

The re-organization meeting of 2014 was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey on 7 January 2014 and called to order at 6:33 p.m. by the Municipal Clerk, Diane M Pflugfelder, RMC/MMC. The Municipal Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and notice that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6.

Present: Ron Petersen, John Inscho, Peter Karcher, and Committeeperson-Elect Dan Grover.

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Dan Grover, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2016.

Diane M Pflugfelder reported that the Liberty Township Republican Committee had submitted three names for consideration of appointment to fulfill the term of John R Fisher. The names submitted were; Carl Cummins, Edward Mayer Jr and William Vonder Haar. A motion by John Inscho to appoint Carl Cummins to fulfill the vacated term of John Fisher carried.

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Carl Cummins, who will serve as Committeeperson for a term expiring 6 November 2014.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

The Municipal Clerk asked for nominations as Mayor of the Township of Liberty. A motion by Ron Petersen to appoint John Inscho as Mayor of Liberty Township, 1-year term, expiring 31 December 2014 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to John Inscho, who will serve as Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2014.

#### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

A motion by Mayor John Inscho to appoint Dan Grover, as Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year, expiring 31 December 2014 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Dan Grover, who will serve as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2014.

Mayor Inscho authorized Deputy Mayor Grover to solemnize marriage between such persons as may lawfully enter into a matrimonial relation and Civil Unions as per N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 expiring 31 December 2014.

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2014

A motion by Mayor John Inscho to make the following Township Committee appointments for 2014 carried.

Appointment of Alan DeCarolis as Animal Control Official, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Nellie Klever as Animal Control Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as Deputy Municipal Clerk, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Dan Grover as LandUse Board Member, Class III, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Joanne Ward to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Pete Karcher to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Ron Petersen to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Steve Romanowitch as the Principal Public Works Manager, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Diane M Pflugfelder as the Public Agency Compliance Officer, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Lynn Rutkoski as Recycling Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Secretary, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Eric Snyder as Municipal Zoning Official, expiration of term 31 December 2014

#### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS 2014

The following mayoral appointments by Mayor John Inscho for 2014 were adopted by the Township Committee;

Appointment of Philip Wooldridge to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Joanne Ward to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Eckhardt Debbert to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Helen Danitz as the Environmental Commission, Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Designation of Phillip Wooldridge as the Environmental Commission Chairperson, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Environmental Commission Secretary, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Carl Cummins as LandUse Board Member, Class I Designee, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Joanne Ward as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Dave Schaaf as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #1, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Mike Beyer as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #3, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Dan Gaeta to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2018

Appointment of Andrew Cassini to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2018

#### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2014

Appointment of Dan Grover as Board of Education Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Dan Grover and Carl Cummins as Building & Grounds Liaisons, expiration of term 31 December 2014. In such instances where there exists a conflict of interest for Dan Grover, Pete Karcher would step up as a Building and Grounds Liaison.

Appointment of John Inscho as Clean Communities Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of John Inscho as Municipal Court Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of John Inscho as Office of Aging Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of John Inscho as Personnel Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Ronald Petersen as Department of Public Works Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Recreation Commission Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Finance Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2014

ORDINANCE #2014.001 - Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen to introduce Ordinance #2014.001 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 6 February 2014.

CALENDAR YEAR 2014  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A.. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.0 percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$31,645.95 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Liberty shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:40-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$36,920.27, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Township of Liberty be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Resolution #2014.001  
Annual Professional Services

*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 CFO has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition of each service will or may exceed \$17,500; and

*WHEREAS*, the anticipated term of these contracts is one year (and may be extended as approved by this governing body); and

*WHEREAS*, the following Professional Services shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Liberty in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Professional Service from making any political contributions through the term of the contract; and

*WHEREAS*, sufficient funds are available in the 2014 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2014 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 a contract with the following Professional Services to provide professional services from 1 January 2014 through 31 December 2014:

Nisivoccia and Company is hereby retained as the Municipal Auditor for the Township of Liberty 2014

John G Hudak, Esq, is hereby retained as the Municipal Bond Counsel for the Township of Liberty 2014

Roger J Skoog, Esq is hereby retained as the Municipal Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2014

Steven Glickman, Esq is hereby retained as the Labor Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2014

Otterstedt Insurance, 291 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey is hereby retained as the Municipal Insurance Agent for the Township of Liberty in 2014

Eric K. Snyder and Associates Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Planner for the Township of Liberty 2014

Ferriero Engineering, Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Liberty 2014

Warren County Soil Conservation District is hereby retained as the Storm Water Coordinator for the Township of Liberty 2014.

This being adopted at the Reorganization meeting the Township of Liberty held on 7 January 2014

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.002  
Recognition of Deputy Municipal Registrar

*WHEREAS*, in accordance with NJSA 26:8-17, 26:8-17, the local registrar, immediately upon acceptance of the appointment, shall appoint a deputy to assist in the normal, day-to-day operation of the office and whose duty shall be to act in the registrar's stead in case of absence,

disability or death of the registrar. In case of death of the local registrar the deputy shall act as local registrar until a new local registrar has been appointed and qualified; and

*WHEREAS*, the Liberty Township Municipal Clerk recognizes Eleanor Clarkson, as qualified for the position of Deputy Municipal Registrar of Liberty Township.

*BE IT RESOLVED* By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey acknowledges the appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as the Deputy Municipal Registrar of the Township of Liberty, Warren County effective 1 January 2014.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
 aye - Petersen  
 aye - Grover  
 aye - Cummins  
 aye - Inscho

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 John Inscho,  
 Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.003  
 Open Public Meetings

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to the Chapter 321 Law 1075 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, all meetings of the public bodies wherein formal action, decisions, or discussions relating to the public bodies and wherein formal action, decision, or discussions relating to the public business may take place are required to be publicly announced and scheduled, with adequate posting and advanced notice of the time, place, date, location and to the extent known, the purpose or agenda of each meeting.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty as follows:

1. The following are designed meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty at which public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon.

Time: 7:00 pm  
 Place or Location:  
 Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, NJ  
 Purpose or Agenda: Regular Public Meeting for public discussion

Meeting Dates for the Year 2014

7 January 2014	6 February 2014	6 March 2014
3 April 2014	1 May 2014	5 June 2014
3 July 2014	7 August 2014	4 September 2014
2 October 2014	6 November 2014	4 December 2014

Workshop Dates for the Year 2014

23 January 2014	27 February 2014	27 March 2014
24 April 2014	22 May 2014	26 June 2014
24 July 2014	28 August 2014	25 September 2014
23 October 2014		

Official action may or may not be taken.

In addition, such other meetings as the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty may require, shall be scheduled and held but pursuant to and with additional notice as is required by State Statute.

2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty , is hereby authorized and directed to:
  - A. Post and maintain a copy of said Resolution upon the bulletin board within the Municipal Building
  - B. File a copy of said Resolution with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty
  - C. Forward copies of said Resolution to the Star Gazette, the official newspaper of Liberty Township, Warren County; and,

D. Do all necessary hereafter to comply with said Statutes to the end that adequate public notice of all public meetings pursuant to such Statute, be given according to law

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.004  
Resolution Authorizing Legal Counsel to File and Prosecute Roll Back Tax Complaints,  
Complaints to Correct Errors in Assessments and Complaints for Added,  
Omitted and Added/Omitted Assessment; Defend, Settle or  
Stipulate to Resolve All 2013 Local Property Tax Appeals

*WHEREAS*, the County Tax Board has issued a letter of request requiring a Resolution by the Mayor and Township Committee or Council of each municipality of the County of Warren by its County Tax Administrator, Melissa Pritchett, CTA; and

*WHEREAS*, the said County Tax Administrator requires that the Mayor and member of the Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Roll Back Complaints, Correct Errors or File Added, Omitted and Added/Omitted Complaints, Adopt a Resolution allowing the Municipal Attorney or any member of his firm, to file and prosecute said Complaints.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, On this 7th day of January 2014 by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney, Roger Skoog as Attorney for the Township of Liberty, is hereby authorized to file, prosecute, defend, stipulate, modify, agree upon and other wise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process or prosecution and/or filing of said Roll Back Tax Complaints, Complaints to Correct Errors in Assessments for Added Assessments, Omitted Assessments and Added/Omitted Assessments in 2013 and Defending or Settling all 2014 local property tax appeals and execute any and all stipulations relating to the same with the agreement of the Liberty Township Municipal Assessor.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Municipal Clerk be and the same is hereby directed to provide a true copy of this Resolution to the Warren County Board of Taxation, Cummins Building, 202 Mansfield Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.005  
Designation of Official Newspaper

*BE IT RESOLVED*, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Star Gazette hereby be designated as the official newspaper and the Courier News as the secondary newspaper of the Township of Liberty for the year 2014.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, That the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey is designated as the place where all official notices are to be posted.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.006  
2013 Tonnage Grant Application

*WHEREAS*, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

*WHEREAS*, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

*WHEREAS*, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation Act; and

*WHEREAS*, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

*WHEREAS*, a Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Liberty Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and,

*WHEREAS*, such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

*BE IT RESOLVED* By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, that the Township of Liberty hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designate John Inscho, Committeeperson, to ensure that the application is properly filed.

*BE IT RESOLVED* That the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.007  
Cash Management Plan

Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes and Municipal Charges

In accordance with RS: 4-67, the interest rate on delinquent taxes and municipal charges shall be as follows:

- 1. 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency
- 2. 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500

No interest shall be charged for a 10-day grace period; after the 10-day grace period, interest shall be calculated from the due date.

An additional penalty of 6% of the amount of the delinquency will be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Tax Collector is authorized to process or cancel without further action on part of the governing body, any property tax overpayment or delinquency of less than \$10.00. The Tax Collector is further authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar year 2013.

Investment of Funds

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to invest funds, as they shall become available, to attain the highest rate of return, provided that all investments are reported to the Township

Committee at the next meeting subsequent to the making of the investments.

Official Depositories

In accordance with NJSA 40A: 5-15, all monies collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department shall be deposited or turned over to the Chief Financial Officer within 48 hours.

The following banks are designated as official depositories for checking and/or escrow funds for the Township for 2014, as well as savings funds and investment accounts:

The First Hope Bank, Hope, 1301 Hope-Bridgeville Road, Hope, New Jersey  
Fulton Bank of New Jersey, 176 Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, New Jersey

Authorized Signatures

All withdraws against the foregoing accounts shall bear the signatures of two of the following officials: Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.008  
Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer 2014

*WHEREAS*, it is necessary to appoint a Public Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

*WHEREAS*, this is an annual appointment – this appointment will be for calendar year 2014.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey, to appoint Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk to this office as this individual has a knowledge of the professional services and procurement contracts entered into by Liberty Township.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.009  
Appointment of a Fund Commissioner to the  
Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

*BE IT RESOLVED*, By the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Randy May as the Fund Commissioner and Diane M Pflugfelder as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

*BE IT RESOLVED* That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Randy May, Fund Commissioner
- 2. Diane M Pflugfelder, Alternate Fund Commissioner
- 3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho, Mayor

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



Resolution #2014.010  
Temporary Appropriations 2014

*WHEREAS*, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2014 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

*WHEREAS*, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

*WHEREAS*, the total appropriations in the 2013 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,716,519.54, and

*WHEREAS*, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2013 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$450,586.38.

*BE IT RESOLVED* By the Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

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

Resolution #2013.011  
Appointment to Emergency Management  
Deputy Emergency Manager

*BE IT RESOLVED* By the Liberty Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren , and State of New Jersey the following appointments:

Ron Petersen, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to fulfill the term vacated by John Fisher, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.012  
Resolution Authorizing the CFO to Pay Regular Bills  
in Order to Avoid Finance Charges

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Liberty has bills that are approved for payment at the regular meetings held by the Liberty Township Committee, and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, and

*WHEREAS*, the Township Committee meetings may be canceled on occasion, and

*WHEREAS*, the cancellation of a regularly scheduled meeting may create a period of more than thirty days between meetings, and

*WHEREAS*, the monthly bills arrive throughout the month and the CFO must receive authorization from the Township Committee for payment, and

*WHEREAS*, the bills must be paid in a timely period to avoid the accumulation of any late charges.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, By the Liberty Township Committee, in the event that a regularly schedule Township Committee meeting is canceled, the CFO is authorized to pay bills when received to avoid the accumulation of any late charges and the bill will be placed on the subsequent bill list for the next regular Township Committee Meeting.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.013  
Resolution Agreeing to Certain Conditions Required by the  
Superior Court of New Jersey, Vicinage XIII, in Regard to the Joint Court of North Warren

*WHEREAS*, by correspondence dated 13 December 2013, the Superior Court of New Jersey, Vicinage XIII, provisionally approved the Interlocal Agreement by and between the Township of Hardwick, Hope, Liberty and Blairstown; and

*WHEREAS*, said provisional approval was contingent upon:

1. That the North Warren Joint Court shall cease to issue warrants and set bail including contempt fees on low level traffic violations;
2. North Warren Joint Court will cease the practice of charging certain defendants for interpreting services; and
3. The installation of ballistic resistant glass at the violations bureau payment window must be installed; and

*WHEREAS*, the Honorable Craig U Dana has indicated that the North Warren Joint Court will comply with conditions 1 and 2 above; and

*WHEREAS*, ballistic resistant glass has been ordered and will be installed on 8 January 2014; and

*WHEREAS*, the Governing Body of Liberty Township deems it be in the best interest for the residents of Liberty Township to accept the conditions imposed above.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Township of Liberty that the forgoing conditions are hereby approved.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.014  
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 \$465,866.73.

Vote: aye - Karcher  
aye - Petersen  
aye - Grover  
aye - Cummins  
aye - Inscho

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John Inscho,  
Mayor

**ANIMAL HOLDING FACILITY** – A motion by Pete Karcher adopting Happy Tails Inn as the primary and Joseph Kucharski as the alternate animal holding facility for Liberty Township carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 6:56pm

Lisa Thomas – Ms Thomas inquired into the status of the Lodge and offered suggestions of alternative uses as a Community Center.

**LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMITTEE PLAQUE**

Mayor Inscho thanked Jodee Inscho and Diane M Pflugfelder for the coordination of having the Liberty Township Historical Committee plaque prepared. Ms. Inscho had compiled a listing of Township Committee members from the municipality's conception in 1926 to current.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion by Carl Cummins to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 5 December 2013 carried. Ron Petersen abstained.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor James Craig gave a Benediction.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Diane Pflugfelder RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
Minutes Approved 6 February 2014