

MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP SESSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.

FLAG SALUTE

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

REPORTS:

Committeeman Petersen – No report at this time.

Committeeman Fisher – He noted that the School Board held a special meeting to discuss the budget and transportation issues. He said there is a reduction in numbers compared to last year.

He then discussed the possibility of ordering five additional Code Books for the Committee members. Everyone agreed to this, therefore, Ms. Reilly will order five additional code books.

Mr. Romanowitch, DPW Supervisor – He noted that they will do the ballfields next week and that they cleaned the drains around the lake. He noted that he had a meeting with Ms. Buckley about the forestry program for the township. He also reported that the first three weeks of next month they will be preparing for the salamanders crossing on Shades of Death Road.

Eileen Greason, Recreation and Environmental Secretary – She reported that there were not enough girls in the intermediate and senior teams grades 5 through 8th, therefore they can sign up with Independence Township. Baseball is hosting an opening day event on April 10, 2009. She also stated that the Recreation Commission wants to hold Community Day in June and not have the event along with the Anniversary of the Mt. Lake Fire Department. They will be putting together a sub-committee for this purpose.

She also noted that the Recreation Commission is considering a private company to handle coach background checks and she will give this information to Mr. Tibak and Mr. Skoog once she obtains same.

She also said they would like to create a volunteer position as perhaps a facilities coordinator to oversee field maintenance.

She noted that four volunteers took training to oversee the salamander crossing event.

Lynn Rutkoski – Recycling Coordinator – She noted that the township needs to get the Recycling Ordinance completed. At this time Mr. Romanowitch reported that 680 pounds of recyclables from the township were taken to the County.

Mayor Inscho – He reported that a Freeholder Meeting will be held on March 19, 2009 concerning shared services. Mr. Petersen agreed to attend this meeting with him.

He then mentioned that Mr. Price was requesting permission to attend a Flood Plain class which consists of four days. It was decided that the Committee felt that this was not necessary for our township.

He then noted that the school wants us to sign an Interlocal Agreement. Discussion ensued as to some issues that other folks using the gym do not have to supply certificates of insurance. Mr. Fisher and Ms. Greason will check into this.

Mayor Inscho then read a memo from our tax assessor about hiring an assistant to assist her and offering to cut her salary in order to pay for this assistant. He said he would meet with her next week to discuss this.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Jackie Ceaser – Danville Mt. Road – She reported that her neighbor had two women come to her home on Saturday stating that were conducting a census of Spanish speaking residents. At this time Ms. Reilly stated that this information was included in the Committee’s weekly report. She received a call from the neighbor on Monday and encouraged her to call the NJ State Police in Washington, which she did. A trooper came to the office on Tuesday to inquire if we heard of any other incidents, which we did not. I asked him if there was anything further we should do and he said no, but if any other calls come in have them contact the State Police. Ms. Reilly was directed that in the future to inform Mr. Romanowitch about this type of incident because he travels the roads during the day and would be on the lookout for a situation such as this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and waste water management issues.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:42 p.m.

During executive session Mayor Inscho stated that the following was discussed but no official action taken”

Tomeo litigation matter
Waste Water Management issues
Fire Company matter

APPOINTMENT: Mayor Inscho appointed Katie Connelly to Recreation Commission as first alternate for a term ending 12/31/10.

Budget Workshop – It was decided to conduct a Budget Workshop on March 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Since Ms. Reilly will be away at class tomorrow she asked if Mayor Inscho would inform Mr. Tibak and Mr. Grover and he said he would.

It was also decided that job evaluations will be conducted on March 4, 2009.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk