

MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho 7:03 p.m.
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho
FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OIF SILENCE – In memory of former Committeeman Gene Naccarato who passed away on April 26, 2009.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made y Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call as follows to approve Minutes of March 26, 2009 and April 2, 2009.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Tibak	yes to both
	Mr. Petersen	yes to both
	Mr. Grover	yes to both
	Mr. Fisher	yes to both
	Mr. Inscho	abstains from 3/26/09 Yes to 4/2/09

2009 BUDGET HEARING – Open for public discussion – No public discussion. Closed to public discussion.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET – 09-25 – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said Budget.

REPORTS:

Engineer Fairfield – Reported that he sent a letter to DEP in reference to the Wastewater Plan. He also noted that Mr. Snyder applied for this grant.

Committeeman Tibak – He noted that soccer sign ups began. He also reported that Community Day is alive and well and thanked everyone involved.

At this time Mayor Inscho asked Mr. Tibak to tell his wife “thank you” for all of her assistance in planning Community Day. He also thanked Eileen Greason, Mike Doyle, Dan Oliver and Sara Grube for all of their assistance.

Committeeman Petersen – He noted that he met with NRCS and they commended that Liberty Township was the first to have a dry hydrant. He also stated that Warren County Soil Conservation conducted a poster contest and Phil Woolridge’s son won this contest.

DPW Steve Romanowitch – He reported that the clean up went well. He also stated that the DPW began work on Spring Hill Road and that summer DPW worker John Cerny began working.

Eileen Greason – She stated that summer recreation sign ups have started and they will begin working to get the beach ready to open next month.

Mayor Inscho – He noted that two letters were received – one from Independence and one from Great Meadows Regional and he feels the same person must have written them because they are both requesting where Liberty intends to cut the budget and what line items. They both want this information prior to the meeting next week. Mayor Inscho stated that this information will be given to them at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Mayor Inscho noted that Independence made a motion to accept the budget the way it is but Liberty did not make a motion because they want to review it further.

Mr. Petersen noted that Liberty Committee treated this situation seriously in the past and intends to do the same again. In the past, we had to say where we wanted the cuts to come from which they did.

Mr. Fisher noted that by state law the school is supposed to provide certain documents. We had to OPRA request them last year and again this year.

Mr. Tibak wanted to assure to the public that the Liberty Township Committee never voted on a budget without looking at it first.

Mr. Petersen noted that since the school budget is the largest part of our taxes it is the Committee's responsibility to take the time to review everything!

Mr. Grover noted that it was prudent for all of us to take a closer look because today people are financially hurting! He also noted that the township committee can only make recommendations – the school decides where to make these cuts. The parents should go back to the school and show where they feel the cuts should be made. He also noted that many voters are not on the school's email list and this is not fair.

COMCAST PRESENTATION: Mr. Smith, Area Director of Public and Government Services was asked to attend the meeting this evening. He noted that the contract with Liberty ends in April 2010 and they will be submitting a renewal contract in the near future in hopes that Liberty will contract with them. A public hearing will have to take place as well.

Mr. Grover noted that a number of residents in Liberty do not have access to Comcast. He said that before he agrees to a new contract with Comcast he wants to see a plan to have all residents offered this service. He wants a plan and a timeline for this coverage. He asked how this can be done. Mr. Smith said this can be discussed during the negotiation process. He then introduced Jim Humphries who is the technical manager of the Northwest area for Comcast.

Mr. Grover asked for a survey of who does not have service. Mr. Smith said he will submit a map to Liberty as to where they supply service. He noted that this is exclusive

and non non-exclusive. Discussion ensued as to Service Electric offering to supply service to residents on Far View in Liberty but needing permission from Comcast. Mr. Smith said a letter is forthcoming from his office to Service Electric to allow this service. He also noted that he will be sending a map within a week for the Committee to review.

Mayor Inscho thanked them for attending the meeting this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discuss one contractual matter. Let the record reflect that Ms. Reilly did not wish to be present during this session since a relative may bid on The Lodge and she did not want to be privy during discussion of a minimum price, etc. Mr. Skoog will take the Minutes of this session.

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

Mr. Inscho explained that one contractual matter concerning The Lodge was discussed but no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available when determined no harm to public.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Margo Dudley along with her husband was present and asked about the issue of set back requirements in the Tomeo matter. Discussion ensued. Mr. Skoog said he will research the issue along with the Land Use attorney and get back to them. They said they appreciate what the township is doing and that they need closure because it has created their property value to decrease. Mr. Skoog said he will take their concerns under consideration.

Alice Bedchok asked if the Lodge was going up for auction and Mayor Inscho said yes.

RESOLUTIONS

09-26 Fire Works for Mt. Lake Fire Company

09-27 Fire Works for Community Day

Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to adopt the above resolutions.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Tibak	yes to all
	Mr. Petersen	yes to all
	Mr. Grover	yes to all
	Mr. Fisher	no to 09-26 and yes to 09-27
	Mr. Inscho	abstain from 09-26 and yes to 09-27

09-28 Tax Refund

09-29 Tax Sale Certification

Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt the above resolutions.

ORDINANCE 09-02 – An Ordinance Providing for the Appropriation of \$72,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund – Second reading. Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover – open for public discussion – no public discussion – closed for public discussion – roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance on 2nd reading.

SCHOOL BUS STOP SIGNS – Discussed ensued as to who has responsibility to put up these signs. Ms. Reilly was directed to call earth Spec and speak directly to them about the situation. Matter is chaired until research is conducted on this.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CLEAN UP PEQUEST RIVER – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter into this interlocal agreement.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Inscho designed month of May as Older Americans Month.

MT. LAKE FIRE COMPANY

Paperwork submitted was in order for three Special Permits for Alcohol for Water Barrel Event on June 6, 2009, Community Day on June 13, 2009, and Parade on August 8, 2009 and one Raffle Permit for November 8, 2009., No action taken at this time., Ms. Reilly was directed to send a letter to Mt. Lake Fire Company President and officers to attend a workshop meeting on May 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss same.

LIGHT PERMITS

Blue Light Permits for Mr. Peters, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Lunden, Jr., Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kolln.

Red Light Permit for Chief Lunden

Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call as follows to approve said permits.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Tibak	yes
	Mr. Petersen	yes
	Mr. Grover	yes
	Mr. Fisher	no
	Mr. Inscho	abstains

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on bills list submitted by CFO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 to discuss one contractual matter and one personnel matter

REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 9:07 p.m. Mayor Inscho explained that during executive session one personnel matter and one contractual matter was discussed but no official action taken. Minutes will be made available when determined no harm to public.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 9:09.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator