

MARCH 27, 2008 MINUTES
WORKSHOP SESSION
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 7:08 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 absent due to conflicting schedule.

MENTOR GROUP HOME DISCUSSION:

At this time Mayor Inscho welcomed representatives from Mentor – Mr. Meyers, Mr. Gigliano and Sue Carney – and from the State of NJ Carol Dorchright and Alan Vitzta. He thanked them for coming this evening in order to try to answer questions from the public.

At this time the public were invited to ask questions concerning the group home. Discussions ensued and many questions answered. Some questions could not be answered due to confidentiality.

The Mentor representatives will look into the following issues:

Parking lot expansion
Supervisors wearing ID

The State Police were present and they stated that there were six calls to the home since it opened seven months ago and none of the calls were of any major issue. They said they patrol more often to ease neighbors fears.

It was also noted that the NJ Office of Licensing reviews the site and make surprise visits. The reason for so many cars there today is because the State is there reviewing the home and staff.

It was stressed by the Mentor representatives that they can call them at any time. In fact, they will be sending Ms. Reilly over a revised list of telephone numbers for township residents to call. They will also give their cell phone numbers to the State Police.

Mayor Inscho then thanked everyone for coming this evening.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Lynn Rutkoski reported that there is one week left to collect old telephone books.

RESOLUTION 09-29 – APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – Motion made by Mr. Petersen seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to approve this resolution.

REPORTS:

MS. REILLY noted that she put a draft resolution in the Committee's packet for them to review. It is in reference to raising fines in motor vehicle violations.

MR. LAVERY – researched that there is no such Ordinance which could stop a Mentor Home in New Jersey.

MR. PETERSEN – No report at this time.

MR. GROVER – Met with representatives from JCP&L about the lights at the old Casino. He said these lights will be disconnected this week thus saving the township about \$150 per month.

Mayor Inscho suggested that the lights here at the Municipal area be looked into. Mr. Grover will research this as well.

MR. FISHER – He reported that the School Budget was adopted and will be put out to vote in April. He then gave synopsis of their budget.

MR. RUTKOSKI – She reported that she will be attending a SWAT class next week. Also, she is the liaison appointment to Solid Waste for Liberty and she will be attending their meetings.

MR. ROMANOWITCH – He reported that the steel work for the wash bays will begin soon.

MR. INSCHO – He noted that Assemblywoman Karrow will be conducting an Open House at the Mt. Lake Fire House on April 5, 2008 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.

He then noted that since the Municipal Court at North Warren budget went up extremely high he would like permission to talk with the Mayor of White Township about perhaps joining their Court. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to direct Mr. Inscho to confer with White Township officials about this idea.

He also stated that he will be meeting with Medina tomorrow about their billing process.

Mayor Inscho then read a letter from Ms. Wooldridge who is resigning from the Environmental Commission with regret. Mayor Inscho directed Ms. Reilly to send a letter to her thanking her for her service.

He reported that Liberty again received a grant from Clean Communities in the amount of \$5,037.48.

He then asked the Committee to review their packets for next week and if anyone has any changes to let Ms. Reilly know.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator