

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

24 January 2019
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:
Committeepersons
Mayor

Adoption of Agenda

Old Business
Block 15, Lot 7 – Deed of Restriction

New Business
Notice of Intent to Great Meadows Regional Board of Education

Resolutions

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 24 January 2019. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:21 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover; Peter Karcher; Carl Cummins, and Michael Beyer

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LIBERTY LAKE DAM

A motion by Mayor Inscho reiterating the Resolution #2018.071 adopted 6 December 2018 authorizing Ferriero Engineering to complete the Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis (H&H) to be completed by 30 April 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$18,025 carried. See attached

“Liberty Lake Dam Safety Inspection Report

Municipal Engineer Paul Ferriero conducted a Dam Safety Inspection report for Liberty Lake Dam, as per NJAC 7:20-1.11. The Division of Dam Safety and Flood Control Division reviewed the report and the structure was found to be in poor condition. A motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2018.071
Award of Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township of Liberty authorizes the preparation of the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) study of Liberty Lake Dam by Ferriero Engineering, 180 Main Street, PO Box 571, Chester, NJ 07930 as per the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Dam Safety & Flood Control report of 23 November 2018.

Vote: aye - Karcher
aye - Grover
absent - Cummins
aye - Beyer
aye - Inscho

BLOCK 15, LOT 7 – DEED OF RESTRICTION

At the 6 December 2018 meeting of the Governing Body Attorney Skoog reported that Annabelle Garganian is in the process of selling her property known as Hulse’s Rest Home (Block 15, Lot 7). The property has a Deed of Restriction to comply with Liberty Township affordable housing obligations. Attorney Skoog and Attorney Schneider (Liberty Township LandUse Board Counsel) agree that the Deed of Restriction has a thirty year agreement and must be added to the new owner’s deed. Attorney Skoog suggested that a means to report annual low income compliance be included in the new deed.

A motion by Mayor Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2019.017
DEED RESTRICTION – BLOCK 15, LOT 7

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Governing Body reviewed the Deed of Restriction on Block 15, Lot 7 at the regularly scheduled meeting of 6 December 2018; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Governing Body consented to the sale of said property with the continued deed restriction and submission of an annual reporting due in January of the every calendar year demonstrating compliance with low income housing requirements; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Liberty Township shall confirm their actions of 6 December 2018 with the adoption of this Resolution consenting to the sale of said property with the continued deed restriction and submission of an annual reporting due in January of the every calendar year demonstrating compliance with low income housing requirements.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

RESOLUTION #2019.018
TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLERK TO PROVIDE NOTICE
TO THE GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF ITS INTENT TO HOLD A JOINT MEETING WITH INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP TO HOLD
A HEARING TO CONSIDER MOVING THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS TO THE MONTH OF APRIL,
BEGINNING IN 2020 ANDEVERY APRIL THEREAFTER, RATHER THAN IN
NOVEMBER AS A PART OF THE GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, Liberty Township and Independence Township had previously formed the Great Meadows Regional School District to provide educational services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, annual school elections for the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education are conducted in November simultaneously with the general election, with voting on school budgets limited to requests for additional funds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1(a)1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7F -5; and

WHEREAS, more than four such annual school elections have been conducted since the date was changed from April to November and based on its review of public participation in public input into the school budget process the Township Committee of the Township of Independence/Liberty believes it to be in the best interest of Independence/Liberty Township to return the date of annual school elections to April thereby allowing the voters the ability to vote on the District's general fund tax levy for the budget year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1(a)1; and

WHEREAS, in order to effect such a change, the Township Committee is statutorily obligated to give the Regional Board of Education sufficient notice of a hearing to be held by the Township Committee on the question.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Independence/Liberty, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Municipal Clerk shall give written notice in the form of this Resolution to the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education that the Township Committee shall consider enacting a Resolution returning the date of the annual school election from November to April in a hearing to be conducted at a joint meeting of the Townships of Independence and Liberty Committees on 5 March 2019, at 7:00 pm within the Independence Fire House, located at 24 Cemetery Road, Great Meadows, NJ

- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption in accordance with law

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:25 pm.

Lisa Thomas – Ms. Thomas inquired into the Liberty Township COAH housing numbers. Carl Cummins advised that Liberty Township has the obligation for 15 credits annually of which are met by the residents residing at Block 15, Lot 7. He stated that Liberty Township has no building activity and without building activity the COAH numbers remains unchanged.

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 7 February 2019

