

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 26 February 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

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

Also, Present: Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Absent: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Mr. Karcher reported that the Recreation Commission is setting up a 2015 plan and hope to incorporate an adult activity program.

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Mr. Petersen reported that the Basketball hoops within the municipal road right-of-ways that hinder snow plowing efforts are being investigated. He also announced that the 1988 International truck may be a consideration for the Warren County Auction in fall of 2015. Mr. Petersen announced that he intends to attend the 9 March 2015 Highlands meeting being coordinated by the Warren County Freeholders.

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Mr. Cummins reported on the LandUse meeting of 17 February 2015 and the need for the applicant, Roes Island LLC to return to a March 2015 meeting for a Hearing on a "D" Variance application.

COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Mr. Grover reported that he shall be gathering the final information to complete the Mitigation Grant application for an emergency generator.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Steve Romanowitch, CPWM, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The 2008 GMC has replaced another cracked rim
- ✓ 20 loads of road salt have been ordered to replenish the salt barn
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Phil Wooldridge, Environmental Commission Chairperson, presented the 2015 scheduled of activities.

Following discussion, a motion by John Inscho to approve the Liberty Township Environmental Commission pursuit of an Environmental Commission Program for the ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant in which there is no financial match required, only 80 hours of volunteer time carried.

A motion by John Inscho authorizing the use of the Liberty Township Municipal Building and the Free Union fields to host the Month Night 2015 program carried.

Deputy Mayor Grover agreed to attend the Arbor Day celebration at the Municipal Building on 25 April 2015 and read a Proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

COAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING REPORTS

A letter of 17 February 2015 was received from State of New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing regarding annual monitoring reports. Following discussion, all documentation is to be forwarded to Eric Snyder, COAH Housing Liaison, for completion.

PAVILION RESERVATION REQUEST

A motion by John Inscho authorizing the reservation of the Beachfront Pavilion on 17 or 18 September 2016 for the wedding of Megan Remelgado carried. Pavilion rules and regulations are yet to be established but the date has been reserved.

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A motion by Dan Grover authorizing the acceptance of a NJ State Firemen's Association Membership application from Patrick N Digney II carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

CLOTHING BIN REQUEST

A request of 23 February 2015 was received from Donna Gooley, Customer Service Representative for Clothes for Kid's Sake, Inc requesting the permission to place a clothing donation bin on the municipal property for the benefit of Big Brother Big Sister program. It was reviewed that there currently exist other non-profit clothing bins pre-existing within the Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ROAD OPENING ORDINANCE

Paul Ferriero, Municipal Engineer, reviewed and commented upon Attorney Skoog's questions regarding the Road Opening Ordinance as drafted in August 2014. In conclusion, Mr. Ferriero was directed to coordinate with Attorney Skoog and prepare a draft Ordinance with these issues reviewed for consideration of introduction by the Township Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:38 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.024

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 Township Committee 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.

- ✓ Real Property Negotiations - Wooded Valley Estates
- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy - Assistant DPW Supervisor

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 8:14 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of personnel and real property negotiations 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 8:15 p.m.

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