

The re-organization meeting of 2015 was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey on 8 January 2015 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Municipal Clerk, Diane M Pflugfelder, RMC/MMC. The Municipal Clerk opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and notice that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6.

Present: John Inscho, Dan Grover, Committeeperson-Elect Peter Karcher, Committeeperson-Elect Ron Petersen and Committeeperson-Elect Carl Cummins.

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

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Ron Petersen, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2017.

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Pete Karcher, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2017.

Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Carl Cummins, who will serve as Committeeperson for a unfulfilled term expiring 31 December 2016.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

The Municipal Clerk asked for nominations as Mayor of the Township of Liberty. A motion by Ron Petersen to appoint John Inscho as Mayor of Liberty Township, 1-year term, expiring 31 December 2015 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to John Inscho, who will serve as Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2015.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

A motion by Mayor John Inscho to appoint Dan Grover, as Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year, expiring 31 December 2015 carried. Attorney Roger Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Dan Grover, who will serve as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2014.

Mayor Inscho authorized Deputy Mayor Grover to solemnize marriage between such persons as may lawfully enter into a matrimonial relation and Civil Unions as per N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 expiring 31 December 2015.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2015

A motion by Mayor John Inscho to make the following Township Committee appointments for 2015 carried.

Appointment of Alan DeCarolis as Animal Control Official and Animal Cruelty Inspector expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Nellie Klever as Animal Control Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Designation to adopt Happy Tails Inn, Hackettstown, NJ as the primary and Joseph Kucharski, Great Meadows, NJ as the alternate 2015 animal holding facility for Liberty Township carried.

Appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as Deputy Municipal Clerk, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Dan Grover as LandUse Board Member, Class III, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Wayne Jarvis to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Steve Romanowitch as the Principal Public Works Manager, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Lynn Rutkoski as Recycling Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Recreation Commission Secretary, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Michael Doyle to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2019.

Appointment of Eric Snyder as Municipal Zoning Official, expiration of term 31 December 2015

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS 2015

The following mayoral appointments by Mayor John Inscho for 2015 were adopted by the Township Committee;

Designation of Phillip Wooldridge as the Environmental Commission Chairperson, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Tom Webster to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Eileen Greason as the Environmental Commission Secretary, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Carl Cummins as LandUse Board Member, Class I Designee, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Dave Schaaf as LandUse Board Member, Class II, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Rudy Pasko as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2018

Appointment of Matthew Hawks as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 December 2015

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2015

Appointment of Dan Grover as Board of Education Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Dan Grover and Carl Cummins as Building & Grounds Liaisons, expiration of term 31 December 2015. In such instances where there exists a conflict of interest for Dan Grover, Pete Karcher would step up as a Building and Grounds Alternate Liaison.

Appointment of John Inscho as Clean Communities Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of John Inscho as Municipal Court Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of John Inscho as Office of Aging Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Ron Petersen as the Township Committee Open Space Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015.

Appointment of John Inscho as Personnel Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Ronald Petersen as Department of Public Works Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Recreation Commission Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Finance Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2015

ORDINANCE #2015.001 - Following discussion, a motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2015.001 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 5 February 2015.

CALENDAR YEAR 2015
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A.. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1 .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 2.0 percent increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$21,225.62 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Liberty shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:40-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$37,144.84, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Liberty be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ORDINANCE #2015.002 - Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen to introduce Ordinance #2015.002 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 5 February 2015.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN
ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES AND
COMPENSATION FOR THE
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey, that Section 1, 2 and 3 of the above Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1: Here is the following schedule of minimum and maximum salaries (yearly and hourly) for the position hereby listed:

POSITION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Township Committee	1,000	4,500
Municipal Clerk	20,000	70,500
Deputy Municipal Clerk	8.25/hour	20.00/hour
Administrator	500	5,500
Treasurer/CFO	10,000	30,500
Tax Collector	10,000	38,500
Tax Assessor	10,000	38,500
LandUse Administrator	5,000	20,500
Zoning Code Official	4,000	11,000
Animal Control Officer	2,500	10,500
Environmental Commission Secretary	150	4,000
Emergency Management Coordinator	500	3,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	500	3,000
Recreation Commission Secretary	150	4,000
Recreation Commission Assistant	2,500	8,000
Lifeguards	8.25/hour	14.00/hour
Seasonal Beach Manager	8.25/hour	25.00/hour
Summer Recreation Counselors	9.00/hour	14.00/hour
Summer Recreation Head Counselor	12.00/hour	25.00/hour

Section 2: Public Works

Public Works Supervisor	20.00 per hour	38.00 per hour
Assistant Public Works Supervisor	20.00 per hour	38.00 per hour
Laborer	12.00 per hour	31.00 per hour
Seasonal DPW Help	8.25 per hour	30.00 per hour

Regular work week for road department is forty hours. Overtime will be compensated at time and one half for work performed in excess for forty hours in any work week.

Section 3: The aforesaid Sections 1, and 2 are to be effective as of and retroactive to 1 January 2015.

Section 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption according to law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

RESOLUTION #2015.001
ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty has a need to acquire professional services as non-fair and open contracts pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4 to 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition of each service will or may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of these contracts is one year (and may be extended as approved by this governing body); and

WHEREAS, the following Professional Services shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Liberty in the previous one

year, and that the contract will prohibit the Professional Service from making any political contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2015 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2015 Municipal Budget for the Township of Liberty as required in NJAC 5:30-5.4

BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor of Liberty Township to enter into a contract with the following Professional Services to provide professional services from 1 January 2015 through 31 December 2015:

Nisivoccia and Company is hereby retained as the Municipal Auditor for the Township of Liberty 2015

John G Hudak, Esq, is hereby retained as the Municipal Bond Counsel for the Township of Liberty 2015

Roger J Skoog, Esq is hereby retained as the Municipal Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2015

Steven Glickman, Esq is hereby retained as the Labor Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2015

Otterstedt Insurance, 291 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey is hereby retained as the Municipal Insurance Agent for the Township of Liberty in 2015

Eric K. Snyder and Associates Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Planner for the Township of Liberty 2015

Ferriero Engineering, Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Liberty 2015

Warren County Soil Conservation District is hereby retained as the Storm Water Coordinator for the Township of Liberty 2015

Linda Gabel, Certified Recycling Professional (CRP), is hereby retained as the Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) for the sole purpose of reviewing, signing and submitting the annual Recycling Tonnage Grant for the Township of Liberty 2015.

This being adopted at the Reorganization meeting the Township of Liberty held on 8 January 2015

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

**RESOLUTION #2015.002
RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR**

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 26:8-17, 26:8-17, the local registrar, immediately upon acceptance of the appointment, shall appoint a deputy to assist in the normal, day-to-day operation of the office and whose duty shall be to act in the registrar's stead in case of absence, disability or death of the registrar. In case of death of the local registrar the deputy shall act as local registrar until a new local registrar has been appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township Municipal Clerk recognizes Eleanor Clarkson, as qualified for the position of Deputy Municipal Registrar of Liberty Township.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey acknowledges the appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as the Deputy Municipal Registrar of the Township of Liberty, Warren County effective 1 January 2015.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.003
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Chapter 321 Law 1075 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, all meetings of the public bodies wherein formal action, decisions, or discussions relating to the public bodies and wherein formal action, decision, or discussions relating to the public business may take place are required to be publicly announced and scheduled, with adequate posting and advanced notice of the time, place, date, location and to the extent known, the purpose or agenda of each meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty as follows:

- 1. The following are designed meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty at which public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon.

Time: 7:00 pm
Place or Location:
Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, NJ
Purpose or Agenda: Regular Public Meeting for public discussion

Meeting Dates for the Year 2015

8 January 2015	5 February 2015	5 March 2015
2 April 2015	7 May 2015	4 June 2015
2 July 2015	6 August 2015	3 September 2015
1 October 2015	5 November 2015	3 December 2015

Workshop Dates for the Year 2015

23 January 2015	26 February 2015	26 March 2015
23 April 2015	28 May 2015	25 June 2015
23 July 2015	27 August 2015	24 September 2015
22 October 2015		

Official action may or may not be taken.

In addition, such other meetings as the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty may require, shall be scheduled and held but pursuant to and with additional notice as is required by State Statute.

- 2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty , is hereby authorized and directed to:
 - A. Post and maintain a copy of said Resolution upon the bulletin board within the Municipal Building
 - B. File a copy of said Resolution with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Liberty
 - C. Forward copies of said Resolution to the Star Gazette, the official newspaper of Liberty Township, Warren County; and,
 - D. Do all necessary hereafter to comply with said Statutes to the end that adequate public notice of all public meetings pursuant to such Statute, be given according to law

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.004
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL COUNSEL TO FILE AND PROSECUTE ROLL
BACK TAX COMPLAINTS, COMPLAINTS TO CORRECT ERRORS IN ASSESSMENTS
AND COMPLAINTS FOR ADDED,
OMITTED AND ADDED/OMITTED ASSESSMENT; DEFEND, SETTLE OR
STIPULATE TO RESOLVE ALL 2015 LOCAL PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, the County Tax Board has issued a letter of request requiring a Resolution by the Mayor and Township Committee or Council of each municipality of the County of Warren by its County Tax Administrator, Melissa Pritchett, CTA; and

WHEREAS, the said County Tax Administrator requires that the Mayor and member of the Township Committee of each municipality in the County of Warren, in order to file Municipal Roll Back Complaints, Correct Errors or File Added, Omitted and Added/Omitted Complaints, Adopt a Resolution allowing the Municipal Attorney or any member of his firm, to file and prosecute said Complaints.

BE IT RESOLVED, On this 8th day of January 2015 by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, in the County of Warren and the State of New Jersey, that the Municipal Attorney, Roger Skoog as Attorney for the Township of Liberty, is hereby authorized to file, prosecute, defend, stipulate, modify, agree upon and other wise perform the duties which are required of said Attorney, in the process or prosecution and/or filling of said Roll Back Tax Complaints, Complaints to Correct Errors in Assessments for Added Assessments, Omitted Assessments and Added/Omitted Assessments in 2015 and Defending or Settling all 2015 local property tax appeals and execute any and all stipulations relating to the same with the agreement of the Liberty Township Municipal Assessor.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Municipal Clerk be and the same is hereby directed to provide a true copy of this Resolution to the Warren County Board of Taxation, Cummins Building, 202 Mansfield Street, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.005
DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Star Gazette hereby be designated as the official newspaper and the Courier News as the secondary newspaper of the Township of Liberty for the year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey is designated as the place where all official notices are to be posted.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.006
2014 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Liberty Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and,

WHEREAS, such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, that the Township of Liberty hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designate John Inscho, Committeeperson, to ensure that the application is properly filed.

BE IT RESOLVED That the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.007
CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes and Municipal Charges

In accordance with RS: 4-67, the interest rate on delinquent taxes and municipal charges shall be as follows:

- 1. 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency
- 2. 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500

No interest shall be charged for a 10-day grace period; after the 10-day grace period, interest shall be calculated from the due date.

An additional penalty of 6% of the amount of the delinquency will be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Tax Collector is authorized to process or cancel without further action on part of the governing body, any property tax overpayment or delinquency of less than \$10.00. The Tax Collector is further authorized to conduct the annual sale of delinquent taxes for the calendar year 2014.

Investment of Funds

The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to invest funds, as they shall become available, to attain the highest rate of return, provided that all investments are reported to the Township Committee at the next meeting subsequent to the making of the investments.

Official Depositories

In accordance with NJSA 40A: 5-15, all monies collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department shall be deposited or turned over to the Chief Financial Officer within 48 hours.

The following banks are designated as official depositories for checking and/or escrow funds for the Township for 2015, as well as savings funds and investment accounts:

The First Hope Bank, Hope, 1301 Hope-Bridgeville Road, Hope, New Jersey
Fulton Bank of New Jersey, 176 Mountain Avenue, Hackettstown, New Jersey

Authorized Signatures

All withdraws against the foregoing accounts shall bear the signatures of two of the following officials: Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Chief Financial Officer.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.008
APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER 2015

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a Public Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, this is an annual appointment – this appointment will be for calendar year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey, to appoint Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk to this office as this individual has a knowledge of the professional services and procurement contracts entered into by Liberty Township.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.009
APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE
PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Randy May as the Fund Commissioner and Diane M Pflugfelder as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

BE IT RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Diane M Pflugfelder, Fund Commissioner
2. Dan Grover, Alternate Fund Commissioner
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.010
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS 2015

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,693,852.61, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2014 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$444,636.32.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CFO TO PAY REGULAR BILLS
IN ORDER TO AVOID FINANCE CHARGES

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty has bills that are approved for payment at the regular meetings held by the Liberty Township Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee meetings are held the first Thursday of the month, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee meetings may be canceled on occasion, and

WHEREAS, the cancellation of a regularly scheduled meeting may create a period of more than thirty days between meetings, and

WHEREAS, the monthly bills arrive throughout the month and the CFO must receive authorization from the Township Committee for payment, and

WHEREAS, the bills must be paid in a timely period to avoid the accumulation of any late charges.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Liberty Township Committee, in the event that a regularly schedule Township Committee meeting is canceled, the CFO is authorized to pay bills when received to avoid the accumulation of any late charges and the bill will be placed on the subsequent bill list for the next regular Township Committee Meeting.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2015.012
DEFERRED LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

WHEREAS, the local district school tax for the fiscal year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 was raised in the 2014 tax levy in the amount of \$4,934,695.00.

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy or \$2,467,347.50.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Liberty, that the deferred school tax for the local school district remain unchanged at \$1,520,074.75.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Vote: aye - Karcher	_____
aye - Petersen	John Inscho,
aye - Cummins	Mayor
aye - Grover	
aye - Inscho	

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

RESOLUTION #2015.013
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
 FOR A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, a joint municipal court is permitted to be established by Ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B: 12-1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Service act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq. permits municipalities to enter into contracts for shared services pursuant to a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty desires to contract with the Townships of Hardwick, Hope and White for the establishment of a joint municipal court;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty in the County of Warren, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a document entitled "Agreement for Inter-Municipal Court for the Municipalities of Township of Hope, Township of Liberty, Township of White and Township of Hardwick, a true copy of which is appended hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. A copy of the Agreement shall be filed and open to public inspection at the Township offices.

Vote: aye - Karcher	_____
aye - Petersen	John Inscho,
aye - Cummins	Mayor
aye - Grover	
aye - Inscho	

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

RESOLUTION #2015.014
 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 1 February 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am 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 1 February 2015 between the hours of 11:00 am and 11:00 pm; and to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

Vote: aye - Karcher	_____
aye - Petersen	John Inscho,
aye - Cummins	Mayor
aye - Grover	
abstain - Inscho	

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

RESOLUTION #2015.015
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 \$477,404.92.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:15 pm

No public comments were made

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 4 December 2014 carried.

BENEDICTION

Pastor James Craig gave a Benediction.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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