

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 7 May 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Mayor John Inscho

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Mr. Karcher announced that the Easy-Dock swimming dock has been installed.

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Mr. Cummins reported that the April LandUse meeting had been cancelled and the Roes Island Application will be carried to the 19 May 2015 meeting. He also gave a brief overview of the Beachfront pavilion landscaping proposal with retaining walls, pavers and ADA sidewalks.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

It was announced that would be the last Township Committee meeting with a DPW report from Steve Romanowitch, CPWM.

Chuck Harvey, Assistant DPW Supervisor, presented the following verbal report with input from Steve Romanowitch:

- ✓ Following discussion on a temporary summer hire, a motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2015.032
Salary

WHEREAS, Salary Ordinance #2015.002 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 2015 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are retroactive to 1 January 2015 unless otherwise noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Section 2: Public Works Paul Marty	Part-Time DPW Help	15.00/hour

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

Dan Grover,
Deputy Mayor

- ✓ Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen authorizing the DPW work day schedule to be 6:00 am to 2:30pm from Tuesday, 26 May through Friday, 4 September 2015 carried.
- ✓ Drains and heads have been prepared for paving in Liberty Woods. Paving is anticipated mid-June to July.
- ✓ Asphalt potholes have been repaired.
- ✓ New curbing and road repairs have been completed in prepared for the 2015 paving projects.
- ✓ Discussion ensued on the acquisition of a Samsung Galaxy 6, 16 GB with wifi and blue tooth capabilities for remote scheduling of the solar speed sign.
- ✓ New equipment ideas were gathered at the Equipment Show attended by all DPW staff in April 2015. Consideration for a future purchase may be a roll-off body.
- ✓ The 1988 International body is nearing the end of its usefulness. Consideration to replace this vehicle in the 2016 budget.
- ✓ Fishing pier railings have options for capping or coring posts. Ron Petersen is to meet on site with DPW to consider options.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Shannon Schaaf reported that approximately 320 tree seedlings were distributed at the Arbor Day Program. A flowering dogwood was dedicated to Beverly Gloumakoff, prior Environmental Commission chairperson. A Grant of \$1,150.00 has been received for the installation of environmental education signs around Mountain Lake.

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for January 2015 and presented to members of the Township Committee for review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Peter Karcher to adopt the public session minutes of 2 April 2015 carried. Ron Petersen abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The resignation of Joanne Ward, as LandUse Board Member, Class IV was received by Mayor Inscho.

Mayor Inscho authorized the following appointments;

Appointment of Michael Beyer as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, (position vacated by Joanne Ward) expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Matthew Hawkswell as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #1, (position vacated by Michael Beyer) expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of John Ward as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #2, (position vacated by Matthew Hawkswell) expiration of term 31 December 2016

DPW ASSISTANT LIAISON

A motion by Ron Petersen appointing Carl Cummins as DPW Assistant Liaison carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BEACH FRONT PAVILION

Carl Cummins reported that he had obtained three pavers quotes for pavilion flooring. He informed the Township Committee that Wicki Stone would deliver the pavers after the pavilion floor area was prepped. Additional quarry processed and stone dust materials would be obtained from Oxford Quarry for pavers installation. Dan Grover elaborated that the landscaping plan would include a small retaining wall on the road side of the pavilion and tie into the existing stone wall at the entrance gate. The retaining wall would be located under the eaves of the pavilion. He continued stating that a paver sidewalk would be installed from the parking lot to the pavilion

Quotes were received from the following;

<i>Company</i>	<i>Price</i>
Wicki Wholesale Stone 17 Cemetery Road, Great Meadows, NJ	\$6,229.33
CST Pavers 23 Ridge Road, Branchville, NJ	\$3,627.00
Meier Stone Co, Inc Route 206 and Gold Mine Road, Flanders, NJ	\$6,701.24

Following brief discussion, a motion by Peter Karcher to adopt the following carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.033
AWARD OF CONTRACT

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township of Liberty hereby awards the contract for the purchase of pavers to CST Pavers, 23 Ridge Road, Branchville, NJ whose bid amounted to \$3,627.00.

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

 Dan Grover,
 Deputy Mayor

PAVILION RULES & REGULATIONS

Information was gathered from neighboring municipalities regarding public area rules and regulations. Discussion to continue at next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Carl Cummins to adopt the following seven Resolutions carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.034
 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH MAY 2015

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated as Older American Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older American Month 2015 is “Get into the Act” to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and to promote how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities and making positive impacts in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the older residents of Liberty Township have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, injury prevention, safety awareness, and health promotion are vital in helping older residents remain healthy and active throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township encourages and supports all efforts that help our older residents take control of their health, safety and well-being.

NOW THEREFORE, Liberty Township does hereby proclaim May 2015 to be Older Americans Month in Liberty Township.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to take time this month to recognize our older citizens as vital contributions who enhance every aspect of our community

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

Dan Grover,
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.035
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, An “Application for Special Permit for Social Affair” has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said social affair to be held on 5 June 2015 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 6 June 2015 1:00 am; and

WHEREAS, The submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the State fees have been paid.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Liberty Township Committee does hereby approve a social affair for the Mountain Lake Fire Company located at 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey to be held on 5 June 2015 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 6 June 2015 1:00 am; and to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

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

Dan Grover,
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.036
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, An “Application for Special Permit for Social Affair” has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said social affair to be held on

13 June 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am and 14 June 2015 1:00 am with a rain date of 14 June 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am and 15 June 2015 1:00 am; and

WHEREAS, The submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the State fees have been paid.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Liberty Township Committee does hereby approve a social affair for the Mountain Lake Fire Company located at 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey to be held on 13 June 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am and 14 June 2015 1:00 am with a rain date of 14 June 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am and 15 June 2015 1:00 am; and to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

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

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Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.037
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, An “Application for Special Permit for Social Affair” has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said social affair to be held on 26 July 2015 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 11:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, The submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the State fees have been paid.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Liberty Township Committee does hereby approve a social affair for the Mountain Lake Fire Company located at 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey to be held on 26 July 2015 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 11:00 pm; and to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

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

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Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.038
APPLICATION FOR RAFFLE

WHEREAS, Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, is the licensee on the application to conduct an Off-Premises Merchandise Draw Raffle on 26 July 2015 to be held at Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 to be held at 4:00 – 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate application forms and fees have been submitted to the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no reason to deny the aforesaid applications.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey

1. The off-premises raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission adoption of aforesaid application.

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

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Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.039
CENTENARY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, a fire broke out in the Centenary College President’s House late in the afternoon of January 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, fire, rescue, police and other emergency personnel responded from several counties, communities and companies; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions for fighting a fire on that day were abominable, with temperatures dipping into the single digits and the wind gusting up to 23 miles per hour, making the wind chill feel as low as -10°F; and

WHEREAS, those fighting the fire were nonetheless able to keep everybody safe and to keep the fire from spreading to neighbors’ houses; and

WHEREAS, it took until the early morning hours of January 8 to bring the fire under control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

FIRST, Centenary College expresses its deepest appreciation to the following companies and departments, and to the individual members who responded, for their dedication, persistence and endurance in fighting the fire:

Hackettstown Fire Department
Hackettstown Police Department
Hackettstown Rescue Squad
Hackettstown Ladies Auxiliary
Hackettstown Office of Emergency Management
Independence Township Fire Department
Tri County Fire Company
Mansfield Township Fire Department
Mansfield Township Rescue Squad
Allamuchy Township Fire Department
Budd Lake Fire Department

Netcong Boro Fire Department
Washington Boro Fire Department
Schooley’s Mountain Fire Department
Roxbury Township Fire Department
Franklin Township Fire Department
Mountain Lake Fire Department
Hackettstown Department of Public Works
Warren County Communications Command
Morris County NJ EMS Task Force
Jersey Central Power & Light Company
Elizabethtown Gas Company

SECOND, a copy of these Resolutions shall be presented to each company, and department as a token of the College’s appreciation

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

Dan Grover,
Deputy Mayor

RESOLUTION #2015.040
PROCLAMATION
MUNICIPAL CLERK’S WEEK

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is one of the oldest among public servants in; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local Governing Bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering service to all; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial county and international professional organization; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk

NOW, THEREFORE, I Dan Grover, Deputy Mayor of Liberty Township, do recognize the week of 3 May through 9 May 2015, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk Diane M Pflugfelder and Deputy Clerk Eleanor Clarkson and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

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

Dan Grover,
Deputy Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION #2015.041
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 \$1,020,689.70.

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

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Deputy Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:40 pm.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms Heydecke expressed concern over the landscaping of the pavilion at the beachfront.

Karen Moskello – Ms. Moskello inquired into the enforcement of rules and regulations at the pavilion and garbage.

Lorraine Thiel – Ms Thiel reported that some boat dock pole caps need to be secured. She inquired into the publication of Township Committee meeting minutes. Ms Thiel also inquired into the status of public restroom facilities at the pavilion.

Lisa Thomas – Ms. Thomas asked various questions of enforcement of the speed monitoring device.

Frank Jalosky – Chief of Mountain Lake Fire Company, reported that unanticipated work needs to be addressed on the truck currently being rehab with LED lighting.

Shannon Schaaf p Ms. Schaaf informed the Township Committee of the Mountain Lake Community Association intentions to prepare a Lake Management Plan, donate kayak/canoe storage racks for installation at the boat dock and invited everyone to the 31 July membership meeting with a boat safety class.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At XXXX pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.042
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

- ✓ Contractual Matter (Wooded Valley Estates)
- ✓ Contractual Matter (12 Lewis Lane)
- ✓ Contractual Matter (Vendors)

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

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

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Deputy Mayor

At 8:18 pm, a motion by Deputy Mayor Grover to reconvene the public meeting carried. Deputy Mayor Grover stated that during executive session contractual matters were discussed. Action to follow.

MOTH NIGHT 2015

Following discussion in executive session, a motion by Dan Grover adopting the policy that there shall be no private vendor sales at municipal functions conducted on municipal property carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 4 June 2015