

JULY 10, 2008 MINUTES
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M.

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE read by Mayor Inscho.
FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Tibak, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Grover, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Inscho, Mr. Skoog and Ms. Reilly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2008 – June 12, 2008 – Motion made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt said Minutes/

2008 BUDGET

Mayor asked if anyone from the Public would like to speak about the Budget.

Eileen Greason asked to speak. She stated that the salary for the Recreation Secretary has been \$150 per meeting and the Recreation Commission suggesting increasing it to \$200 per meeting in the budget presented to the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to raise the Recreation Salary from \$150 to \$200 per meeting. Eileen thanked the Committee for this.

No further public discussion.
Closed to public at this time.

RESOLUTION 08-47 – To Amend the 2008 Budget – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt said resolution.

RESOLUTION 08-48 – Final Adoption of Budget – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to have final adoption of 2008 Budget.

REPORTS:

MS. REILLY – Nothing at this time.

ATTORNEY SKOOG – Nothing at this time.

MR. TIBAK – No report.

MR. PETERSEN – He has two matters for Executive session re: Auction for The Lodge matter and Shared Services discussion.

He also noted that Ms. Reilly researched when the County took over Mt. Lake Road and noted that it is not to be paved again until year 2011. It was suggested to Ms. Reilly that if the township wanted it done sooner they should write a letter to the Freeholder Board since they give the funding for the road projects. Mr. Fisher suggested that if they agree to resurface and keep the maintenance of this roadway that the township DPW could do the snow plowing during the winter if the County reimburses us for salt. Discussed ensued. Ms. Reilly informed the Committee that they should take action on this matter as soon as possible since the Freeholders are already requesting the County Departments to get their figures ready now for the 2009 Budget. Motion made by Mr Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to direct a letter be written to the Freeholders offering this idea, with a copy going to the County DPW Foreman. Ms. Reilly offered to write this letter with Mr. Skoog's approval.

MR. GROVER: He is looking into the light issue at the Casino.

MR. FISHER: He has two matters for executive session.

MR. ROMANOWITCH: He noted that the DPW are mowing throughout the township the second time around. He also stated that there was a problem with the tractor mower and it is at the shop, but it is under warranty.

He noted that Mr. Chambers is not yet back from vacation to complete the wash bay project.

He reported that Petersen Tree Service will be taking down township trees in about two weeks.

The DPW will work on the drains on Quenby Mt. Road next week. Trees will be taken down and millings done in August.

He also noted that line striping will be done at The Lodge and the parking area at the Municipal Building.

EILEEN GREASON: She reported that the beach passed the Board of Health inspection with no problems and that the beach gets between 25 to 30 people per day.

She noted that the Summer Recreation program started this week with 107 children attending.

The Boat Launch has taken in \$1,068 thus far this year and the Storm Water Report was submitted to DEP.

MAYOR INSCHO: He thanked the Recreation Commission, Dan Oliver, Sarah Grub, the Mt. Lake Fire Company, the Ladies Auxiliary and everyone who made Community Day the success it was.

He then read a letter commending and thanking Steve Romanowitch and Ken Lunden for picking up items for the Spring Clean Up. He also noted how wonderful our buildings and grounds look thanks to the DPW.

He reported that the Committee attended a joint meeting in Hope in reference to the issue about funding the State Police. He stated that the Committee feels we should not pay. He noted that Assemblywoman Karrow is planning a meeting at the PNC Arts Center to begin a law suit against this issue.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. Ethan Hashagen – Hillside Avenue – questioned the definition of an R-4 zone. Mayor Inscho explained that the R-4 zone around the lake area needs to be looked into. He noted that an Ordinance would need to be done which takes two readings. Mr. Grover stated that the Land Use Board is looking into this matter. Mayor Inscho stated that perhaps Mr. Hashagen should attend the next meeting of the Land Use Board.

Mrs. Stuber – Marble Hill – She noted large piles of dirt on the Bennett property. She also stated that her mail box was not put back properly by Mr. Bennett and she received a notice from the post office. Mayor Inscho suggested that she continue to make phone calls to Mr. Bennett’s office.

No further public discussion.

Closed to public.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt. Lake Fire Company request for Raffle Permit for 8/22/08. Ms Reilly stated that the paperwork was in order. Motion made by Mr. Tibak, seconded by Mr. Grover with roll call as follows to approve said permit.

ROLL CALL	Tibak	yes
	Petersen	yes
	Grover	yes
	Fisher	yes
	Inscho	abstained

Letter from Eric Snyder re: Ms. Bohm Bl. 23 Lot 21 and 25.01 – requesting permission from the township to construct a portion of a driveway in the bed of First Street. Her two lots are separated by a paper street. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Mayor Inscho, Committeeman Grover meet with Mrs. Bohm and Mr.

Snyder on July 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Reilly will call Mrs. Bohm and Mr. Snyder about this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 08-43 Liquor License Renewal for JARG and Lisbon Capri. Motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.
- 08-44 Withdraw from GMR School District – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adopt said Resolution.
- 08-45 Cancel Tax Sale Certificate –
- 08-46 Cancel Tax Sale Certificate – Motion made by Mr Fisher, seconded by Mr. Fisher with roll call unanimous to adopt Resolution 08-45 and 08-46.

ORDINANCE 08-04 – Salary Ordinance – Motion made by Mr Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak – Opened for public discussion – no public discussion – closed for public discussion roll call unanimous to adopt said Ordinance on 2nd reading.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to pay all bills on bills list except one submitted by Courter, Kobert Law Firm until further notice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Inscho, seconded by Mr. Fisher to enter into executive session to discuss shared services, The Lodge, and pending litigation matters.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen to enter back into regular session t 8:48.

Mayor Inscho explained that the following matters were discussed in Executive Session but no official action taken. Minutes of this session will be made available to the public when the Committee feels no harm to the public:

The Lodge
Shared Services with the Construction Officer
Feasibility Study
Pending Litigation
Bill from Courter Kobert Law Firm
Municipal Court Matter

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Grover to designate Mr. Inscho and Mr. Petersen to look into shared services of the construction office with White and Independence Township.

Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Petersen with roll call unanimous to begin process of selling off The Lodge.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Inscho, seconded by Mr. Tibak with roll call unanimous to adjourn said meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Willa L. Reilly, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator