

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 7:00 p.m.  
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.  
FLAG SALUTE

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

MT. LAKE FIRE COMPANY SOCIAL PERMITS AND RAFFLES

The Mt. Lake Fire Company president and officers were invited into session this evening to discuss social permits and raffles.

Mayor Inscho noted that the Committee had some questions when this matter was brought up at a previous meeting, but since no one from the fire company attended that meeting, on one could answer the questions. Therefore, they were invited here this evening.

Mr. Tibak noted that it was great to see the large turn out this evening and then noted his area of concern. He asked that during these scheduled events how is mutual aid decided. Mr. Lunden explained that it depended on the event – and different guys are assigned to various duties and riding positions. Mutual aid is assigned by the area of the call and that all fire companies work together.

Mr. Tibak asked how they can assure that there is no under age drinking at these events. Mr. Lunden explained that volunteers from the fire company are designated the day of the event to each access of the fire house to check I.D. There is also a three drink limit.

Mr. Thomas, President of the Mt. Lake Fire Company noted that they have been having these events for the past thirty years, never had a problem and why are these issues being brought up now?

Mr. Tibak explained that the Committee is concerned and the questions are based on public safety.

Mr. Petersen asked how they police their own. Mr. Thomas then suggested that Mr. Petersen abstain from discussion since his son is a fireman and he was a fireman at one time. Mr. Skoog felt that Mr. Petersen could make an impartial decision.

Mr. Lunden explained that bartenders do not drink nor the bouncers, etc. He noted that this is state law.

Mr. Grover asked how they check ID's. Mr. Lunden stated that there is an adult at each entrance. He also asked if the State Police were notified and Mr. Lunden said yes that the State Police must sign each permit prior to it being sent to Trenton.

Motion then made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover, with roll call as documented to approve the following: Social Permit for June 5, June 13, and August 8, 2009.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

Motion then made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call as follows to approve the Raffle Permit for November 8, 2009.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

Mr. Thomas then asked to read the statement attached hereto.

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE TRUCK:** Mayor Inscho explained that this document was just received today and that they did not have a chance to review it thoroughly and that Attorney Skoog also needed more time to review it.

At this time Chief Lunden explained that Morristown offered to let us borrow a fire truck until the new one ordered by the fire company is completed. Copy of said agreement is attached hereto.

Suggestions were made by Mr. Fisher that they get copies of the registration, etc. Mayor Inscho said he talked to our insurance carrier Randy May and it can be insured for about \$1,000 a year.

Mr. Petersen and Mr. Grover said they would like something in writing that if something happens to this truck (the engine fails etc.) we would not be responsible. Mr. Grover said he does not wish to replace an engine on someone else's truck.

Suggestions were made and Chief Lunden will work with Mr. Skoog on this matter and hope to have something ready by the June 4, 2009 meeting.

#### REPORTS:

Mayor Inscho stated that Assemblyman DiMaio wrote a letter to Gov. Corzine opposing his cuts for volunteer emergency squads and EMT Training funds.

He also noted a letter was received from DEP about the septic sewer at The Lodge and that he and Mr. Petersen will get this fee waived since it is not yet operating.

Mr. Petersen – He reported on work being done on the detention pond.

Mr. Romanowitch – DPW – He reported that they are ready to pave Townsbury and re-vamp the intersection. He also noted that the DPW summer hours will begin on Monday from 6:00 a.m. until 2:20 p.m.

Mayor Inscho then noted how wonderful the buildings and grounds look and thanked the DPW for a wonderful job!

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Brady – Hillcrest – He noted that a structure behind his home is vacant and in need of repairs for the past 2 ½ years and if the township could do anything about this. Mayor Inscho stated that he heard the bank now owns this property. He said he would confer with our building inspector and zoning official to determine if anything could be done.

Mr. Egan – Lewis Lane – He suggested calling the Warren County Board of Health.

Mr. Mishka asked what could be done about getting buildings in the township condemned. Mr. Skoog explained that it is a legal process and takes time.

Mr. Brady suggested that the Committee look into adopting a property maintenance code and this should be addressed.

Mr. Grub – Mt. Lake Road – asked how the township could purchase the Bennett Property. Mayor Inscho explained that the township tried to purchase it with Open Space Funding but at the last minute Bennett increased the price by one million dollars. He and Mr. Fisher even met with the Highlands staff to ask if a concession stand could be put there and the Highlands folks loved the idea. He said he would confer with Mr. Price about boarding the house up.

Ken Lunden – Chief of Mt. Lake Fire Company – Asked the status of when they could obtain the check from the township of \$120,000 towards the purchase of the fire truck. Mr. Skoog explained that he sent a letter to Darley stating that the township is co-owner but he has not yet received an answer to this letter. Mr. Skoog noted that he has been on top of this situation. It was decided that Mr. Skoog will write a follow up letter to Darley and Mr. Lunden will call Darley to get some action on this matter.

Mr. Grover stated to the audience that the committee “likes to see you guys and it is important for you to come”. “Feel free to call us and ask questions”, he said.

Mr. Petersen suggested that a representative from the Fire Company come to the township meetings when special permits or raffle permits for the company are to be addressed in order to answer questions.

Laurie Jalowsky – She noted her frustration that the committee did not pass the raffle permit until this evening because she needs to get tickets printed in order to sell them at the upcoming events which begin next week.

Gary Wolfgang – He invited the Committee to the Barrel Race event on June 5, 2009.

Karen Kolln – Park Street – She reported that small children unattended and swimming on the beach by The Lodge. Mayor Inscho directed the DPW to place “Fishing Allowed” and “No Swimming” signs up in that area.

Lynn Gilmore - Deerfield – She vented her problems with residents at Hulse’s.

Mr. Sciaretta – Church Street – Asked what is going to be done at the Casino. He was informed that part of the structure will be raised and part kept – perhaps an open space pavilion will be placed there.

Mr. Petersen stated that a dry hydrant was recently placed at the Lake by the DPW and firemen and it was the first in the State. He also noted that he was glad to see the crowd here this evening.

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – She asked the Committee to please review paperwork on raffles and special permits so this situation does not happen again.

Mr. Petersen apologized for the mix up with the raffle permit not being approved earlier.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator