

The re-organization meeting of 2017 was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey on 5 January 2017 and called to order at 6:10 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: Committeeperson-Elect Dan Grover, Committeeperson-Elect Carl Cummins, John Inscho, Peter Karcher, and Ron Petersen.

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

Pastor James Craig presented an Invocation.

Attorney Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Dan Grover, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2019.

Attorney Skoog administered the Oath of Office to Carl Cummins, who will serve as Committeeperson for a three-year term expiring 31 December 2019.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR

The Municipal Clerk asked for nominations as Mayor of the Township of Liberty. A motion by Carl Cummins to appoint John Inscho as Mayor of Liberty Township, 1-year term, expiring 31 December 2017 carried. Douglas Steinhart, Esq administered the Oath of Office to John Inscho, who will serve as Mayor for a one-year term expiring 31 December 2017.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

A motion by Mayor Inscho to appoint Dan Grover, as Deputy Mayor for a term of 1 year, expiring 31 December 2017 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 2017.

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 2017.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2017

A motion by Mayor Inscho to make the following Township Committee appointments for 2017 carried.

Appointment of Alan DeCarolis as Animal Control Official and Animal Cruelty Inspector expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Nellie Klever as Animal Control Assistant, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Designation to adopt Happy Tails Inn, Hackettstown, NJ and Blairstown Animal Hospital, Blairstown, NJ as the 2017 animal holding facilities for Liberty Township.

Appointment of Eleanor Clarkson as Deputy Municipal Clerk, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Dan Grover as LandUse Board Member, Class III, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Peter Karcher to the Open Space Committee, expiration of term 31 December 2019

Appointment of Chuck Harvey as the Public Works Supervisor, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Lynn Rutkoski as Recycling Coordinator, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Eric Snyder as Municipal Zoning Official, expiration of term 31 December 2017

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS 2017

The following mayoral appointments by Mayor Inscho for 2017 were adopted by the Township Committee;

Appointment of Phil Wooldridge to the Environmental Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2019

Appointment of Helen Danitz to the Environmental Commission as Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 December 2018

Designation of Phillip Wooldridge as the Environmental Commission Chairperson, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Carl Cummins as LandUse Board Member, Class I Designee, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Dave Schaaf as LandUse Board Member, Class II, expiration of term 31 December 2016

Appointment of Raymond Sosnovick as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2020

Appointment of Peter Wicki as LandUse Board Member, Class IV, expiration of term 31 December 2020

Appointment of Dave Snyder as LandUse Board Member, Alternate #2, expiration of term 31 December 2018

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2017

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following appointments carried.

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

2017

Appointment of Dan Grover and Carl Cummins as Building & Grounds Liaisons, expiration of term 31 December 2017. 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 2017

Appointment of John Inscho as Municipal Court Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of John Inscho as Office of Aging Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Ron Petersen as the Township Committee Open Space Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017.

Appointment of John Inscho as Personnel Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Ronald Petersen and Carl Cummins as Department of Public Works Liaisons, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Recreation Commission Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017

Appointment of Pete Karcher as the Finance Liaison, expiration of term 31 December 2017

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #2017.001 - A motion by Ron Petersen to introduce Ordinance #2017.001 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for 2 February 2017.

ORDINANCE #2017.001
CALENDAR YEAR 2017

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (NJSA 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, NJS 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, NJSA 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 2017 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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$32,595.84 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.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Liberty shall, in accordance with this ordinance and NJSA 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$38,028.48, and that the CY 2017 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 five days of introduction; and,

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

2017 STAFF

A motion by Ron Petersen to authorize the advertisement of the following 2017 part-time positions with an application deadline of 28 February 2017 carried;

- ✓ Beach Manager
- ✓ Life Guards
- ✓ Summer Recreation Counselors
- ✓ Summer DPW Seasonal

CLEANUP DAYS 2017

Mayor Inscho announced that Liberty Township 2017 Cleanup Days are scheduled for the weeks of 22-27 May and 9-14 October.

BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2017

A motion by Ron Petersen to schedule a Budget Workshop on Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 6:00 pm within the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, NJ, carried.

PCFA ANNUAL AGREEMENT

A motion by Ron Petersen authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the PCFA Annual Agreement carried.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolutions by consent agenda carried.

RESOLUTION #2017.001
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 2017 Temporary Budget and will be made available in the 2017 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 2017 through 31 December 2017:

Nisivoccia and Company is hereby retained as the Municipal Auditor for the Township of Liberty 2017

Robert H Beinfield, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, is hereby retained as the Municipal Bond Counsel for the Township of Liberty 2017

Roger J Skoog, Esq is hereby retained as the Municipal Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2017

Steven Glickman, Esq is hereby retained as the Labor Attorney for the Township of Liberty 2017

Otterstedt Insurance, is hereby retained as the Municipal Insurance Agent for the Township of Liberty in 2017

Eric K. Snyder and Associates Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Planner for the Township of Liberty 2017

Ferriero Engineering, Inc is hereby retained as the Municipal Engineer for the Township of Liberty 2017

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 2017.

This being adopted at the Reorganization meeting the Township of Liberty held on 5 January 2017

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.002
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 2017.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.003
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 2017

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

Workshop Dates for the Year 2017

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

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

RESOLUTION #2017.004
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 2017 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 7th day of January 2017 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 2017 and Defending or Settling all 2017 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

RESOLUTION #2017.005
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 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #2017.006
2016 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

RESOLUTION #2017.007
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 2016.

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 2017, 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

RESOLUTION #2017.008
 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER 2017

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 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #2017.009
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 Diane M Pflugfelder as the Fund Commissioner and Dan Grover 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

RESOLUTION #2017.010
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS 2017

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 2017 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 2016 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,685,015.16, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2016 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$442,316.48.

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

RESOLUTION #2017.011
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

RESOLUTION #2017.012
DEFERRED LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

WHEREAS, the local district school tax for the fiscal year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 was raised in the 2016 tax levy in the amount of \$5,121,110.00.

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such school tax up to 50% of the school tax levy or \$2,560,555.00.

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
aye - Cummins
aye - Grover
aye - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.013
APPROVAL TO SUBMITE A GRANT APPLICATION AND
EECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
MARBLE HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Liberty formally approves the grand application for the above stated project

BE IT FURTEHR RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as application ID 00131 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Liberty

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Liberty and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.014
VERIZON AUTHORIZATION BY THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE TO LOCATE AND OPERATE SMALL NETWORK
NODES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Allenton SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, (“Verizon Wireless”), is a provider of commercial mobile service subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has entered into agreements with parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles in the public right-of-way pursuant to which Verizon Wireless may such poles erected within the public right-of-way in the Township of Liberty; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey laws permits such use provided that there is the consent of the relevant municipality.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that:

1. Permission and authority are hereby granted to Verizon Wireless and its successors and assigns, to use poles erected by parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles within the public right-of-way in the Township of Liberty, subject to the following:
 - A. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State and Local laws regarding safety requirements related to the use of the public right-of-way.
 - B. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall comply with all

applicable Federal, State and Local laws requiring permits prior to beginning construction, and shall obtain any applicable permits that may be required by the Township of Liberty.

- C. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the condition and provision that Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Township of Liberty, its officers, agents and servants, from any claim of liability or loss or bodily injury or property damage resulting from or arising out of the acts or omission of Verizon Wireless or its agents in connection with the sue and occupancy poles located within the public right-of-way, except to the extent resulting from the acts or omission of the Township of Liberty.
- D. Verizon Wireless shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain commercial general liability insurance with limits not to less than \$1,000,000 for injury to or death of one or more persons in any one occurrence and \$500,000 for damage or destruction to property in any one occurrence. Verizon Wireless shall include the Township of Liberty as an additional insured.
- E. Verizon Wireless shall be responsible for the repair of any damage to paving, existing utility lines, or any surface or subsurface installations, arising from its construction, installation or maintenance of its facilities.
- F. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, neither the Township of Liberty nor Verizon Wireless shall be liable to the other for consequential, incidental, exemplary or punitive damages on account of any activity pursuant to this instrument.
- G. This instrument shall be adopted on behalf of the Township of Liberty by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty and attested to by the Township of Liberty Municipal Clerk who shall affix the Township of Liberty Seal thereto.
- H. The permission and authority hereby granted shall continue for the same period of time as the grant to parties whose poles Verizon Wireless is using.

Statement: This Resolution authorizes Verizon Wireless to use poles erected within the public right-of-way of the Township of Liberty by parties that have the lawful right to maintain such poles.

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.015
 GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
 FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren,

State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Great Meadows regional Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2018 in the amount of:

a. DEDR	\$4,034.00
b. Cash Match	\$1,210.00
c. In-Kind	\$3,026.00

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RESOLUTION #2017.016
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 \$519,604.06.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Ron Petersen to adopt the public and executive session minutes of 1 December 2016 carried. Carl Cummins abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:27 pm

John A Inscho – Mr Inscho, prior Mayor of Liberty Township, congratulated Mayor Inscho on being sworn in as Mayor 2017 and the onset of his twentieth year in public service.

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 7:29 p.m.

Diane Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 2 February 2017