

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Fisher at 7:08 p.m.
SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Fisher
FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Grover, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Skoog, Mr. Fairfield and Ms. Reilly. Let the record reflect Mr. Petersen was absent due to conflicting schedule.

REPORTS:

Committeeman Tibak:

Reported that the tennis court/basketball court has been re-surfaced and looks very good. They may have it striped for basketball in the future.

Committeeman Grover:

He noted that there is a resident concerned about the lights at the boat launch section and Casino causing a glare. The resident asked if the lights could be redirected. Mr. Grover noted that he personally went to this location and noted that the lights are there for security. He stated that when the renovations to the Casino are complete, the light and direction issue will be revisited. Ms. Reilly was directed to give this information to the resident.

Engineer Fairfield:

He noted that he has one driveway application. He also said that there are some questions with the tax maps and he will confer with Ms. Schmidt about this.

He reported that the county DPW installed the rumble strips on Rt. 611 as requested by him.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator Reilly:

She displayed the plaque received from U.S. Department of Commerce U.S. Census Bureau to Liberty Township thanking us for partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve a complete and accurate census count in 2010.

She reported that township resident Lester Kerstetter donated a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the Liberty Township Recreation Commission. He informed Ms. Reilly how much he appreciates the beach being open and what a great job they are doing.

Fall Clean Up – She reported that she called PCFA and worked up a tentative date of October 4th thru October 16th, 2010 for the Fall Clean Up. She checked with Kevin and there is money in the budget for this.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to direct her to proceed with the above dates for the Fall Clean Up and to advertise accordingly.

She then noted that five bid specs for the DPW truck have been requested and sent.

DPW Supervisor Steve Romanowitch:

He reported that the DPW has been mowing around the township. Should be completed by tomorrow. Next week they plan to patch around the lake and Far View. There are trees going to be taken down. He also reported that on September 11, 2010 the auction at the Warren County Garage will be conducted.

At this time a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to employ Paul Marty and John Hankin for snow plowing on call as needed basis.

At this time Deputy Mayor Inscho presented a plaque from New Jersey Mayor's Association to Mayor Fisher for a job well done.

Mayor Fisher:

He reported that he and Mr. Grover tried to get a meeting scheduled with the former NJ Education Commission but was told he was "very busy". They also requested to speak with Gov. Christie as well. No response.

He noted that there is a Mayor's Meeting with the Governor on September 16, 2010 and he will attend and note concerns over several issues.

He also noted that the Pequest Fish Hatchery had a public hearing here at the Municipal Building and some staff from the Highlands were present. The Fish Hatchery is installing two new wells as a back up. They are to be used just for backup purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2010, May 6, 2010, May 10, 2010, May 18, 2010, June 3, 2010, July 1, 2010, and August 5, 2010.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Tibak	Yes to all but abstains from May 18, 2010
	Mr. Grover	Yes to all but abstains from June 3, 2010
	Mr. Inscho	Yes to all
	Mr. Fisher	Yes to all but abstains from August 5, 2010

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Alice Bedchok – Lewis Lane – She too wanted to thank the Recreation Commission and the Township Committee for how great the beach looks and what a great job everyone is doing!

She also noted that empty plastic water bottles were disposed of at the lake and some were floating in the water. She and her husband collected the ones on the shore and land. She stated that lifeguard Bob Lunden went in to the boat and retrieved the ones in the water. She wanted to note this and thank him for this.

Phillip Woodridge – Marble Hill – He noted that his neighbors have not been around recently and the property really looks bad. Ms. Reilly was directed to check the foreclosure list to determine if this property was on the list and if so she would call the foreclosure bank and ask that they take care of the lawn, etc.

Lisa Thomas – Lakeside Drive East – She asked if there was any new developments with the Casino. Mr. Grover explained that he is working on plans to finalize the rest rooms down at the beach.

She then asked status of The Lodge. It was noted by Mr. Skoog that it will be put up for auction again.

Alice Bedchok – Lewis Lane – She wanted to state that the fence that the DPW put up on The Lodge side of the beach looks good and wonder if any other fencing will be added. Steve explained that they will put up a chicken wire type fencing the same color as the wooden post in the near future.

Bert Gallagher – Lakeside Drive East – She noted that she was on her way out early Sunday a.m. a few weeks ago about 6:00 a.m. when she saw a tent and a couple with air mattresses on the beach (The Lodge side). It looked as though they were camping out and there overnight. Ms. Reilly was directed to call the State Police and asked them to patrol both sides of the beach.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt. Lake Fire Company request to take new pumper to Fire Convention in Atlantic City this month. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call as follows to allow them to take pumper to the convention.

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

ORDINANCE 10-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND, REVISE AND SUPPLMENT CHAPTER 8 COURT, JOINT MUNICIPAL” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP. Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover – roll call unanimous to adopt on first reading. Second reading and publication discussion will take place on October 7, 2010.

RESOLUTION #10-40 – Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator John Inscho and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator John Fisher to a three year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Inscho with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on bills list. Mr. Grover questioned the escrow on the driveway issue and this will be looked into by Mr. Fairfield.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Inscho to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and one contractual matter.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call unanimous to enter back into regular session at 8:07.

Mayor Fisher explained that during executive session one contractual matter and one 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

