

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 28 February 2013. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor John Fisher

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committee person Petersen presented contact information for Fiedler AM, Accelerated Real Estate Marketing. It was requested to schedule Fiedler AM for a presentation at a future Township meeting on their proposal for auctioning the municipally owned Lodge facility.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ In response to an icing issue, 200' of pipe and a drain will be installed on Lake Just-It Road

OLD BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2013

It was agreed to introduce the budget as prepared at the 7 March 2013 meeting and consideration of adoption scheduled for 4 April 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2013

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2013.021
Annual Professional Service

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty has a need to acquire professional services as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 to 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of these contracts is one year; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2013 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2013 Municipal Budget for the Township of Liberty as required in NJAC 5:30-5.4

BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor of Liberty Township to enter into an Agreement with the following Professional Service to provide service from 1 January 2013 through 31 December 2013:

Warren County Soil Conservation District is hereby retained as the Municipal Stormwater Coordinator for the Township of Liberty 2013

This being adopted at the workshop the Township of Liberty held on 28 February 2013

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

2013 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COUNTY CONTRACT

Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute a contract between the Township of Liberty and Warren County Department and Municipal Alliance Program carried.

FIREWORKS PROGRAM 2013

A motion by Ron Petersen authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the contract between Interstate Fireworks Inc., PO Box 260, Rowland, PA 18457, and the Township of Liberty to conduct a fireworks display on Community Day, 8 June 2013, with a rain date 9 June 2013 carried.

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolutions carried.

Resolution #2013.022
June 2013 Community Day Fireworks Event

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Recreation Commission has scheduled a Community Day Fireworks Event for 8 June 2013, rain date 9 June 2013, to be held on the municipal property located at Block 52, Lot 42, 137 Lakeside Drive West; and

WHEREAS, It is desired that the Township sponsor a fireworks display for the entertainment of the residents during the Community Day event; and

WHEREAS, The Mountain Lake Fire Company will be in attendance.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey that the Township of Liberty Township Committee hereby grants permission for and agrees to sponsor a display for fireworks to be performed by Interstate Fireworks Inc., PO Box 260, Rowland, PA 18457, telephone number 201.390.3345, on 8 June 2013, rain date 9 June 2013, provided that Interstate Fireworks Inc provide the Township of Liberty with a Certificate of Insurance naming the municipality as additionally insured in a form acceptable to the Municipal Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey that the Township of Liberty Township Committee waives all liability for any municipal structure located upon the beach area of Block 52, Lot 42 which is situated within the fallout zone of the 2013 fireworks display area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

aye - Inscho

12 LEWIS LANE

A letter of 19 February 2013 was received from Robert Bechok offering the donation of his property located at 12 Lewis Lane, Block 61, Lot 35, to the municipality. Attorney Skoog presented questions regarding estate settlement that need to be addressed prior to the municipality’s consideration of action on said parcel.

MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 7, CLAIMS, PAYMENT OF

It was reported that the Municipal Attorney, Municipal Clerk and CFO were reviewing Chapter 7, Claims, Payment for updates. An Ordinance to update Chapter 7 is to be introduced at the 7 March 2013 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Following explanation by Kevin Lifer, CFO, a motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2012.023
Deferred Local District School Tax

WHEREAS, the local district school tax for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 was raised in the 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$4,881,099.20.

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy or \$2,440,549.60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Liberty, that the deferred school tax for the local school district remain unchanged at \$1,520,074.75.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:16 pm.

Alice Bechok – Ms Bechok inquired into the status of the Lodge sale and presented questions on the current property value of 12 Lewis Lane.

At 7:23 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2013.024

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
- ✓ Litigation

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 7:44 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of potential litigation and contractual agreement 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 7:46 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 7 March 2013