

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 22 January 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:11 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION: ROAD OPENING ORDINANCE

Discussion ensued on the draft Road Opening Ordinance prepared by Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer, and question presented by Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney. Ron Petersen agreed to review all the information with the Municipal Attorney and reported back to the Township Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2015

Kevin Lifer, Municipal CFO, reported that he was continuing to collect department financial information for 2015 Budget. A motion by John Inscho to schedule a Budget Workshop on Monday, 9 February, with a snow-date of Wednesday, 11 February 2015 at 7:00 pm within the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, NJ, carried.

WARREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Township Committee by the Municipal Clerk, Diane M Pflugfelder. All Committee members were made aware of the 6 part worksheets that Liberty Township must complete and submit to the Warren County Office of Emergency Management by 19 February 2015.

BLOCK 10, LOT 7.02

A request was received from A. DiMaio & Son, Inc for the reimbursement of the residual value of a building permit issued for Block 10, Lot 7.02 in October 2009. Following discussion, a motion by John Inscho authorizing the municipal retention of 10% on the construction, electrical, plumbing and fire permits issued in 2009 for plan review costs carried. John Inscho and Ron Petersen abstained on the vote.

BLOCK 61, LOT 35

Attorney Skoog reported that he had received communication from George Dilts, legal counsel representing the owners of Block 61, Lot 35, to convey said parcel to the Township of Liberty. Attorney Skoog requested a letter of opinion from Attorney Dilts stating that there were no liens against said parcel as well as a Title Search be conducted on the parcel prior to the Township consideration of accepting this donation.

BLOCK 61, LOT 64.02

Documentation was provided by the Division of Community Affairs that certified Notices of Unsafe Structure had been received by the owner of record for Block 61, Lot 64.02 within 2012 and 2014. The owners had been ordered to demolish the structure. No response from the owner has been received to date. Following discussion it was agreed to ask the Zoning Official to enforce the Notices of Unsafe Structure through the Municipal Court system.

PAVILION RESERVATION'

A request of 29 December 2014 was received from the Hardy Family to reserve the Liberty Township Pavilion located at the Beach on 1 August 2015 for a family reunion. Following discussion of outstanding projects at the pavilion site for spring 2015, request to view neighboring municipal park/recreation policies & procedures and the consideration that no grills would be permitted under the pavilion, a motion by John Inscho authorizing the reservation of the pavilion on 1 August 2015 for the Hardy Family Reunion carried.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN COMMENTS

A letter of 2 January 2015 was received from David K Dech, Planning Director, Warren County Planning Department announcing a special meeting on 29 January 2015 in the Freeholders Meeting Room to provide information on how to prepare and submit your comments and provide a framework of issues concerning various aspects of the Plan and its implementation by the Highlands Council and State agencies.

REPORTS

PETER KARCHER

Mr. Karcher reported that the new dock material was not able to be installed prior to Mountain Lake freeze this season.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The salt shed is being refilled
- ✓ Christmas trees are being collected for a local wildlife habitat

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:54 pm.

Lynn Gilmore – Ms. Gilmore requested a definition of the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. She also inquired into the location of the boat house since the mud slide of 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 5 February 2015