

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 2 August 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; and, Peter Karcher

Absent: Ronald Petersen

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

REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The Morbark Chipper had broken, was repaired and put back in activity
- ✓ Lakeside Drive West is being prepared for paving. The DPW is replacing old galvanized pipe in existing drains

MAYOR INSCHO

MAYORIAL LANDUSE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Ray Sosnovik as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, (position vacated by Peter Karcher) expiration of term 31 December 2013

Appointment of Dave Schaaf as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #1, (position vacated by Ray Sosnovik) expiration of term 31 December 2012

Appointment of Mike Beyer as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #3, (position vacated by Dave Scaaf) expiration of term 31 December 2013

MAYORIAL RECREATION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Inscho appointed Kelsey Fisher to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2013.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Joseph Kosinski of Ferriero Engineering reported that the Lewis Lane Stabilization Project was proceeding on schedule under good workmanship.

MUNICIPAL ZONING

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Zoning Official for July 2012 and presented to members of the Township Committee for review

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 7 June 2012 carried. Peter Karcher abstained.

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 28 June 2012 carried. Peter Karcher abstained.

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public minutes of 5 July 2012 carried. Peter Karcher abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

Mayor Inscho reported that he is researching the third-party electricity source and would report back at the next meeting.

UTILITY ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Mayor Inscho reported that he is researching the electricity financial audit program and would report back at the next meeting.

ORD. #2012.002 PUBLIC HEARING

A motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Ordinance carried. A motion by John Inscho to open public hearing carried. Several residents spoke on support and denial for the adoption of Ordinance #2012.002. A motion by John Inscho to close public hearing carried.

Resolution #2012.053
Adoption of ORD. # 2012.002

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance to Provide for Enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code with the Township of Liberty by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ was passed on first reading on 5 July 2012 and

WHEREAS, the public hearing of said Ordinance has been held as advertised and is now closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the township committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Ordinance entitled ‘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 passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

A motion by John Fisher authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the 2013 Municipal Alliance Grant with Great Meadows Regional School carried.

DPW ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

Mayor Inscho reported that due to financial constraints, the position of DPW Assistant Supervisor would not be fulfilled.

FROMET PROPERTIES

A letter of 12 July 2012 was received from Fromet Properties, Inc offering the donation of Block 27, Lot 9 (7 Ash Lane) and Block 27, Lot 6 (18 Pine Drive) to the Township of Liberty with the condition that the property would be preserved in perpetuity as Township park land. It was agreed that the Committee members would investigate the site and continue this discussion at a future meeting.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY FOR SHARED SERVICES

A motion by John Fisher authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the following Agreement carried.

This Agreement, made this 2nd day of August 2012, between the Great Meadows Regional School District, located in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as "GMRSD"), with Board Offices located at 281 Route 46, PO Box 74, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838 and the Township of Liberty a body politic and corporate of the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter referred to as "Liberty"), with municipal offices located at 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey 07838; and,

WHEREAS, Liberty will provide the service of spreading salt on the parking lots and driveways of the Liberty Township School as needed during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, Liberty will maintain (with the exception of mowing) GMRSD's athletic fields while the Township uses the fields for recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, GMRSD will provide for the use of the Liberty School gymnasium, the Central School gymnasium and the Middle School Gymnasium for Township recreation activities at no cost – Monday through Friday. Use of the gymnasiums shall be permitted only if the facilities are not being used by GMSRD; and,

WHEREAS, GMRSD will provide athletic fields (baseball, soccer) for use by the Township Recreation Department. The fields will be mowed by GMRSD.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER AGREED That the term of this contract shall be for one (1) fiscal year ending 30 June 2013. This Agreement may be extended upon mutual consent of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party has executed this agreement pursuant to a resolution adopted by each governing body as by the Buildings and Facility use per district policy in force as indicated by the signatures of the respective municipal and district officials appearing below.

Tim Frederiks, Superintendent Great Meadows Regional School District
John E Inscho, Mayor Township of Liberty

REACH THE BEACH – NEW JERSEY, RELAY RACE

A request was received on 19 July from the coordinators of Reach the Beach, New Jersey relay race for permission to transverse the Township of Liberty during their route starting at Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ and concluding at Island Beach State Park, Seaside, NJ. It was agreed that a request would be made for the posting and removal of event informational signage as well as a certificate of insurance naming Liberty Township as additional insured. A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing the Reach the Beach Race through a portion of Liberty Township carried.

DAVID ROSENKRAN'S AWARD

Mayor Inscho presented Juliana Humphreys with the 2012 female David Rosenkran's Award in recognition of her athletic and academic achievements.

FELINE ISSUE

Joyce Ann Raffa explained what she has observed as a feline concern at a private residence upon Mountain Lake Road. She stated expenses she has incurred caring and neutering some of the cats/kittens. After lengthy discussion and public input, it was agreed that Mayor Inscho and Alan DeCarolis (animal control official) would visit the residence in question to speak with the home owners.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution #2012.054
Summer Staff Salary Resolution

WHEREAS, Salary Ordinance #2011.001 established the salaries/wages, and compensation for certain employees of the Township of Liberty, Warren County.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County that the following named employee(s) shall be compensated for the year 2012 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are retroactive to 1 January 2012 unless otherwise noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Lifeguards		
Jessica Tanski	Lifeguard	12.75/hour
Kenneth Lunden Jr	Lifeguard	12.75/hour
Robert Lunden	Lifeguard	12.25/hour
Dane Thomas	Lifeguard	10.75/hour
Angela Hubert	Lifeguard	10.75/hour
Rebecca Unangst	Lifeguard	10.75/hour
Niles Cutler	Lifeguard	10.50/hour
Summer Recreation Head Counselor		
Emilia Thompson	Head Counselor	18.62/hour
Summer Recreation Counselors		
Barbara Wohlgemuth	Counselor	12.22/hour
Kara Bozuffi	Counselor	12.22/hour
George Stritter	Counselor	10.97/hour
Kyle S Sosnovik	Counselor	10.46/hour
Breanna L Silva	Counselor	10.46/hour
Adam D Young	Counselor	10.46/hour

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

Resolution #2012.055
Issuance of 2012-2013 Liquor Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the following license has made application for the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License and having complied with all the terms of the Liberty Township Municipal Code, Chapter 39, Alcoholic Beverages; and, that this license is renewed pursuant to a 12:39 Special Ruling of 19 July 2012, Docket No. 06.12.7509, be renewed for the term of one year from the first day of July 2012, to midnight, 30 June 2013;

543 Route 46 LLC

Stephanie Lipari
4 Belmont Court
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
License #2114.33.003.003
Fee: \$871.93

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Resolution #2012.056
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 \$1,002,830.23.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 8:04 pm.

Robert Veszi – Mr. Veszi asked for clarification on conditions for the issuance of driveway permits. Mayor Inscho said that he would visit the site to better understand the concern expressed by Mr Veszi.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms. Heydecke commended the progress on Lewis Lane Stabilization project and presented additional questions on the development of the beach front area.

Keith Stillwagon – Mr Stillwagon asked questions on the proposed development of the beach front area. Mr Stillwagon volunteered to forward photos of the Lodge and immediate area to the municipality for posting on the municipal web site.

Lorraine Thiel – Ms Thiel presented volunteer options for animal control and assistance.

John Mulligan – Mr Mulligan expressed concern on the traffic flow upon Hope Road.

Lynn Gilmore – Ms Gilmore inquired why a title search could not be obtained by the individual making the property donation to the municipality.

Carol Chobot – Ms Chobot inquired into the retention of mature trees at the bottom of the mudslide site. She was advised that those trees would remain.

Carol Pullman – Ms Pullman read a prepared letter from The Mountain Lake Community Association.

Lisa Thomas – Ms Thomas had questions and comments regarding the sale of the Lodge.

Arthur Strock – Mr Strock asked John Fisher to explain the deed restriction for restaurant use only that had been placed on the Lodge

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 4 October 2012