

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Inscho.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.

FLAG SALUTE

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

HIGHLANDS PRESENTATION: Ms. Eileen Swann, Executive Director of the Highlands Council and Thomas Borden, Esq., Deputy Executive Director made a power point presentation. They also answered many questions from the public. It was suggested that the township pass two resolutions at their next meeting. She gave two sample resolutions for this purpose. One is a resolution that we intend to conform and the other is asking for an extension of time. Also, after lengthy discussion, Ms. Swann ended her presentation by noting that it would be in the best interest of our township to have the school formula changed.

FIRE COMPANY – Chief Ken Lunden asked the Committee’s intent to contribute towards the purchase of a truck. Mayor Inscho explained that he was waiting to hear back from our CFO and Auditor concerning the amount they would be allowed to give per year. Chief Lunden also asked for a “letter of intent” from the township noting that a donation would be made each year for a period of five years. Since the township attorney was not present this evening this question could not be answered at this time. Mr. Skoog will be asked this when he returns from vacation. Mayor Inscho also noted that there is a Bill in the Senate which may allow municipalities to increase donation amounts.

Chief Lunden stated that the truck cost is approximately \$450,000 and White Township committed to give them \$100,000 toward the purchase over a period of time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call as follows to adopt Minutes of October 2, 2008.

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

REPORTS:

ENGINEER FAIRFIELD – He referred to a letter he sent to DEP about allowing us to write our own waste water plan. He will advise as he hears.

He noted that he also contacted the State about the damn on the Bennett property. There is a design that has been approved and will cost more than \$60,000 to do so.

MR. TIBAK – He thanked everyone who voted for him and congratulated Mr. Petersen on his win. He noted that the software for the computers has been upgraded.

MR. PETERSEN – He too thanked all who voted for him and congratulated Mr. Tibak on his win. He also noted that the interior of the Lodge is being cleaned.

MR. GROVER – He congratulated Mr. Tibak and Mr. Petersen on winning this election.

MR. FISHER – He congratulated Mr. Tibak and Mr. Petersen also. He then noted that there is a resolution on the agenda this evening authorizing submission of Petition to State Department of Education.

MR. ROMANOWITCH – He noted that on 10/28/08 we had our first snow storm. The DPW has been cleaning up around the township since that time due to the many trees and limbs which came down. He also noted that the dug outs for the ball field have been completed.

He reported that Mr. Cerny's last working day with the DPW was October 31, 2008 and would like to see him come back next year. He also reported that the DPW is continuing clean up at The Lodge.

EILEEN GREASON – She noted that soccer is winding down and basketball is starting up. The Environmental Commission is working on a forestry management plan.

MAYOR INSCHO: He thanked Steve, Don, Ken, John Cerney, John Fisher, Ron Petersen and the Mt. Lake Fire Company for all of their help during the storm and loss of power.

He also noted that the State Police funding issue was found to be unconstitutional and commented on the terrific job the State Police is doing.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bob Mischka – Marble Hill Road – He asked the status of the Bennett property, The Lodge and the Casino.

Mayor Inscho responded by noting that our attorney is drawing up sealed bid specs for the sale of The Lodge. He noted that Max Spann, an auctioneer, stated it was a bad time to sell but the township decided to sell it themselves sometime after the holidays. He anticipated the bids will go out sometime in January or February, 2009.

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – She thanked the Township Committee, Mt. Lake Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary, Steve and the DPW and Ms. Reilly for all of their help with the Cancer Walk. They raised \$40,000 from this event.

Mayor Inscho also congratulated the team who coordinated the Knechel Memorial Walk and what a terrific job they did.

She asked if the Lodge could be rented out until it sold but was told no because they would have to bid out in order to lease as well. She asked if the township was taking over the Bennett property on Marble Hill and was told that they are looking into it. It was noted that these homes are being abused by children and asked if they could be boarded up. Mayor Inscho asked Mrs. Reilly to ask the Building Inspector about this idea.

Closed to public discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

RAFFLE PERMIT FOR MT. LAKE FIRE COMPANY: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call as follows to approve this raffle permit for Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2009.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Tibak	yes
	Mr. Petersen	yes
	Mr. Grover	yes
	Mr. Fisher	yes
	Mr. Inscho	abstain

#### RESOLUTIONS:

- 08-55 Refund Tax Overpayment – Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to approve said resolution.
- 08-56 Authorizing Submission of Petition to State Dept. of Education – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to approve said resolution.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Tibak to enter into executive session at 9:26 to discuss school issue and Bennett pending litigation.

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

During executive session Mayor Inscho explained that the following was discussed but no official action taken: School issue and Bennett property issue. Copies of these minutes will be made available to public when the Committee feels appropriate.

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