

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 1, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Fisher at 7:00 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. Mr. Fairfield was absent.

REPORTS:

MR. TIBAK

He noted that Community Day and the Fireworks Display were a great success. He also noted that soccer sign ups were extended to July 11, 2010. The recreation commission is looking for volunteers to work on the field.

MR. PETERSEN:

He noted that Warren County is having an auction and invited municipalities to auction off equipment, etc. Steve is going to prepare a list of what we may have to auction off. It was also suggested that the township owned fire truck could be auctioned off at this time. Mr. Lunden and Mr. Thorry from the fire company were present and noted that the truck is still at the fire house. They will confer with the Fire Company and Chief and it will be restocked with ladders, etc. in time for this auction. The list is needed by the County on July 23, 2010.

He also noted that the fish hatchery is planning to divert water (7,000 gallons a minute). A hearing will be scheduled and all comments must be received no later than July 22, 2010. Mr. Petersen would like this letter copied and given out. He is afraid this could affect other wells in the area of the Pequest. Mr. Tibak asked that it be scanned to him to place on our web site.

Mr. Petersen also thanked Mr. Joseph for showing the Committee the cover of the Skylands magazine which shows a picture of the fireworks display at Mt. Lake during the Fire Company's anniversary last year.

MR. GROVER

He reported that he and Steve will check out the lights at the Casino. He noted that he is also working on the bathroom layouts for the beach area. The septic will also be checked out.

MR. INSCHO

He said that they are still working on the Construction Shared Services with White and Hope Townships.

He then read a letter from Mr. Benson commending what a terrific job Steve and the entire DPW did when a tree fell down near his home. He said they were there in no time and had the situation cleaned up.

MS. REILLY

She reported that she called about the porta john for The Lodge side of the lake per the committee's request. The cost would be \$55.00 per month and they only come in one color which is green. She said that Kevin said the money can come out of open space. She was directed to order one and have it placed near the old concession stand on the Lake. She was directed to tell them to keep it there until further notice. (Due to ice fishing, etc.).

MR. ROMANOWITCH

He noted that the entire township was mowed during the month of June. Universal had the lowest quote to re-do tennis courts. They will begin the week of July 26, 2010 and it should take one week to complete.

He noted that 50 ton of sand was delivered to the beach and the DPW spread it.

Danville Mt. Road – the milling will be done next week and the following week Tilcon will begin the paving. Traffic will be allowed during this time.

MAYOR FISHER

He noted that the Spring Clean Up cost at the PCFA was under \$4,000 and the township saved about \$4,500 from last year!

He also reported that he was invited to attend a meeting in Hope sponsored by the Mayor of Hope. There was a representative present from the Governor's Office of DEP. He said we now have a contact person to discuss our concerns with. Infact, he said he was going to contact her about the Pequest Fish Hatchery's notice diverting water.

He reported that Governor Christie cut \$540,000 from the school budget. He noted he and Mr. Grover attended the School Board meeting last night and only one cut in performing arts was made. He noted that all part time employees will be full time employees and given raises and full health care.

Mr. Grover noted that this Committee prepared a whole list of line items suggesting reductions but no one ever got back to us with a response.

Mr. Fisher also asked if the Committee should join the NJ League of Municipalities for a cost of \$100.00 and all agreed to do so.

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE REPORT – Trooper Garick was present and gave the attached report.

COMCAST PRESENTATION – Mr. Smith and Mr. Humphries from Comcast were present. Mr. Smith noted that a meeting was held with Mr. Skoog, Mr. Grover and himself about issues the township had. He stated that Jenny Jump Road and Kenco Lane will be provided with Comcast cable. Year 2010 for Jenny Jump and year 2011 for Kenco Lane. He noted that the work is being done “as we speak”. Mr. Grover feels that all requirements are being met. The next step will be to prepare an Ordinance. It was decided that another meeting with Mr. Smith will be held at the Liberty Township Municipal Building on August 5, 2010 beginning at 6:30.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive – she asked if other cable companies were looked into. Mr. Grover said that Service Electric was contacted. He noted that all cable prices are set by BPU. He noted also that we tried to get free internet for the fire company and school but to no avail.

She also asked if something could be done with holes in the roadway on Lakeside Drive North and West. Steve will check this out.

Ms. Thomas then asked the status of the auction of The Lodge. It was explained that a resolution is on the agenda for tonight.

Alice Bedchok – Lakeside Drive – She wanted to know what is going on with the old Casino building. It was explained that we must get permission from the Highlands prior to taking the structure down if we wish to put another structure in place of it. She claims it is bringing down property values and it is in terrible condition. She said she feels the residents have been most patient and to please get rid of it as soon as possible.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 30 Resolution to Auction The Lodge – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover, with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.
- 31 Ratify Telephone Poll of June 22, 2010 Resolution for Sustainable Jersey Program – Roll call – Mr. Tibak, yes, Mr. Petersen, yes, Mr. Grover abstained, Mr. Fisher yes, and Mr. Inscho abstained.

- 32 Ratify Telephone Poll taken on June 22, 2010 Resolution for Renewal of Liquor License for BIDJEV (Villa Venice) - Roll call – Mr. Tibak, yes, Mr. Petersen, yes, Mr. Grover yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Inscho abstained.

The following Resolutions were passed with one motion:

- 33 Annual Audit
- 34 Salary Resolution
- 35 Refund Lien Holder

Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to pass the above resolutions on one motion.

ORDINANCE: An Ordinance Providing for the Appropriation of \$111,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey – 1st reading – Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to adopt on first reading. Second reading and public discussion will take place on August 5, 2010.

MT. LAKE FIRE COMPANY – Request for two ABC Special Permits for August 7, 2010 and October 3, 2010. Ms. Reilly noted that all paperwork was in order. Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call as follows to grant the above permits.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on Bills List.

RATIFY LETTERS – Sent to Gov. Christie on June 7, 2010 and on June 24, 2010 re: school budget issues. Roll call: Mr. Tibak, yes, Mr. Petersen, yes, Mr. Grover, yes, Mr. Inscho, yes, and Mr. Fisher yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – One contractual matter two legal matters. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to enter into executive session.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to enter back into Regular Session at 8:17 p.m.

Mr. Fisher explained that during Executive Session one contractual matter and two legal matters were discussed and no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available when deemed no harm to public.

Engineer Contract – Motion made by Mr. Grover, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to accept contract and direct Mayor to sign same.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator