

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 27 October 2016. 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: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Pete Karcher reported that the Recreation Commission was requesting the consent of the Township Committee to hire a Recreation Assistant at \$13.00 per hour with a minimum of three (3) and maximum of ten (10) hours per week. A motion by Mayor Inscho to approve the employment of a Recreation Assistant at \$13.00 per hour with a minimum of three (3) and maximum of ten (10) hours per week carried.

### COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Ron Petersen reported the receipt of the 2016 Regular Dam Inspection Report for Liberty Lake Dam from Ferriero Engineering, Inc... He stated that Ferriero Engineering was awaiting NJDEP the determination of a pre-application meeting date for the decommissioning of said dam. An estimate for decommissioning has yet to be presented by Ferriero Engineering.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A pre-printed report was received from the Department of Public Works for January 2016 and placed on file.

### RECREATION

Dan Gaeta, Recreation Chairperson, reported that the beach staff requested a free floating dock with EZ Dock material in lieu of an extended swim area enclosure. Mr. Gaeta requested consideration from the Township Committee for the relocation of the fishing dock from the current swimming dock to alleviate the collection of stagnant water between the two.

### MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported that 221 vouchers were distributed for Fall Cleanup 2016. Seven (7) vouchers were distributed during the evening hours. The cost for Fall clean-up 2016 was \$3028.32.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### NJDOT AWARD OF CONTRACT

A motion by Carl Cummins to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2016.079  
Resolution to Award Various Contracts  
for the Pequest Road, Liberty Street & Main Street Resurfacing Project

*WHEREAS* the Township of Liberty is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) and;

*WHEREAS* the MCCPC has received bids for various contracts and has awarded contracts to Tilcon for Milling and Road Resurfacing, and Denville Line Painting for Traffic Striping.

*WHEREAS* the estimated construction cost for the Pequest Road, Liberty Street, and Main Street Resurfacing Project by the Township Engineer for work to be performed under the MCCPC as follows:

Milling and Road Resurfacing, with Asphalt Price Adjustment (Tilcon)	\$205,091.19
Traffic Striping (Denville Line Painting)	\$2,024.01
Total Estimated Cost	\$207,115.20

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Township Committee is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the above mentioned contractors to perform the Pequest Road, Liberty Street and Main Street Resurfacing Project in the Township of Liberty, County of Warren.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign for and on its behalf as Presiding officer.

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

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 John Inscho,  
 Mayor

**SOR TESTING LABORATORIES PROPOSAL**

A motion by Ron Petersen authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the SOR Test Laboratories Proposal, as amended by Attorney Skoog, for the coring/testing requirements in connection with the NJDOT for the Pequest Road, Liberty Street & Main Street Resurfacing Project carried.

**HIDDEN LAKES**

Anthony Supa had contacted the Municipal Building on Wednesday, 26 October 2016, informing the Municipal Clerk that he had a contract with Burke Bennett for hunting the property formerly known as Wooded Valley Estates. Mayor Inscho advised the NJSP that there is no contract with Liberty Township for hunting activity upon this property, the current owner of said property. NJSP have been advised to monitor this property for inappropriate activity and trespassing.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:14 pm.

Lori Jo Hill – Ms. Hill presented a concern regarding the construction of a garage by her neighbor and in doing so has obstructed her view of Mountain Lake. She stated that there were no zoning clearance’s issued; she questioned the status of a construction permit; and, she contacted Warren County Soils. Mayor Inscho will investigate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2016.080

*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.

- ✓ Litigation - Supa
- ✓ Litigation – Hopkins
- ✓ Litigation – Hidden Lakes

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

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

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John Inscho,  
 Mayor

At 7:27 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of potential litigation 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 7:27 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC  
 Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
 Minutes Approved 3 November 2016