

APRIL 3, 2008 MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:11 P.M.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Lavery, Mr. Quinn and Ms. Reilly.

Mayor Inscho informed everyone present that the tape recorder was not functioning therefore; this meeting will not be recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call as follows to approve the Minutes of 2/28/08, 3/6/08 and 3/3/08.

ROLL CALL:	Tibak	all yes except 2/28/08 (he was absent)
	Grover	all yes
	Fisher	all yes
	Inscho	all yes

REPORTS:

ENGINEER MR. QUINN: He reported on the matters included in the written report attached.

At this time Mayor Inscho asked Mr. Quinn to meet with him and Steve about runoff on a property on Quenby Mr. Road.

MS. REILLY – No report

MR. LAVERY – No report

MR. TIBAK: He reported that the Recreation Commission organized a fund raiser for a township family who lost two of their children and they raised a substantial amount of money. When the donation was presented to the family, they in turn donated the money back to the Recreation Commission. He said “Hats off to this wonderful family” for this gesture.

MR. GROVER: He noted that it was his understanding that the lights at the Casino are being taken out this week, thus saving the township money in electric bills.

MR. FISHER: He noted that if approved in the school budget, the all day kindergarten children from Liberty will stay in the Liberty School along with Liberty’s 5th graders. The Independence kindergarten children will be in Central School and the 5th graders will move to the Middle School.

EILEEN GREASON: She reported that baseball is underway and the fields are being done. The concession stand will open on April 18, 2008.

She also wanted to thank Tickners for donating 50 pounds of grass seed!

MR. WOOLDRIDGE from the Environmental Commission noted that a gentleman from Cool Cities will be making a presentation here on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

MR. ROMANOWITCH: He noted that the DPW are cutting back on Quenby Mt. Road to prepare for paving. One drain is being repaired as well.

Noted that for the Spring Clean Up there will be nine containers and one for metal.

He will be picking up the clay for the baseball fields tomorrow.

MAYOR INSCHO: He reported that Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow will conduct a Meet and Greet at the Mt. Lake Fire House on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 9 a.m. until 11:00 P.M.

He also wanted to remind everyone about the Ethics Seminar being held April 15, 2008 at the Vo Tech Building in Washington, NJ.

He reported that he met with Sam Race, Mayor of White Township and discussion ensued about merging with them for Municipal Court, Construction Department and Zoning. He noted that he and Willa got together earlier and tried to obtain information from Hope as to a breakdown involving court costs for Liberty only. They were told that the costs could not be broken down that way. Further research will be conducted on this possible merger along with figures.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Caroline Stuber – Marble Hill – She asked if Mr. Bennett is still being fined due to problems at Wooded Valley. Mr. Lavery said this is going to be discussed in Executive Session this evening.

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – She asked the status of The Lodge and Casino. Mr. Inscho stated that the septic has been installed and the plumbing will be hooked up to the septic and kitchen. He noted that doors and window replacements have been ordered. He also noted that they must go in front of Land Use Board to subdivide. That would take about 90 days. Then they will put it up for auction.

Mr. Grover noted that we can save part of the Casino. He noted that there are a few ideas they are looking at. He stated that the original structure is in good condition but there are a lot of cosmetic issues.

Ken Lunden – Lewis Lane – Noted that some of the electric has been removed from around the old Casino area. Mr. Grover said that this is correct because we have installed our own.

Close to public discussion.

At this time Mr. Inscho appointed Ms. Cook to the Environmental Commission replacing Ms. Wooldridge's unexpired term.

FIRE TRUCK SPECS: Mr. Lavery said he didn't have time to fully review the specs but he will have something ready for the next meeting.

Chief Lunden reported that the new specs call for a smaller engine thus perhaps saving about \$30,000 from the former specs.

APPOINT DOG CENSUS – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to appoint Elaine Hawes to this position.

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. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and Municipal Court matters and one personnel matter with zoning.

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

Mr. Lavery stated that during executive session the following was discussed but no official action taken and minutes of this session will be made public once the Committee deems it appropriate.

Pending Litigation with Russell
Contractual matter with Municipal Court at North Warren
Personal matter re: zoning official's written memos to Committee

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator