Russell litigation matter
Pigeon Coop potential litigation matter
Great Meadows pending litigation matter.

Minutes will be made available when the Committee decides there will be harm to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator