

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 5 July 2012. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

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

Also, Present: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

A motion by John Fisher appointing Peter Karcher as Committeeperson carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Peter Karcher, who will fulfill the Committeeperson position vacated by Mark Tibak, for a term expiring 6 December 2012.

A motion by John Inscho appointing John Fisher as Deputy Mayor, a position vacated by Mark Tibak, carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to John Fisher, who will serve as Deputy Mayor for a term expiring 31 December 2012.

REPORTS

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

A Trooper of the Washington Township Barracks reported the following activity within Liberty Township for the month of May 2012;

- ✓ three 911 hang-ups
- ✓ 3 alarm responses
- ✓ 4 community policing
- ✓ 8 critical infrastructure checks
- ✓ 1 fire call
- ✓ 9 medical assists
- ✓ 1 motor vehicle accidents
- ✓ 34 motor vehicle stops
- ✓ 26 property checks
- ✓ 1 wellbeing check
- ✓ 2 assault
- ✓ 2 criminal mischief
- ✓ 1 domestic disputes
- ✓ 1 harassment
- ✓ 1 neighbor dispute
- ✓ 2 thefts

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committeeperson Petersen asked that the SESI bill for consulting services not be paid at this meeting and further explanation be received.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The Capital Projects of paving on Rader and Far View Roads have been completed
- ✓ Denville Line has been secured to line strip Rader and Far View Roads
- ✓ DPW will begin the roadside backfilling process

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported that Gunnar Petersen had obtained his rank of Eagle Scout.

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for June 2012 and presented to members of the Township Committee for review.

CANON COPIER

Following review, a motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing the expenditure of \$495 for the installation of a Network ScanGear to the Canon Copier carried. Peter Karcher abstained.

TAX ASSESSOR

Following discussion, a motion by John Inscho authorizing the expenditure of \$358 for two nights lodging at the August 2012 New Jersey Tax Assessor Education Conference carried. Mr. Karcher abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

Discussion on third party electric source concluded with Mayor Inscho committing to speak with JCP&L representatives for further clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2012.002

Following discussion, a motion by Mayor Inscho to introduce Ordinance #2012.002 on First Reading carried. Peter Karcher abstained. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 2 August 2012.

An Ordinance to provide for Enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code with the Township of Liberty by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Be it Ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, in the Country of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

I. Sections 7.1 through 7.6, inclusive, of Chapter 44 of the Code of the Township of Liberty regarding the function and duties of the Construction Codes, Uniform are hereby repealed, effective upon the assumption of jurisdiction by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, as provided below.

II. The following new provisions of Chapter 44, Uniform Construction Code are hereby established as follows:

7.1 State Uniform Construction Code Enforcing Agency

7-1.1 Relinquishment of Jurisdiction.

The Township of Liberty, pursuant to NJS 52.27D-124 and NJAC 5:23-4.3, hereby relinquishes its jurisdiction of the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code and transfers jurisdiction for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code to the Department of Community Affairs for the State of New Jersey. The transfer of jurisdiction pursuant to this section shall not take effect until the expiration of 120 calendar days from the date a certified copy of the Ordinance is forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs or until the Department of Community Affairs shall exercise its jurisdiction to enforce the Uniform Construction Code, whichever is sooner.

7-1.2 Records and Files. The Township of Liberty shall make available to the Department of Community Affairs any and all records and files of the municipality necessary for the Department to out is functions.

7-1.3 Construction Code Fees. Fees for service provided for inspections, permits and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code shall be as established by the Department of Community Affairs, which schedule is adopted by reference.

III Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

IV Repeale4r. All Ordinances or parts of the Ordinances in consistent with or in conflict with the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

V Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption and publication according to law

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Resolution #2012.052
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 \$584,508.17.

Vote: abstain - Karcher
aye - Petersen
aye - Grover
aye - Fisher
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:16 pm.

Joyce Ann Raffa – Ms. Raffa presented a concern regarding the number of cats residing at 265 Mountain Lake Road. She explained her involvement with the animals and requested additional time to present her concerns. Mayor Inscho instructed her to return at the 2 August 2012 meeting.

Lisa Thomas – Ms. Thomas requested updates posted on the municipal web site and status of S1566/A2168. The Bills were vetoed by Governor Christie 3 July 2012.

Lynn Gilmore – Ms Gilmore inquired into details and scheduling of the preconstruction meeting for the Lewis Lane Drainage and Stabilization Project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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