

An emergency meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 9 September 2011. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:23 a.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Dan Grover, and Ronald Petersen

Absent: John Fisher and Deputy Mayor Mark Tibak

Mayor John Inscho reported that due to the extreme weather conditions of Tropical Storm Lee a mudslide had occurred above Lewis Lane, within Liberty Township. All residents on Lewis Lane had been evacuated last night. A site walk of the area would be conducted this morning to assess the situation. The residence of 14 Lewis Lane had become dislodged from its foundation and slid down the embankment. As of 4:00 am, Friday 9 September, the second house, 12 Lewis Lane, was severely damaged but had not fallen.

A site walk was planned for this morning with the following attendees; Paul Ferriero; Warren County HazMat Representatives; Steve Romanowitch, DPW Supervisor; Steve Matuszek, Mountain Lake Fire Department Chief; and, Peter Summers, Warren County Board of Health.

Ron Petersen reiterated the need for the utmost safety precautions. Dan Grover reminded everyone that the area would remain closed to the general public for safety and security purposes. It was announced that Warren County representatives have been in contact with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Frank Wheatly, Warren County Director of Public Safety/Emergency Management Coordinator, has contacted FEMA and the American Red Cross on behalf of Liberty Township. A partial cut of power had been enforced in the Lewis Lane area to allow pumping in basements to continue relieve water pressure buildup on the hill.

A motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2011.082

WHEREAS, The Township of Liberty has a need to acquire professional services as outlined below as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 to 20.5; and

WHEREAS, The CFO has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition of each service will or may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, The anticipated term of these contracts is one year (and may be extended as approved by this governing body); and

WHEREAS, The following agencies have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Liberty in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the agency from making any political contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient funds are available in the 2011 Budget and will be made available in the 2011 Municipal Budget for the Township of Liberty as required in NJAC 5:30-5.4

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey appoint the following professionals to provide professional services from 9 September 2011 through 31 December 2011:

Paul Ferriero, with the firm of Ferriero Engineering, Inc. is hereby retained as the Municipal Engineer for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year for the Township of Liberty

This being adopted at the emergency meeting the Township of Liberty held on 9 September 2011

Vote: absent - Fisher
aye - Petersen
aye - Grover
absent - Tibak
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 6:33 am, a motion by Mayor Inscho to postpone the meeting to an hour later in the day carried.

At 8:08 am, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho reported that during the site visit they had been joined by Ralph Price, Municipal Construction Official and the home owners of 12 and 14 Lewis Lane.

Mayor Inscho reported the following action was to be taken;

- ✓ A Geo-technical Engineer would come out and inspect the area to determine stability of the road and residences for public re-entry. The Geo-technical Engineer will be asked to provide a stabilization plan for road cleanup which may or may not impact the residents in the area.
- ✓ There would be immediate tree removal of a very large tree in the immediate area of the mudslide along Lakeside Drive West
- ✓ The Warren County Board of Health has reported that all debris may be removed from site. They have declared that there is no soil contamination and authorized the immediate remediation of the mud and debris from Lakeside Drive West. During the excavation of the mud from the road, the excavators will attempt to separate the personal possession from the mud debris
- ✓ Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer, would be contacting FEMA representatives
- ✓ Assemblyman John DiMaio would be contacting FEMA representatives
- ✓ The Construction Official would monitor the residence at 12 and 14 Lewis Lane daily to record any changes in positioning.
- ✓ The Construction Official would investigate the location and disconnection of propane or oil tanks at the residence of 12 and 14 Lewis Lane
- ✓ For security purposes the NJSP would be asked to review resident identification to escort them to their residence upon Lewis Lane
- ✓ At this time any access to the damaged residence at 14 Lewis Lane has been denied by the County Board of Health
- ✓ Residents were instructed to establish a value of their residence for FEMA purposes
- ✓ All Construction Official, Fire Company and DPW time will be recorded for FEMA documentation
- ✓ There is no time table to site remediation

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a motion by Mayor Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 6 October 2011