

MINUTES  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Inscho at 7:06 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, Mr. Fairfield, and Ms. Reilly.

DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER – Ms. Pam Farago conducted a Green Dot presentation. Green Dot is any behavior, choice, word or attitude that promotes safety for everyone and communicates utter intolerance for rape, domestic violence and stalking. She explained how this will help make any community safer.

REPORTS: The following made reports this evening:

ENGINEER FAIRFIELD– He reported that he was called by Mr. Grub, Hope Road, to see the berm his neighbor put on the property line. It is about three feet high and he feels this is in violation. He will call Mr. Price and have him check this out.

ATTORNEY SKOOG – He noted that he heard from Max Spann about re-bidding The Lodge sometime in February 2010. It will be re-advertised and Mr. Spann will contact the other folks who appeared at the previous auction to ask if they are still interested.

MIKE DOYLE – Recreation – He said the background check requirement should be fully enforced in January. He also noted that some equipment will be delivered here and asked if it could be stored down here until it can be moved up to the Recreation field. There was no problem with this. He will give Ms. Reilly's name as a contact when the item is ready to be delivered. She can then call Mr. Romanowitch in order to open up the garage.

He also noted to Mayor Inscho that he wishes to be re-appointed to the Recreation Commission again next year.

COMMITTEEMAN PETERSEN– He noted that the dry hydrant which was installed at the lake looks good. He asked Mr. Skoog to authorize Max Spann to auction The Lodge. Mr. Skoog said that he will prepare a resolution for next month's meeting.

Mr. Petersen then questioned why the 1988 fire truck pumper was cannibalized and who directed this be done. He said it was owned by the Township and now it is not worth anything. Mr. Skoog will check into this. Ms. Reilly was directed by Mayor Inscho to invite the Chief to the next meeting to discuss same.

MR. ROMANOWITCH DPW – He noted to the Committee that a fence was installed on Lewis Lane. His concern is that when snow is plowed in this area it could damage the fence. Mayor Inscho directed Ms. Reilly to give Mr. Snyder the pictures Steve took of this fence and have Mr. Snyder investigate the issue.

At this time Ms. Heydecke asked to speak. She is a neighbor to the woman on Lewis Lane who installed the fence. She stated that when the snow is plowed on Lewis Lane it is always pushed to the right and not to the left. She also said she feels the fence could slow traffic.

Mayor Inscho stated that the Committee's concern is that if it gets knocked down or damaged he does not want the township to be responsible.

Mr. Romanowich also noted that the County Road Supervisor, Mr. Kitchen, is conducting two yearly meetings, one of which will be December 16, 2009 and he will be attending.

He reported that the dry hydrant installed at the lake is functioning well.

He also asked if the DPW could begin some demolition work at the old Casino and Mr. Petersen said yes.

COMMITTEEMAN GROVER – He noted that he researched sustainable grants available to townships in New Jersey for energy projects but noted that they are geared for much larger municipalities with larger staffs. He said it would not be cost effective for Liberty.

He then stated that both he and Mr. Fisher met with Dr. Fredericks, Great Meadows, Superintendent to discuss proposed changes for the school classrooms and locations, etc. He noted that it was a good discussion. He did state that if Liberty School increases students this could be a negative point due to septic issues at this location.

He and Mr. Fisher also discussed the Committee's school budget concerns with Mr. Fredericks.

Mr. Grover also reported that a meeting was requested for two Committee members to attend a meeting of the PTO to get feedback from parents in reference to the proposed changes for the school classrooms, etc. The PTO decided not to meet with any members of our Committee since they felt it was in violation of their bylaws as it could be considered political. Therefore, Mr. Grover stated that a letter was sent to the President of the PTO to inform parents that the Committee is available to speak with the parents and listen to their concerns.

Mr. Fisher reported that they want to make one school a K thru 2 and the other a K thru 5. He explained functional capacity for each school is how many students can be housed in the school. The State says Independent School is 438 not 263.

MAYOR INSCHO: He noted that the Fall Clean Up was a success. He said a total of 182 vehicles went to the dump during the time frame. He noted that Ms. Roseberry did a print out showing that the township saved a total of \$3,508.12.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Ms. Jackie Ceaser – Danville Mt. Road – She asked when the school will be making a decision on the class room issues. Mr. Fisher explained that there is another meeting scheduled at the school on December 15, 2009 and a decision will probably be made sometime in January, 2010.

Eileen Heydecke – She asked if there is an ordinance for leaving an abandon car in the township. Mr. Skoog will research this.

Ms. Gallagher – she also would like to know as there is an abandon car near her property as well.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 09-45 Authorizing Land Use Administrator Salary – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.
- 09-46 Transfer Resolution – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.
- 09-47 Highlands Plan Conformance – Mr. Skoog explained that he changed this resolution from the one prepared by Mr. Snyder. Mr. Petersen said he would rather not vote on this tonight, but would rather wait a few months to see what the new Governor will do. Mr. Skoog explained that we can opt out at any time. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Mr. Inscho to adopt said resolution with verbiage added to enable township to opt out at any time, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call as follows:

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

**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 Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to discussion contractual issue with The Lodge and Comcast.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Inscho stated that the Reorganization Meeting will be conducted on January 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and regular session will be January 7, 2010.

He noted that during executive session the following was discussed but no official action taken: Auction for Lodge and Comcast contract issues.

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