

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

6 April 2017
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:

New Jersey State Police
Committeepersons
Mayor
Municipal Professionals
Municipal Departments/Boards/Commissions

Presentation:

Presentation by American Legion Honoring John Zych Military Service and Battlefield Injuries

Adoption of Minutes

Meeting and Executive Session of 2 March 2017

Unfinished Business

Adoption of 2017 Budget
Public Hearing, Ordinance #2017.002, Designating Parks/Recreation Area
Laketoberfest, 24 September 2017

New Business

Interlocal Service Agreement between the County of Warren and Liberty Township for 911
Telecommunication Services
Proposal for Merger of Liberty/Independence Recreation Programs
Dam Restoration and Inland Waters Project Loan Program
Warren County Pequest De-Snagging Project Interlocal Services Agreement
Interlocal Agreement with Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for Shared Services
Introduction, Ordinance #2017.003, Registration Requirement for John R Fisher Pavilion Use

Resolutions

Tax Lien Refund

Adoption of Bill List

Public Comment
Executive Session

Adjournment

Mr Petersen informed everyone that the Municipal Engineer is probing soil samples of the dam for the de-watering process

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Mr Cummins stated that the LandUse meeting had been canceled. He also indicated that Eric Snyder, Municipal Planner, had expressed the need for Liberty Township to address a COAH plan.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A pre-printed report was received from the Department of Public Works for March 2017 and placed on file.

ENVIRONMENTAL

A pre-printed report was received from the Environmental Commission for March 2017 and placed on file

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for March 2017 and placed on file

RECREATION

A pre-printed report was received from the Recreation Commission for March 2017 and placed on file

MUNICIPAL ZONING

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Zoning Official for March 2017 and placed on file

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 2 March 2017 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2017

A motion by Dan Grover to open the public hearing carried. Mayor Inscho reported that the municipal budget has a slight increase, the first in several years. A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget Resolution carried. (see attached)

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

PRESENTATION

Presentation by American Legion Honoring John Zych's Military Service

Mayor Inscho comments:

100 years ago today, on April 6, 2017, the United States Congress voted to join its European allies by declaring war on Germany. Two months later, on June 5, 1917, a 21 year old Polish-born man from Middlesex County names John Zych, submitted a draft registration card and was called into duty. Many years later, Zych settled here in Liberty Township. With us tonight are several local veterans, all of whom we thank for their service, including US Army Retired Colonel Joe DeWitt, who is going to tell us a little more about Zych and his service record.

US Army Retired Colonel Joe DeWitt comments:

I do not know the specifics how PFC Zych life was changed by the events of his war time experiences, but I can say with certainty that the war did make a difference. In John's case, by all accounts, it made him a solid citizen and a good neighbor and appreciative of our way of life. He lived most of the remainder of his life here in Liberty Township at the intersection of Mountain Lake Road and Lake Just-It Road.

PFC Zych was in good company on the Western front, perhaps not side by side, but he served with the likes of Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, George C. Marshall, George Patton and Douglas McArthur. These 5 leaders would have much to do with leading our country in the next large scale mobilization and deployment.

World War 1 changed the technology of war, introducing the machine gun, submarines, airplanes, tanks and what we now define as a weapon of mass destruction, mustard gas.

The war introduced women into the US armed services and their service was one of the impetuses for women's suffrage which was passed in 1920. The legacy of that War was also the end of the Ottoman Empire and the establishment of artificial borders by European powers in the Mid-East which haunt us to this day.

Nancy Wilk and Peter Wicki, family members of PFC John Zych, will now unveil/present the shadow box that will be placed on the wall of the municipal building as a lasting tribute to PFC John Zych and the other heroes of WW1.

This concludes our ceremony. Thank you for participating in the honoring of PFC John Zych.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2017.002 - PUBLIC HEARING - A motion by Ron Petersen to open public hearing and adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2017.030
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 2017.002

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Designating Certain Lands, Previously Owned by Wooded Valley Estates II, LLC, and Subsequently Purchased by the Township of Liberty, as a Park and/or Recreation Area" was passed on first reading on 2 March 2017 and

WHEREAS, the public hearing of said Ordinance has been held as advertised and is now closed,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Ordinance entitled An Ordinance Designating Certain Lands, Previously Owned by Wooded Valley Estates II, LLC, and Subsequently Purchased by the Township of Liberty, as a Park and/or Recreation Area" be passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

LAKETOBERFEST

A letter of 22 February 2017 was received from DASH Multisport requesting permission from Liberty Township to conduct an 8k road race around the Mountain Lake area on 24 September 2017. At the 2 March 2017 meeting of the Liberty Township Committee said letter was reviewed and it was requested that the co-owners, Dana Baffuto and Josh Huber attend the April meeting to answer questions. Mayor Inscho advised that for any future events no painting will be permitted upon the Liberty Township roads and no stations will be setup at the Lodge. Additional questions arose without resolution. Discussion continued to 27 April workshop.

A letter of 21 March 2017 was received from NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding Dam Restoration and Inland Waters Project Loan Program. The letter is to be forwarded to the Municipal Engineer for review and comment.

PEQUEST DE-SNAGGING PROJECT

A motion by Carl Cummins authorizing payment of \$2,500 as per the 2016 Agreement for annual Pequest de-snagging carried.

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

A motion by Dan Grover authorizing the execution of the Great Meadows Regional School District Interlocal Agreement carried.

ORDINANCE #2017.003 - Following discussion, a motion by Ron Petersen to introduce Ordinance #2017.003 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 4 May 2017.

ORDINANCE # 2017.003

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR ANY GROUP OF FIFTEEN OR MORE PERSONS MAKING USE OF THE JOHN R FISHER PAVILION

Whereas the Township of Liberty has erected a Pavilion known as the John R Fisher Pavilion which said Pavilion is located next to the public beach on Mountain Lake, and

Whereas the Township of Liberty desires to establish a registration requirement for any group of fifteen or more persons making use of the aforesaid Pavilion to ensure the orderly and safe use of the Pavilion, and

Therefore be it Ordained as follows:

Any group of fifteen or more persons who gather at and make use of the John R Fisher Pavilion, shall first designate a responsible representative and register with the Clerk of Liberty Township before making use of the aforesaid Pavilion, and

The aforesaid group/representative shall be required to fulfill all of the registration and reservation requirements that otherwise apply to any group that desires to reserve the Pavilion for their exclusive use except for the preregistration time requirement, and

Any such group/representative who so registers however shall not be granted exclusive use of the Pavilion, and

Any group of fifteen or more persons who fail to abide by the requirements of this section of the ordinance concerning the use of the John Fisher Pavilion shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00, a period of incarceration of up to 90 days, and or both. The aforesaid penalty provision shall apply to each individual in the aforesaid group.

Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final reading and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

RESOLUTIONS

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

aye - Petersen
aye - Cummins
aye - Grover
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion by XXX to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2017.032
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 \$563,216.74.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:16 pm.

Laurie Hill – Ms. Hill questioned the status of the Lodge.

Alice Bechok – Ms. Bechok asked for additional information regarding the Lodge structure and requested a meeting of lake residents with Township Committee members to brainstorm improvements for the Lodge site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLUTION #2017.033
EXECUIVE 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.

- ✓ Litigation – Hopkins OPRA

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 4 May 2017
