

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 10 July 2014. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m.

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

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Committeeperson Karcher stated that the Recreation Commission is investigating product and pricing from three companies for quotes and time lines on boat dock sections.

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Committeeperson Petersen reported that the security camera installations have been completed and training would be forth coming.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ Hillcrest driveway edges have been milled and are prepared for paving project
- ✓ The Buford mower is down and it will take six weeks to receive the replacement parts
- ✓ Trees that fell down during the storms last week have been cleared and chipped
- ✓ There are no items or equipment for the 2014 Warren County Auction
- ✓ The 2013 Right To Know Survey has been completed

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for June 2014 and presented to members of the Township Committee for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 5 June 2014 and workshop minutes of 26 June 2014 carried. Mr. Karcher abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVILION

Mayor Inscho reported that the contract between Whirl Construction Inc and Liberty Township has been executed for the beachfront Pavilion. Following discussion the following details were agreed upon;

Roof color: Brown, as the neighboring garage

Steel columns: Black

Pavilion ceiling: 2x6 unfinished pine with a clear coat

Snow fence shall be installed around the site in lieu of chain-link fencing, and

An access panel for electricity shall be located within a corner column.

If any flooring is to be installed, it was suggested by Whirl Construction Inc. to extend the flooring beyond the overhang.

HIGHLANDS AREA EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

No discussion on the draft Highlands Ordinance occurred at this time. Committeepersons agreed to review the document for future consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

WARREN COUNTY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Following discussion, a motion by Dan Grover adopting the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Warren County Shared Service Agreement between the County of Warren and the Township of Liberty for sharing public works equipment carried.

Resolution #2014.055
Resolution authorizing Master Public Works Shared
Services Agreement for Sharing Public Works Equipment
Between Liberty Township and the County of Warren.

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is desirous of utilizing public works equipment and public works employees provided by the County of Warren to provide public works services, general maintenance and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County is desirous of providing those services to Liberty Township in accordance with the terms of agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services & Consolidation ACT (NJSA 40A:65-1 et seq.) empowers the County of Warren and the Township of Liberty to enter into such an Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty does hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Agreement to provide the services to Liberty Township as described in said Agreements.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

A motion by Ron Petersen authorizing the municipal approval of application by Austin J O’Neil into the NJ State Firemen’s Association carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

A motion by Dan Grover authorizing the municipal approval of application by Justin A Nicholls into the NJ State Firemen’s Association carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution #2014.056
Salary

WHEREAS, Salary Ordinance #2014.006 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 2014 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are retroactive to 1 January 2014 unless otherwise noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Lifeguards Kellie R Smigel	1 st year lifeguard	\$10.75/hour

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

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

Resolution #2014.057
 Tax Refund

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector recommends to the Township Committee that the necessary administrative action be taken to authorize a refund to the following;

Block/Lot	Name/Address	Reason	Year	Total Refund
23/2	Fromet Properties PO Box 26 Rutherford, NJ 07070	Deleted line item	2014	\$ 1785.10

NOW, THEREFORE, 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: aye - Karcher
 aye - Petersen
 aye - Cummins
 aye - Grover
 aye - Inscho

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Resolution #2014.058
 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 \$458,687.98.

Vote: aye - Karcher
 aye - Petersen
 aye - Grover

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

aye - Cummins
aye - Inscho

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:23 pm.

Lisa Thomas - Ms. Thomas inquired into the coverage and accessibility of a lakefront webcam.

Paul Dierlam - Mr. Dierlam questioned the procedure for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for lots along Marble Hill Road in comparison to lots within Wooded Valley Estates. He also requested a copy of the minutes for review.

Ray Rice – Mr. Rice stated comments on terms of the Wooded Valley Estates Developer’s Agreement.

At 7:35 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.059

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.

- ✓ Potential Litigation, Wooded Valley Estates

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 7:50 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of potential litigation were discussed. No action to follow.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 7 August 2014