

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

23 August 2018
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

Unfinished Business
Employment Practice Program Updates
Public Hearing of Ordinance #2018.003 – Appropriation for LSDW Wall Project

New Business
Award of Bid for LSDW Wall Project
Block 11, Lot 9.01 – Schmid
Visiontec Innovations Repair Quote
Warren County Transportation Technical Study Letter of Support
PAIC Letter of Intent for Renewal

Resolution
JCP&L Reliability Plus

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 23 August 2018. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Peter Karcher; and Mike Beyer

Absent: Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover; and, Carl Cummins

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

REPORTS

Mayor Inscho advised that the wall restoration at Block 52, Lot 39.03 and Block 51, Lot 18 was complete.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A pre-printed report was received from the Department of Public Works for July 2018 and placed on file.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE PROGRAM UPDATE

2019 - 2020 Employment Practices Liability Program updates are to be reviewed by Attorney Skoog.

ORDINANCE #2018.003

PUBLIC HEARING - A motion by Mike Beyer to open public hearing and adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2018.055

Adoption of Ordinance # 2018.003

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance Providing for the Lakeside Drive Wall Restoration Project, Appropriating \$110,000.00 from the General Capital/Capital Improvement Fund’ was passed on first reading on 2 August 2018 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 Providing for the Lakeside Drive Wall Restoration Project, Appropriating \$110,000.00 from the General Capital/Capital Improvement Fund’ be passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD OF BID FOR LAKESIDE DRIVE WEST WALL PROJECT

A summary of the Bids received for this Project are attached to the 2 August 2018 minutes. Attorney Skoog reported that eight bids were received for this project ranging from \$400,000 to \$796,427.00. The Municipal Engineer reviewed all supporting documentation and reported that Samson Concrete & Masonry LLC was the lowest bidder but had not met all bid package criteria. A motion by Mayor Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried. Should there be a challenge to the award of this bid; the Township of Liberty reserves the right to rescind all bids.

Resolution #2018.056
Award of Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Liberty hereby awards the contract for Lakeside Drive West Retaining Wall Reconstruction Project to CMS Construction, 521 North Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 whose bid amounted to \$428,460.00.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

BLOCK 11, LOT 9.01 – Schmid

A letter of 7 August 2018 was received from New Jersey Environmental Protection Green Acres Program regarding the possible acquisition in fee or through easement of Block 11, Lot 9.01, Karl H Schmid. A questionnaire was enclosed regarding said property. Mayor Inscho advised that this questionnaire be forwarded to the Zoning Official for completion.

VISIONTEC INNOVATIONS REPAIR QUOTE

Following discussion, a motion by Pete Karcher to adopt the following resolution carried.

Resolution #2018.057
Award of Repair Quote

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Liberty hereby authorizes VisionTech Innovations to repair the security camera wiring at the Mountain Lake beach front at a cost not to exceed \$510.00.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL STUDY LETTER OF SUPPORT

A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing a letter of Support for Warren County Transportation Technical Study update carried.

PAIC LETTER OF INTENT FOR RENEWAL

A motion by Mike Beyer authorizing a letter of Intent for PAIC Renewal carried.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION #2018.058
DECLARING TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE JCP&L RELIABILITY PLUS

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty recognizes that reliable electric service plays a crucial role in the daily lives of Township residents; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty recognizes that reliable electric service also is critical to the local businesses within our community, and drives commerce in our Township and across the region; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty supports efforts to enhance our energy infrastructure to continue to provide families and businesses the reliable source of energy they need; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty supports efforts to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system against severe weather and reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty has been informed that Jersey Central Power and Light Company’s (JCP&L) Reliability Plus includes approximately \$400 million in targeted investments above and beyond its regular annual investments to enhance JCP&L’s service reliability and resiliency; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty has been informed that the JCP&L plan includes nearly 4,000 enhancements that will help the reliability and resiliency of overhead and underground distribution lines, as well as new equipment to reduce the number of customers affected by outages and shorten the duration of outages; and

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty has been informed that the JCP&L plan also outlines additional vegetation management to reduce the potential for tree damage, which is the primary cause of outages during severe storms in JCP&L’s service area.

WHEREAS: The Township of Liberty has been informed that JCP&L estimates the initial increase on the monthly bill for an average residential customer would be about 26 cents per month for the first six months up to \$1.89 by the end of the four-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of Liberty hereby finds and declares:

That JCP&L’s Reliability Plus will benefit residents and businesses in the Township of Liberty and throughout Warren County by making JCP&L’s electric distribution system during storm and non-storm events more resistant to outages and enabling the system to recover more quickly when outages do occur and increase the distribution system’s resiliency, operational flexibility, safety and security.

JCP&L’s Reliability Plus should be approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:12 pm.

Lynn Gilmore – Ms. Gilmore questioned the bids and purpose of Ordinance #2018.003.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion by Mayor Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 6 September 2018