

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 26 January 2012. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor Mark Tibak

Also, Present: Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer; and, Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committeeman Petersen reported that he had meet with representatives of Warren County Soils, NRCS, Ferriero Engineering and SESI Consulting Engineers (geo-technicians) on 18 January 2012. In conclusion it was agreed that the geo-technician would prepare a quote for core testing in the landslide area to establish the depth of sand above bedrock for determining a piping schematic for remediation.

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho read a letter from Shannon Scaaf expressing her appreciation of the residents and township committee support during the events of 2011.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer, reported that he is working with Garth Hawkins, FEMA Representative, for potential Lewis Lane reimbursement. He stated that FEMA has committed to participate in various programs of repair and remediation within the Liberty Township mudslide area.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 APPOINTMENTS

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

Appointment of Peter Karcher as LandUse Board Member, from Alternate #2 to Class IV position, expiration of term 31 December 2013.

MUNICIPAL COURT OF NORTH WARREN

A letter of 17 January 2012 was received from Mary Pat Quinn, Municipal Clerk Township of Hope, providing an analysis of the Municipal Court of North Warren at Hope which was prepared by Anthony Ardito, RMA. Documentation provided reported that the Liberty Township total 2011 cost was \$4,087.77 and a total 2012 projected annual cost would be \$1,364.35 at an annual cost savings of \$2,723.43. Mayor Inscho reported that he would continue to monitor the merger with Timothy McDonough, Mayor of Hope Township.

NEW BUSINESS

WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

A motion by John Fisher authorizing Mayor John Inscho to execute the Solid Waste Disposal Interlocal Agreement between the County of Warren and the Township of Liberty for the year 2012 carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING CLEANING

<u>Company</u>	<u>Price</u>
White Glove Cleaning Service 62 Hillcrest Drive Great Meadows, NJ 07838	\$150 per bi-weekly building cleaning inclusive of window washing twice annually \$25 weekly recreation bath facilities in season
Karen's Cleaning Service LLC 17 Pacesetter Drive Hampton, NJ 08827	\$130 per bi-weekly building cleaning \$285 quarterly window cleaning \$45 monthly recreation bath facilities in season

Following brief discussion, a motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.016
Award of Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township of Liberty hereby awards the contract for Municipal Complex cleaning to White Glove Cleaning Service, 63 Hillcrest Drive, Great Meadows, NJ 07838 whose bid amounted to \$4,600.00 annually.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP 2012

Mayor Inscho reported that the 2012 Annual Residential Cleanup will be conducted the week of 7-12 May 2012 and a second session conducted 15-20 October 2012.

HILLSIDE AVENUE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT, BLOCK 49, LOT 1

A letter of 23 January 2012 was received from Ethan and Barbara Hashagen requesting the refund of the \$750 escrow posted for the lot line adjustment between Block 7, Lot 50 (Randazzo) and Block 49, Lot 1 (Hashagen). The refund request was made by Mr/Mrs Hashagen due to the fact that the application had been pulled by Mr Randazzo. Following discussion, it was agreed that Attorney Skoog would forward a letter to Mr/Mrs Hashagen indicating that the escrow funds had been used for initial investigation work by the municipal professionals and there are no escrow funds available for refund.

FREE UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A request was received from Pastor Jim Craig on 25 January 2012 for the Township Committee's consideration to waive the inspection fees affiliated with the installation of the new wood stove in the church building. A motion by Dan Grover to waive the fees affiliated with the installation of the wood stove for the Free Union United Methodist Church carried. Mayor Inscho and Ron Petersen abstained.

12 LEWIS LANE

A letter of 24 January 2012 was received from Alice Bechok questioning the feasibility of reconstructing a structure on the property as well as an easement for remediation of the area. Attorney Skoog advised that he is awaiting professional responses to define a repair/remediation location and the potential usability of the property in the future.

2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP

It was agreed to conduct a 2012 Budget Workshop on Thursday, 2 February 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows. Mayor Inscho stated that the 2012 budget would be paying off a Green Acres loan and contains a total debt of \$19,000.00.

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

An extract of the 17 January 2012 meeting minutes of the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education was received on 26 January 2012. The extract contains a certified copy of a Resolution to Eliminate the Vote on the Annual Budget and to Move the Election of School Board Members to the General Election in November. The consolidation of the elections would be an approximate cost savings to the Board of Education of several thousand dollars.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:28 pm.

Phil Wooldridge – Mr Woolridge thanked the Township Committee for waiving the construction fee for the Free Union United Methodist Church. He announced the following environmental commission schedule activities; amphibian crossing training session, 4 February 2012 and hazardous tree workshop, 10 March 2012 with a snow date of 24 March 2012.

Lisa Thomas – Ms Thomas questioned the status of the Municipal Lodge and proposed some use options.

Lynn Gilmore – Ms Gilmore inquired into the progress of dilapidated structures around Mountain Lake. She was advised that the properties in question remain privately owner and the structure have been red flagged by the construction official.

Ms. Gilmore also questioned cleanup of the 14 Lewis Lane residence and intentions for the Mountain Lake Community Center site following the demolition of the structure. Ms Gilmore was advised that the various professionals are preparing plans and reports to address the situation.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms Heydecke inquired into the Lewis Lane cleanup cost and research expenses. Ron Petersen advised that the Warren County Freeholders had waived some fess for cleanup materials and a FEMA application was in process.

Ms Heydecke also questioned why the township was hiring a new cleaning service. She was advised the previous company did an excellent job and had decreased her work schedule.

At 7:45 pm a motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.017

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.

- ✓ Litigation

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 8:03 pm, a motion by John Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of potential litigation were discussed. No action is to be taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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