

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 23 October 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; Ronald Petersen; Peter Karcher; and Carl Cummins

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Mr Karcher informed the Township Committee that a quote of approximately \$15,000.00 had been received for an eighty foot (80') section of Easy Dock. Hand railings made of vinyl, wood or powder coating are optional at an additional expense. Discussion followed on dock extension configuration and fund raising to consider acquiring sections.

Mr Karcher also reported that he continues to work with an Eagle Scout interested in replacing the Recreation Shed at Free Union Fields as his Eagle Scout Project.

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Mr Cummins reported that the Liberty Township LandUse Board had met on 21 October 2014 to discuss the Roes Island Wetland Mitigation and Riparian Zone Compensation Project.

COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Mr Grover reported that he had attended a Mayor's meeting in Hope Township. Discussion ensued on a County Court System, an initiative to curd zoning within the Highlands Preservation Area, and additional issues.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The manufactured pavilion kit has arrived on site
- ✓ A representative from NJDEP conducted a Stormwater management inspection last week

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHEET CY 2014

Mayor Inscho informed the Township Committee members that he had reviewed the Best Practices Worksheet CY 2014. A motion by Mayor Inscho to accept the Best Practices Worksheet CY 2014 as prepared carried.

WARREN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A letter was received from Freeholder Jason Sarnoski requesting the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Committee within each municipality to coordinate with the Warren County Economic Development Advisory Council, which has as its mission "to create a stable, positive economic environment for Warren County through cooperation with county departments, government agencies, and businesses to implement smart strategic growth and influence economic policy decisions in Warren County". Following discussion it was agreed that Liberty Township would inform Freeholder Sarnoski that Chapter 17, Industrial Commission has been within the Code Book since April 1995 and there is no area for economic development within this municipality.

ROES ISLAND WETLAND MITIGATION AND RIPARIAN ZONE COMPENSATION PROJECT

Mr. Cummins reported that the LandUse Board had met on Tuesday, 21 October 2014 to discuss the Roes Island Project. A memo was forwarded to the Liberty Township Committee expressing the Liberty Township LandUse Board opposition to the proposed project based upon a lack of information; concern on location; shared easements; project maintenance; and the location of the proposed site. Following discussion Committeeperson Grover agreed to compose a response letter during this NJDEP public comment period for the Roes Island Wetland Mitigation and Riparian Zone Compensation Project. Attorney Skoog would collaborate on the letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:32 pm.

Jennifer Gruener – Ms. Gruener, Superintendent Warren County Mosquito Control Commission, sated that she had attend the LandUse Board meeting of Liberty Township on 21 October 2014. She explained the public comment process for NJDEP regarding the Roes Island Project.

Jennifer Stadt – Ms Stadt presented her living conditions at 12 Deerfield Road and requested assistance from Warren County and the municipality. Mayor Inscho informed her that he has been working with the Warren County Board of Health on her behalf.

At 8:08 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2014.073

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.

- ✓ Contractual Agreement – Municipal Court 2015
- ✓ Litigation – Wooded Valley Estates
- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy regarding the DPW Supervisor, Steve Romanowitch

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 8:54 pm, a motion by John Inscho to reconvene public session carried.

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

Following discussion and amendment to paragraph two, eliminating the phrase “and snow removal”, a motion by John Inscho adopting the following Agreement carried.

This Agreement, made this 23rd day of October 2014, 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 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 2015. 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.

David Mango, Superintendent Great Meadows Regional School District
John E Inscho, Mayor Township of Liberty

WOODED VALLEY ESTATES

Following discussion in executive session, a motion by John Inscho authorizing Attorney Skoog to proceed with the Title Search process of lots within the Wooded Valley estates carried. Carl Cummins abstained.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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