

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 10 September 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Dan Grover; and, Carl Cummins

Absent: Ronald Petersen; and, Peter Karcher.

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

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Mr. Cummins reported on the Recreation Commission meeting that he attended 25 August with Mayor Inscho. He also reported on the LandUse Meeting of 18 August and the conditional approval of a minor subdivision application.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Chuck Harvey, Assistant DPW Supervisor, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ The speed monitoring sign, aka "Dorothy" is functional and placed on random locations throughout the municipality. Mr. Harvey is working on producing a more simple report of the daily data.
- ✓ The fishing pier railing is complete. He is awaiting confirmation from the Township Committee for the paint of choice on the welding sites.
- ✓ The crack-fill process is scheduled for the week of 28 September 2015.
- ✓ The annual tree pruning program shall be coordinated for October
- ✓ Warren County Auction items have been transported to the County facility
- ✓ Pavilion work is progressing with drainage, electrical trenching and the paver installation
- ✓ The Liberty Township DPW requested the 2016 NJDOT Grant application for Pequest Road
- ✓ DPW operating hours shall continue at 6:00 am to 2:30 pm until, 2 November 2015, with the onset of daylight savings
- ✓ Mr. Harvey continues to collect quotes for preparation of the Right-to-Know survey
- ✓ Water run-off from a driveway cut onto Lakeside Drive West is being addressed by the DPW as the Zoning Officer addresses violations

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Shannon Schaaf reported that the ANJEC Grant of \$1500 is progressing for installation of environmental education signs around Mountain Lake. She is coordinating the dimension and locations of signage with the Municipal Zoning Official's consent.

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for August 2015 and placed on file

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Carl Cummins to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 6 August 2015 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VETERANS EXEMPTION POLICY

Attorney Skoog reported that he shall investigate establishing a Veterans Exemption Policy.

CHAPTER 38 – ALARMS

Carl Cummins requested information from the Mountain Lake Fire Chief on the current false and security alarms calls. Discussion to continue.

BLOCK 51, LOT 1.01, ZSILAVETZ

Attorney Skoog reported that a third party lien exists on Block 51, Lot 1.01 as well as the municipal lien in excess of \$15,000.00. It was decided that this issue shall be addressed at the next meeting with a full quorum of the Governing Body.

NEW BUSINESS

HALLOWEEN 2015

Following brief discussion and review of past adopted Halloween hours, a motion by John Inscho to establish Halloween 2015 on Saturday, 31 October between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm carried.

QUENBY MOUNTAIN ROAD

A letter of 20 August 2015 was received from concerned resident regarding an unsafe tree in the vicinity of 50 Quenby Montanan Road. It was agreed to place this tree upon the annual tree pruning program for October.

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

A motion by Dan Grover authorizing the acceptance of a NJ State Firemen’s Association Membership application from Edwin R Mata carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

NJDOT FY 2016 GRANT APPLICATION

A letter of 31 July 2015 was received announcing the New Jersey Department of Transportation FY 2016 State Aid Program for funding local transportation projects. A motion by Dan Grover to authorize the Municipal Engineer to prepare an application for a one-mile section of Pequest Road carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2015.068
Issuance of 2015-2016 Liquor Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, that the following license has made application for the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License and having complied with all the terms of the Liberty Township Municipal Code, Chapter 39, Alcoholic Beverages; and, that this license is renewed pursuant to a 12:39 Special Ruling of 5 September 2014, Docket No. 07.14.8812, be renewed for the term of one year from the first day of July 2015, to midnight, 30 June 2016;

543 Route 46 LLC

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543 Route 46
Oxford, NJ 07863
License #2114.33.003.003

Fee: \$871.93

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

TRUCK ACQUISITION FROM INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2015.069
Purchase of 1996 Ford Dump Truck

WHEREAS, Independence Township is the owner of a 1996 Ford Dump Truck with Vin Number 1FDYF80E8TVA15280, which said truck is no longer needed by Independence Township; and

WHEREAS, Independence Township also is the owner of a ten foot snow plow and rear salt spreader that were accessories used in conjunction with the aforementioned Ford Truck; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned plow and salt spreader are also now not needed by Independence Township; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is in need of a dump truck, plow and salt spreader; and

WHEREAS, Independence Township has agreed to sell the aforementioned truck, plow and salt spreader to Liberty Township by resolution adopted on 8 September 2015 for \$5000 and no cents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township of Liberty that they purchase a 1996 Ford Pick Up Truck, with the Vin number as previously recited, along with a ten foot plow and salt spreader for the sum of \$5000 from the Township of Independence

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment be made forthwith to allow for the immediate transfer of the said vehicle to Liberty Township.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.070
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 \$565,423.47.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:23 pm.

Dan Gaeta – Mr. Gaeta presented questions to the Municipal Attorney for distribution of used sports equipment as well as the inflatable movie contract terms. Mr. Gaeta was advised that any Eagle Scout project presented to the Recreation Commission must be brought to the attention of Township Committee for acceptance. Mr. Gaeta is to communicate with Attorney Skoog directly on recreation matters.

Arthur Strock – Mr. Strock expressed a concern for a dead tree within the road right-of- way near his property line.

Lorraine Thiel – Ms. Thiel informed the Township Committee that the beach live stream camera has been out of order for two months.

Suzanne Buchanan – Following Ms. Buchanan’s request, a motion by Carl Cummins authorizing the Trinity United Methodist Church to perform roadside clean-up in Liberty Township upon Marble Hill, Shades of Death, Lake Just-it and Lakeside Drive Roads for the sole purpose of fund-raising to benefit the Haiti Mission Team carried. A Certificate of Insurance, naming Liberty Township as a certificate holder was received from Ms. Buchanan.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms. Heydecke quested various aspects of the pavilion rules, regulations and enforcement as well as additional beach issues.

Beach dock.

Multiple residents expressed interest and concern on proposed beach improvement projects.

Lodge

Multiple residents made inquiries into the status of the Lodge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2015.071

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.

- ✓ Collective Bargaining Agreement – Municipal Court
- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy – Anticipation of Employee Retirement
- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy – Review of Chapter 26, Recreation Commission

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 8:30 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of personnel and collective bargaining 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 8:30 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 1 October 2015