

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

28 September 2017
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:
 Committeepersons
 Mayor

Approval of Agenda

Old Business
 Ordinance #0217.004, Pavilion Reservations
 Emergency Generator Bid Package
 Lakeside Drive West Wall Reconstruction

New Business
 Request from 24 Sycamore
 Title to Block 6, Lot 1.01
 Halloween 2017
 FY 2018 NJDOT Grant Application
 Local Police Service Inquiry

Resolutions
 ABC Event
 Opposition to Proposals Regarding OPRA/OPMA

Public Comment
Executive Session

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 28 September 2017. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 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 Cummins reported that testing would be scheduled for Lakeside Drive West next week

Whereas the Township of Liberty desires to clarify, the procedure to be followed by all applicants for the issuance of permits, reservations, temporary designations, authorizations and other actions requiring approval under Chapter 77 of the Liberty Township Code,

Now therefore be it Ordained by the Township of Liberty as follows:

1. All applications for the issuance of a permit, reservation, temporary designation, authorization or other action or use of a Park and Recreation Area as established under Chapter 77 of the Code of Liberty Township, shall when so submitted be forwarded, by the applicant, to the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
2. The Board of Recreation Commissioners shall then review the said application and forward a written recommendation to the Liberty Township Committee, no later than the date that the Liberty Township Committee is to make a determination to approve or deny said application.
3. In furtherance of the review policy established herein, it shall be the obligation of the Board of Recreation Commissioners to maintain a monthly schedule of all Recreation Commission sponsored events and activities that make use of Liberty Township Recreation and Park areas as defined in this Chapter. The aforesaid schedule shall specifically list the date, time, and area that will be so utilized by the Recreation Commission and be provided to the Township Clerk no later than 15 days in advance of every calendar month. In addition the Recreation Commission shall advise the Township Clerk of any modifications, alterations or changes made to the aforesaid schedule forthwith, should the schedule be modified as a result of unforeseen circumstances.
4. In the event the Board of Recreation Commissioners has failed to submit their written recommendation to the Township Committee as otherwise required by this Ordinance in response to an application for a permit, reservation, temporary designation, authorization or other action for the use of a Park or Recreation area as defined by this Chapter, the Clerk of the Township shall present the aforesaid schedule to the Township Committee on the date set for their review of any such application which said schedule shall then be considered by the Liberty Township Committee in deciding whether to grant or deny an application for the use of a Recreation or Park area.
5. The primary purpose of review by the Board of Recreation Commissioners shall be to insure that there are no scheduling conflicts between the applicants and other groups or sporting and recreation programs that make regular use of the park and recreation areas, and further that the applicants proposed use will not otherwise damage or compromise the fields, parks, and other recreation areas under the supervision of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
6. The recommendation of the Board of Recreation Commissioners shall be advisory only, with the Liberty Township Committee retaining full and final authority to grant or deny any and all applications made or requested for the use of park and recreation areas as recited in Code Section 77-2B.

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

EMERGENCY GENERATOR GRANT BID DOCUMENTS

It was agreed to revisit the Emergency Generator bid package at another meeting.

LAKESIDE DRIVE WEST WALL RECONSTRUCTION

Following discussion, a motion by Mayor Inscho to authorize the Municipal Engineer to do the following tasks on the Lakeside Drive West Wall Reconstruction, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 carried.

1. Deed research and location of right of way of adjoining neighbor to determine his property limits and right of way line of Lakeside Drive
2. Tree location in the project area
3. Topography of roadway and downhill area

that Block 6, Lot 1.01 was municipally owned, yet the tax records show it as privately owned. Ms. Holenstein requested the Township conduct a title search on the property to put the property in the Township’s name and the Township adopt a resolution regarding the unpaid taxes to have this property removed from the tax sale list. Attorney Skoog stated that he would contact the Surveyor and investigate the matter.

HALLOWEEN 2017

Following brief discussion and review of past adopted Halloween hours, a motion by Mayor Inscho to establish Halloween 2017 on Tuesday, 31 October between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm carried.

FY 2018 NJDOT GRANT APPLICATION

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

**RESOLUTION #2017.068
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
MARBLE HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberty Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as Application ID #00079 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

LOCAL POLICE SERVICE INQUIRY

An email was received from Nancie Lorenz inquiring if the Township of Liberty would consider looking into the possibility of using the Independence Police instead of the NJSP force. Following discussion, it was agreed that Liberty Township has no interest in using the Independence Police.

RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLUTION #2017.069
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, “Applications for Special Permit for Social Affair” has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said the following social affairs;

Holiday Fund Raiser
1 December 2017, from 4:00 pm to 2 December 2017, 1:00 am

WHEREAS the submitted application forms are complete in all respects and the State fees have been paid

RESOLUTION #2017.070
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY, COUNTY OF WARREN
EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS
REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND
OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee took action on Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, which amend the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act, respectively, on June 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Committee released the bills to the full Senate without recommendation because the bills are unnecessary, unpopular with the public, and would result in significant financial and administrative burdens on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the bills fail to adequately protect taxpayers, municipalities and, especially, municipal clerks from abusive, harassing, and purposefully confrontational individuals who submit voluminous requests for no legitimate reason; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would expand the Open Public Meeting Act to create impractical and burdensome requirements with respect to subcommittees and working groups established by the entire governing body, which would effectively limit the ability of small groups of local officials discussing issues of public concern for the purposes of informing the governing body; and

WHEREAS, under the bills, the responsibilities of Municipal Clerks, who the Legislature has already loaded with responsibilities beyond the scope of their office, would be stretched even further than current law requires without a single dollar of additional resources provided to, or authorized to be collected by, municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the bills would impose a financial burden on municipalities that would not be offset by a revenue source other than the property tax, making the bills unfunded mandates prohibited by the New Jersey Constitution; and

WHEREAS, some municipalities are more equipped than others to meet the burdens that would be imposed by Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046, however, without assistance of any kind from the States or the courts, every municipality would be on its own to meet the myriad new requirements of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty that the Legislature is strongly urged to reject Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and draft new legislation to modernize OPRA and OPMA while providing municipalities and Municipal Clerks with the resources to effectuate these changes for the benefit of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the legislative sponsors of Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 and Assembly Bill Nos. 2697 and 2699, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the President of the Senate, and the Governor, and all parties are urged to listen to the concerns of local officials and prevent Senate Bill Nos. 1045 and 1046 from becoming law.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor