

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 4 October 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; Deputy Mayor John Fisher; Dan Grover; and, Ronald Petersen

Absent: Peter Karcher

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committeeperson Petersen reported that the new excavating work above Lewis Lane had had minor damage following the recent rain storm. He also stated that Lakeside Drive North and West would be re-milled to ensure the existing grade of the road.

COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Committeeperson Grover reported that work continues on the pavilion plans.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ Donald Drummond is out the week of 8 October 2012 for vacation
- ✓ Cleanup has begun around Mountain Lake in preparation of the Joan Knechel Memorial Walk
- ✓ The Municipal Engineer is coordinating a NJDOT 2013 Grant application for 1.2 miles
- ✓ A meeting is scheduled with Tilcon in preparation for the Lakeside Drive North and West Roads project

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported that Ron Buckenmyer was supportive of working with the Township on Lewis Lane improvements.

Lodge showings to interested parties continue.

MUNICIPAL ZONING

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

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Tax Collector for September 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 September 2012 and presented to members of the Township Committee for review.

NEW JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT

Stan Prater, Area Manager for JCP&L, informed those present on a variety of JCP&L improved communication programs for storm responses and information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public meeting minutes of 2 August 2012 carried. Ron Petersen abstained.

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public meeting minutes of 6 September 2012 carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

A motion by John Fisher to adopt the public and executive session meeting minutes of 27 September 2012 carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORD. #2012.003 - PUBLIC HEARING - A motion by Ron Petersen to open public hearing carried. A motion by John Inscho to adopt the following resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.062
Adoption of ORD. # 2012.003

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Known as the Code of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey’ was passed on first reading on 6 September 2012 and

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

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 Amend an Ordinance Known as the Code of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey’ be passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2012.004 - Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen authorizing the Municipal Attorney to prepare Ordinance #2012.004, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1, General Provisions, carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution #2012.063
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	Lien #	Name/Address	Lien Amount	Interest	Total Refund
2	11.06	2011-16	FWDSL & Associates LP 5 Cold Hill Rd S Suite 1 Mendham, NJ 07945	\$ 5,709.29	\$ 352.86	\$ 6,062.15

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

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

Resolution #2012.064
 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract
 With the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Pequest Road Improvements Project

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA.2013.Liberty Township.00489 application ID from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of transportation on behalf of Liberty Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mayor Inscho and Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Liberty Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Vote: absent - Karcher
 aye - 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 #2012.065
 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 \$435,299.20.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:23 pm.

Caroline Stuiber – Ms. Stuiber inquired into the activity upon Wooded Valley Estates II.

At 7:29 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.066

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.

- ✓ Collective Bargaining - Agreement with SESI Consulting Engineers

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 7:40 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session a matter of collective bargaining agreement was discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 6 December 2012