

The re-organization meeting of 2012 was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey on 5 January 2012 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Municipal Clerk, Diane Pflugfelder, RMC/MMC. The Municipal Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and notice that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6.

Invocation was given by Pastor Jim Craig of Free Union Church.

Present: John Inscho, John Fisher, Dan Grover; Committeeperson-Elect Ron Petersen and Committeeperson-Elect Mark Tibak.

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Ron Petersen, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2014.

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APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

The Municipal Clerk asked for nominations as Mayor of the Township of Liberty. A motion by Mark Tibak to appoint John Inscho as Mayor of Liberty Township, 1-year term, expiring 31 December 2012 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to John Inscho, who will serve as Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2012.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

A motion by Mayor Inscho to appoint Mark Tibak, as Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year, expiring 31 December 2012 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Mark Tibak, who will serve as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2012.

Mayor Inscho authorized Deputy Mayor Tibak to solemnize marriage between such persons as may lawfully enter into a matrimonial relation and Civil Unions as per N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 expiring 31 December 2012

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

A Trooper of the Washington Township Barracks reported the following activity within Liberty Township for the month of December 2011;

- ✓ 1 assault
- ✓ 1 burglary
- ✓ 2 criminal mischief
- ✓ 1 domestic dispute
- ✓ 3 property damage
- ✓ 1 verbal dispute
- ✓ 1 theft

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2012

A motion by Mayor Inscho to make the following Township Committee appointments for 2012 carried;

Appointment of Alan DeCarolis as Animal Control Official, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Nellie Klever as Animal Control Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as Deputy Municipal Clerk, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Dan Grover as LandUse Board Member, Class III, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Wayne Jarvis to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Dan Grover to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Steve Romanowitch as the Principal Public Works Manager, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Diane Pflugfelder as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Lynn Rutkoski as Recycling Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Al Crisafulli to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Suzanne Buchanan to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2013

Appointment of Karen Sabo to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Secretary, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Warren County Soil Conservation District as Storm Water Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2012.

Appointment of Eric Snyder as Municipal Zoning Official, expiration of term 31 December 2012

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS 2012

The following mayoral appointments by Mayor Inscho for 2012 were adopted by the Township Committee;

Appointment of Tom Webster to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Doug Hankin to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Joanne Ward to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2013

Designation of Phillip Wooldridge as the Environmental Commission Chairperson, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Mark Tibak as Mayor's Designee as LandUse Board Member, Class I, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Joanne Ward as LandUse Board Member, Class II, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Eric Tibak as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Wayne Jarvis as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Dave Schaaf as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #3, expiration of term 31 December 2013

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2012

Appointment of John Fisher as Board of Education Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Dan Grover as Building & Grounds Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of John Inscho as Clean Communities Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Mark Tibak as Municipal Court Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of John Fisher as Office of Aging Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of John Inscho as Personnel Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Ronald Petersen as Department of Public Works Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Mark Tibak as the Recreation Commission Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2012

TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS 2012

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.001
Annual Professional Services

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 Temporary 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 1 January 2012 through 31 December 2012:

Nisivoccia and Company is hereby retained as the Municipal Auditor for the Township of Liberty 2012

John G Hudak, Esq, is hereby retained as the Municipal Bond Counsel for the Township of Liberty 2012

Roger J Skoog, Esq is hereby retained as the Municipal Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2012

Steven Glickman, Esq is hereby retained as the Labor Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2012

Otterstedt Insurance, 291 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey is hereby retained as the Municipal Insurance Agent for the Township of Liberty in 2012

Eric K. Snyder and Associates Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Planner for the Township of Liberty 2012

Ferriero Engineering, Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Liberty 2012

This being adopted at the Reorganization meeting the Township of Liberty held on 5

January 2012

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

REGISTER APPOINTMENT 2012

A motion by Mark Tibak to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.002
Appointment of Deputy Municipal Registrar

WHEREAS, In accordance with NJSA 26:8-17, 26:8-17, the local registrar, immediately upon acceptance of the appointment, shall appoint a deputy to assist in the normal, day-to-day operation of the office and whose duty shall be to act in the registrar's stead in case of absence, disability or death of the registrar. In case of death of the local registrar the deputy shall act as local registrar until a new local registrar has been appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Township Municipal Clerk recognizes Eleanor Clarkson, as qualified for the position of Deputy Municipal Registrar of Liberty Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey acknowledges the appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as the Deputy Municipal Registrar of the Township of Liberty, Warren County effective 1 January 2012.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.003
Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County
Cooperative Pricing Council to Renew Membership Therein for the
Period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016

WHEREAS, The Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Liberty desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Liberty hereby authorizes the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2011 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for renewal of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016.
2. The Liberty Township Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Township of Liberty officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

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

John Inscho,
 Mayor

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

Resolution #2012.004
 Open Public Meetings

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Chapter 321 Law 1075 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, all meetings of the public bodies wherein formal action, decisions, or discussions relating to the public bodies and wherein formal action, decision, or discussions relating to the public business may take place are required to be publicly announced and scheduled, with adequate posting and advanced notice of the time, place, date, location and to the extent known, the purpose or agenda of each meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty as follows:

1. The following are designed meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty at which public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon.

Time: 7:00 pm
 Place or Location: Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows,
 NJ

Purpose or Agenda: Regular Public Meeting for public discussion

Meeting Dates for the Year 2012

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 5 January 2012 | 2 February 2012 | 1 March 2012 |
| 5 April 2012 | 3 May 2012 | 7 June 2012 |
| 5 July 2012 | 2 August 2012 | 6 September 2012 |
| 4 October 2012 | 1 November 2012 | 6 December 2012 |

Workshop Dates for the Year 2012

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 26 January 2012 | 23 February 2012 | 22 March 2012 |
| 26 April 2012 | 24 May 2012 | 28 June 2012 |
| 26 July 2012 | 23 August 2012 | 27 September 2012 |
| 25 October 2012 | 27 December 2012 | |

Official action may or may not be taken.

In addition, such other meetings as the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty may require, shall be scheduled and held but pursuant to and with additional notice as is required by State Statute.

2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty , is hereby authorized and directed to:
 - A. Post and maintain a copy of said Resolution upon the bulletin board within the Municipal Building
 - B. File a copy of said Resolution with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty
 - C. Forward copies of said Resolution to the Star Gazette, the official newspaper of Liberty Township, Warren County; and,
 - D. Do all necessary hereafter to comply with said Statutes to the end that adequate public notice of all public meetings pursuant to such Statute, be given according to law

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

John Inscho,
 Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.005

Resolution Authorizing Legal Counsel to File and Prosecute Roll Back Tax Complaints, Complaints to Correct Errors in Assessments and Complaints for Added, Omitted and Added/Omitted Assessment; Defend, Settle or Stipulate to Resolve All 2012 Local Property Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, The County Tax Board has issued a letter of request requiring a Resolution by the Mayor and Township Committee or Council of each municipality of the County of Warren by its County Tax Administrator, Melissa Pritchett, CTA; and

WHEREAS, The said County Tax Administrator requires that the Mayor and member of the Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Roll Back Complaints, Correct Errors or File Added, Omitted and Added/Omitted Complaints, Adopt a Resolution allowing the Municipal Attorney or any member of his firm, to file and prosecute said Complaints.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, On this 5th day of January 2012 by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney, Roger Skoog as Attorney for the Township of Liberty, is hereby authorized to file, prosecute, defend, stipulate, modify, agree upon and other wise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process or prosecution and/or filling of said Roll Back Tax Complaints, Complaints to Correct Errors in Assessments for Added Assessments, Omitted Assessments and Added/Omitted Assessments in 2012 and Defending or Settling all 2012 local property tax appeals and execute any and all stipulations relating to the same with the agreement of the Liberty Township Municipal Assessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Municipal Clerk be and the same is hereby directed to provide a true copy of this Resolution to the Warren County Board of Taxation, Cummins Building, 202 Mansfield Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

A motion by Mark Tibak to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.006
Designation of Official Newspaper

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Star Gazette hereby be designated as the official newspaper and the Express Times as the secondary newspaper of the Township of Liberty for the year 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey is designated as the place where all official notices are to be posted.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

Resolution #2012.007
2011 Tonnage Grant Application

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Liberty Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, that the Township of Liberty hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designate John Inscho, Committeeperson, to ensure that the application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.008
Cash Management Plan

Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes and Municipal Charges

In accordance with RS: 4-67, the interest rate on delinquent taxes and municipal charges shall be as follows:

- 1. 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency

2. 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500

No interest shall be charged for a 10-day grace period; after the 10-day grace period, interest shall be calculated from the due date.

An additional penalty of 6% of the amount of the delinquency will be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Tax Collector is authorized to process or cancel without further action on part of the governing body, any property tax overpayment or delinquency of less than \$10.00. The Tax Collector is further authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar year 2010.

Investment of Funds

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to invest funds, as they shall become available, to attain the highest rate of return, provided that all investments are reported to the Township Committee at the next meeting subsequent to the making of the investments.

Official Depositories

In accordance with NJSA 40A: 5-15, all monies collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department shall be deposited or turned over to the Chief Financial Officer within 48 hours.

The following banks are designated as official depositories for checking and/or escrow funds for the Township for 2011, as well as savings funds and investment accounts:

The First Hope Bank, Hope, 1301 Hope-Bridgeville Road, Hope, New Jersey
Fulton Bank of New Jersey, 176 Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, New Jersey

Authorized Signatures

All withdraws against the foregoing accounts shall bear the signatures of two of the following officials: Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

Vote: aye - Fisher

aye - Petersen

aye - Grover

aye - Tibak

aye - Inscho

John Inscho,

Mayor

A motion by Mark Tibak to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.009
Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer 2012

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint a Public Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, This is an annual appointment – this appointment will be for calendar year 2012.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of

Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey, to appoint Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk to this office as this individual has a knowledge of the professional services and procurement contracts entered into by Liberty Township.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.010
Appointment of a Fund Commissioner to the
Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Randy May as the Fund Commissioner and Diane M Pflugfelder as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Diane M Pflugfelder, Fund Commissioner
2. John Fisher, Alternate Fund Commissioner
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.011
Temporary Appropriations 2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2012 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, The date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, The total appropriations in the 2011 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,709,974.00, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2011 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$448,868.18.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

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

John Inscho,
 Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.012
 Tax Lien Refund

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector recommends to the Township Committee that the necessary administrative actions be taken to authorize a refund to the following lienholder.

| Block/Lot | Name/Address | Lien Amount | Interest | Lien # | Total Refund |
|-------------|---|-------------|------------|--------|--------------|
| 21.02/20.05 | James Pilewski 346 South Avenue Fanwood, NJ 07023 | \$8,404.31 | \$3,980.21 | 580 | \$12,384.52 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By a majority of the members of the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the refund on the above list shall be returned to the parties designated.

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

John Inscho,
 Mayor

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.013
 Application for Special Permit for Social Affair
 Mountain Lake Fire Company

WHEREAS, An "Application for Special Permit for Social Affair" has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said social affair to be held on 5 February 2012 between the hours of 1:00 9m and 6 February 2012, 1:00 am without a rain date; and

WHEREAS, The submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the State fees have been paid.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Liberty Township Committee does hereby approve a social affair for the Mountain Lake Fire Company located at 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey to be held on 5 February 2012 between the hours of 1:00 9m and 6 February 2012, 1:00 am without a rain date, to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

Vote: aye - Fisher
aye - Petersen
aye - Grover
aye - Tibak
abstain – Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

WARREN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission to perform 2012 aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over certain areas of Liberty Township carried.

NJ STATE FIREMAN’S ASSOCIATION

Mayor Inscho announced that a NJ State Fireman’s Association Membership Application had been received for Michael S Tate of 9 Walnut Drive, Belvidere. A motion by Ron Petersen authorizing the Municipal Clerk to authorize municipal approval carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Mark Tibak to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 1 December 2011 carried. John Fisher abstained.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.014
Payment of Bills

RESOLVED, that the township committee of the Township of Liberty, does hereby authorize the Finance Department to pay all vouchers when properly endorsed and approved by at least 3/5 majority of the township committee in the amount of \$ 547,366.91.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSEON PETERSEN

Committeeperson Petersen reported that he had meet with representatives of the NRCS on 23 December 2011 to review water run off from Jenny Jump State Park lands above Lewis Lane. He will be working with the Municipal Engineer and a Geo-Technician to study water runoff and design drainage improvements.

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported that he was investigating municipal participation in a mass email notification program for public information distribution.

JOAN KNECHEL MEMORIAL WALK

Marie Accetturo presented a written request to conduct the 10th annual Joan Knechel Memorial Walk at Mt Lake on 21 October 2012. A motion by Mayor John Inscho authorizing municipal support of the 10th annual Joan Knechel Memorial Walk at Mt Lake carried.

HURRICANE IRENE

Mayor Inscho reported that Liberty Township would be the recipient of approximately \$2,800.00 from FEMA for municipal damages and repairs from Hurricane Irene. Following discussion, a motion by John Inscho authorizing the distribution of any Hurricane Irene FEMA funds received by the Township to the Mountain Lake Fire Company carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:32 pm.

23RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Assemblyman John DiMaio expressed comments of gratitude to the residents of Liberty Township while he had been their 23rd Legislative District representative.

24TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Paul Licitra, Office Administrator of Oroho-McHose-Chiusano welcomed the residents of Liberty Township to the newly redistricted 24th legislative district

JOSEPH THOMAS – Mr Thomas thanked the Township Committee for the FEMA funds donation to the Mountain Lake Fire Company

LYNN GILMORE – Ms Gilmore inquired into the cleanup of the damaged residence at 12 Lewis Lane and removal of the damaged cars. Attorney Skoog informed the public that it was a private residence and that discussions have been conducted with municipal representatives. Ms Gilmore also requested the posting of ‘Caution’ signs upon the area of Lakeside Drive North below the mudslide site where ice has been created on cold winter mornings. The DPW was directed to address the posting of caution signage.

CAROL CHOBOT – Ms Chobot inquired into the municipal time line for removal of the damaged residence at 12 Lewis Lane. Attorney Skoog stated that there has been no time line established for removal of the residence.

ANNE WILSON – Ms Wilson inquired if the Township has been sued by any parties resulting from the mudslide. Attorney Skoog stated that the Township has not been served with any court papers at this time.

BENEDICTION – At 7:39 pm, a benediction was given by Pastor Jim Craig of Free Union Church.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Resolution #2012.015

WHEREAS, The Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, This public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists; and

WHEREAS, The governing body may wish to discuss any of the following conditions; confidential provisions of Federal Law or State Statute; information that may impair receipt of federal funding; invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement; real property negotiations; litigation; and, personnel and personnel policy. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

- ✓ Potential Litigation
- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the public be excluded from this meeting.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 8:21 pm, a motion by John Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of personnel and potential litigation were discussed.

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

Diane Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 2 February 2012