

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
WORKSHOP SESSION  
JANUARY 28, 2010

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

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Fisher.

FLAG SALUTE

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

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE JOAN KNECHEL MEMORIAL WALK - Ms. Virginia Brady and Ms. Marie Accetturo presented both the Liberty Township Committee and the Department of Public Works a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance and cooperation in assisting in this event. They also personally thanked Willa Reilly for all of her assistance as well.

JOAN KNECHEL MEMORIAL WALK – A letter was also read by Mayor Fisher from Ms. Accetturo requesting that this event can be held in our Township on October 17, 2010. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to give them permission for this event.

REPORTS: The following made reports this evening:

Eric Snyder – He noted that he was continuing to work on the Highland issues. He stated that there were some billing issues, but he is working to resolve them. He then gave a brief synopsis of the Highlands Act.

Committeeman Tibak – He noted that at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Recreation Commission Michael Doyle was voted as Chairman and Kate Connolly is Vice Chair. He informed the Committee that additional volunteers are needed for this Commission as well.

He stated that the website was updated with recreational information.

Committeeman Grover – He stated that a letter was written by the Committee to Great Meadows Regional School on January 19, 2010 respectfully requesting postponing their decision but they did not. He noted that the Committee requested information from the school but received no feedback. They voted on January 19, 2010 to reorganize even though 80% of the audience was against this. He stated that the Committee will continue to challenge them on this issue. He noted that it was important for parents to speak up. He also noted that the PTO in Independence Township was against this as well. He noted that they are offering free after school programs but there is no funding for classroom supplies!

Julianne Baker – Quenby Mt. Road – She said that she heard on WRNJ radio station that this new reorganization issue was cheaper than building another school.

Mr. Fisher said he asked many times how much this was going to cost but was not given an answer.

Mr. Grover asked if this could be put on the ballot for voters to decide. There was no response given by the school.

Mrs. Reilly was directed to send a copy of the letter the Committee gave to the school on January 26, 2010 to Liberty PTO, Independence PTO, Middle PTO and a copy to the Independence Township Committee.

Committeeman Inscho – He noted that the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund is offering a course for Managers, Supervisors and Elected Officials. A \$250.00 credit towards the township's insurance will be given for each attendee. Mr. Inscho noted that he would like to attend. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Petersen also said they will attend. Ms. Reilly stated that she already registered Mr. Romanowitch and herself for this class and she will now register the three Committee members.

Recreation Assistant – Ms. Eileen Greason – She noted that baseball signups will take place on February 3, 2010 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Administrator/Municipal Clerk – Ms. Reilly reported the following: The two owners of the abandon cars – one on Maple Drive and the other on Park Street were sent violation notices by Mr. Snyder. She also noted that the building inspector sent a violation notice to Mr. Wolf in reference in the unsafe structure on Lakeside Drive West.

Mayor Fisher – At this time Mayor Fisher appointed Diane Gonski as second alternate on the Environmental Commission for a term ending 12/31/12. He also noted that he received some grant information which he will confer with Ms. Greason about. He noted that he is planning on attending all meetings held in the township and get acquainted with the various commissions, etc.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – She wanted the Committee to know that she forwarded the letter in reference to the floating raft to the owners to make them aware.

Ms. Greason suggested that perhaps the Committee can draft an Ordinance requesting all rafts be registered.

Anita Schmidt – She questioned abandon homes in the township. She will call Ms. Reilly tomorrow to give addresses to determine if these homes are being foreclosed on.

Virginia Brady – She questioned the status of the Jack Wilson property. She will call Ms. Reilly tomorrow to determine who actually owns it. She also wondered if Mr. Wilson has permits to do work on this structure. Ms. Reilly will give a memo to Mr. Price to ask this question and get back to Ms. Brady.

Closed for public discussion.

BID OPENING FOR BLOCK 20 LOT 19 – Mr. Skoog noted that only one bid was received. He opened the envelope and noted that no decision will be made this evening.

#### REVIEW OF DRAFT ORDINANCES

Recycling Ordinance Draft – The Committee agreed that a first reading will be conducted on February 4, 2010.

Sample Ordinance on putting a freeze on Open Space Taxes for year 2010. The Committee took no action on this issue.

#### EXECUTIVE MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion made by Mr. Peterson to approve the following Minutes but abstains from June 25, 2009, seconded by Mr. Grover to approve the following Minutes but abstains from February 26, 2009 and both sessions held on August 6, 2009

2/2/09 – 2/26/09 – 3/4/09 - 3/26/09 – 4/2/09 – 4/23/09 – 5/7/09 – 5/7/09 2<sup>nd</sup> session – 6/25/09 – 7/23/09 – 8609 (Lodge Auction) 8/6/09 – 2<sup>nd</sup> session – 8/27/09 – 9/3/09 - 11/5/09 – and 12/3/09

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak – Yes on all except abstains from 2/26/09 – 6/25/09 –  
Mr. Petersen – Yes on all except abstains from 6/25/09 –  
Mr. Grover – Yes on all except abstains from 2/26/09 and both sessions on 8/6/09.  
Mr. Inscho – Yes on all except abstains from 3/26/09  
Mr. Fisher – Yes on all except abstains from 2/5/09 – 8/6/09 both sessions, 9/3/09 – and 11/5/09.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session to two contractual matters.

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

Ms. Reilly stated that during executive session two contractual matters and one pending litigation matter was discussed but no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available when deemed no harm to public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator