

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
JOINT MEETING WITH INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
TO DISCUSS DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET
MAY 8, 2008

Also present was Mr. Jason Bing, Great Meadows Regional Superintendent and Julie Mumaw, Great Meadows Business Administrator.

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

Present from Independence Township were Mayor Giordano, John Cummins, Bonnie Kelsey, Tim Norton and Steve Crawford who arrived later in the session

Present from Great Meadows Regional were Jason Bing and Julie Mumaw.

Mayor Inscho explained that Liberty will open with a power point presentation. He asked that no interruptions be given to people while they are speaking.

Mr. Petersen welcomed everyone attending and thanked Independence Committee for their input.

Mr. Grover welcomed everyone and informed the public that he would be conducting the power point presentation this evening. He proceeded with the presentation – please see attached.

Mayor Inscho then turned the meeting over to Mayor Giordano.

He noted that there was a lot to review this evening and his main concern was cutting the surplus.

Mr. Cummins said he was concerned about the capital reserve and taking \$200,000 out of the tuition going to Hackettstown. He agreed with the employee benefit suggestion.

He noted that the Board of Ed gave carte blanche to Mr. Bing allowing him to make transfers without prior approval of the school board.

Ms. Kelsey agreed that there is a lot to review and wanted Mr. Bing's comments.

Mr. Norton said he echoed a lot of the same comments already stated this evening.

Most of the public comments were in favor of keeping the budget the way it is.

Mr. Bing noted that the tuition process is explained at every meeting and it is difficult to cut from that line item. He also noted that neither township is charged to use the school facilities as was in the past. Mr. Fisher felt that we were not charged in the past.

Discussion ensued as to other line items which could not be cut.

It was noted that this budget was rejected by the voters and it is the responsibility of the township committees to review and make suggestions for cuts.

Parties involved discussed various recommendations. Packets will be taken home and all will meet on Monday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School to further discuss the defeated budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator