

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

22 February 2018
6:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

6:00 Budget Workshop

7:00 Township Committee Workshop

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Unfinished Business

Budget 2018
2018 Appointments:
Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2019
Canada Goose Management Proposal
Recreation Facility Application Revision
Community Day Fireworks 2018 Contract

New Business

Environmental Commission Earth Day Planting Plans

Resolutions

Community Day Fireworks 2018
Tax Lien Refund

Public Comment

Executive Session

Adjournment

A special scheduled Budget workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 25 January 2018. The Budget workshop was opened by Mayor John Inscho at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover (arrived at 6:08 pm) ; Carl Cummins; Peter Karcher; and Michael Beyer

Also, Present: Kevin Lifer, CFO; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Discussion ensued on the following;

- ✓ Receipt of NJDOT Grant award of \$300,000 for Marble Hill Road repairs. Must be used within 18 months of award.
- ✓ Proposed budget increase is less than \$0.10 on \$100.00. Approximately \$2600 in the budget.
- ✓ Capital Project: Lakeside Drive West retaining wall and Marble Hill Road paving engineering expenses can be covered by 2017 remaining capital of \$192,000 and the addition of \$183,000 within the 2018 budget. When using \$100,000 in Capital Improvement Fund, it is necessary to adopt a Municipal Ordinance authorizing said expenditure.

This workshop concluded at 6:38 pm.

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 25 January 2018. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover (arrived at 6:08 pm); Carl Cummins; Peter Karcher; and Michael Beyer

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

REPORTS

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Paul Ferriero of Ferriero Engineering reported that Liberty Township was the recipient of a NJDOT Grant of \$300,000 for 1.8 miles of road repair and milling/paving on Marble Hill Road. Mr. Ferriero estimated that engineering and testing expenses on this project may be \$196,000. He encouraged the Township Committee to consider banking funds through 2018 and 2019 with the work performed in 2020.

Mr. Ferriero reviewed the three options presented from Morris-Flood Geotechnical Analysis for remediation of the Lakeside Drive Wall failure. He advised that due to the emergency situation only three quotes are required; there is no need for formal bids. He also advised that performance and maintenance bonds would need to be posted. Mr. Ferriero estimated that Ferriero Engineering bill on this project could be approximately \$26,000.

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Pete Karcher reported that the Recreation Commission was pursuing a new magician for Community Day 2018 due to Magic of Marco's lack of flexibility in rain date rescheduling.

COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Dan Grover reported that the installation of the emergency generator wiring and pad is progressing well. The generator delivery is anticipated within the next three weeks.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BUDGET 2018

Mayor Inscho reported that the second Budget Workshop was concluded this evening and the 2018 introduction will not reflect any municipal tax increase for the Liberty Township residents.

Mayor Inscho announced the appointment of Ian Denzer-Weiler to the Recreation Commission, expiration of term 31 December 2019.

CANADA GOOSE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Discussion ensued on the offer from Mountain Lake Community Association Watershed/Advisory Group to “financially contribute 50% (up to \$1,202.00) toward this contract to reduce costs to the Township and taxpayers, and support this project”. It was reported that White Township had no interest to participate in the Canada Goose Management plan on their portion of the bog area. APHIS WS Program will provide treatment and/or destruction of Canada Goose nests and eggs will be conducted throughout the nesting season. A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing the execution of the contract between the Township of Liberty and USDA APHIS Wildlife Services for wildlife damage management services (egg addling, which inhibits reproduction to help control the local population and associated problems) at a cost not to exceed \$2,404.00 carried.

RECREATION FACILITY APPLICATION REVISION

Applications were distributed to members of the Township Committee for their review to be discussed at the 22 March workshop.

COMMUNITY DAY FIREWORKS 2018 CONTRACT

Discussion ensued on legal amendments to proposed fireworks contract with Fireworks Extravaganza. Amended contract is to be presented to Fireworks Extravaganza for consideration of execution.

NEW BUSINESS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION EARTH DAY PLANTING PLANS

Mayor Inscho suggested that the plan be brought before the Open Space Committee for their review and consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION #2018.023 JUNE 2018 COMMUNITY DAY FIREWORKS EVENT

WHEREAS, Liberty Township Recreation Commission has scheduled a Community Day Fireworks Event for 9 June 2018, rain date 10 June 2018, to be held on the municipal property located at Block 52, Lot 42, 137 Lakeside Drive West; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the Township sponsor a fireworks display for the entertainment of the residents during the Community Day event; and

WHEREAS, the Mountain Lake Fire Company will be in attendance.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey that the Township of Liberty Township Committee hereby grants permission for and agrees to sponsor a display for fireworks to be performed by Fireworks Extravaganza, 174 Route 17 North, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662, telephone number 1.800.765.2264 on 9 June 2018, rain date 10 June 2018, provided that Fireworks Extravaganza provide the Township of Liberty with a Certificate of Insurance naming the municipality as additionally insured in a form acceptable to the Municipal Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey that the Township of Liberty Township Committee waives all liability for any municipal

structure located upon the beach area of Block 52, Lot 42 which is situated within the fallout zone of the 2018 fireworks display area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a true copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

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

Resolution #2018-024
 Tax Lien Refund

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends to the Township Committee that the necessary administrative action be taken to authorize a refund to the following lienholder.

Block	Lot	Lien #	Name/Address	Lien			Total Refund
				Amount	Interest	Premium	
5.01	21.38	2015-01	FWDSL & Associates LP 17 West Cliff St. Somerville NJ 08876	\$34,358.49	\$7,894.54	\$29,500.00	\$71,753.03

BE IT RESOLVED, By a majority of the members of the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the refund on the above list shall be returned to the parties designated.

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:40 pm.

Amanda Loguidice – Ms. Loguidice introduced herself as a Liberty Township Community Day Coordinator and stated that the Fireworks contract must be revised prior to the 27 February meeting of the Recreation Commission. She continued to advise the Township Committee that there is missing glass and plywood at the Lodge back door.

Eileen Heydecke – Ms. Heydecke questioned why the Township has not considered acquiring swans for Mountain Lake as a deterrent for the Canada geese.

Lorraine Thiel – Ms. Thiel asked what work would be conducted on Marble Hill Road with said grant funding.

Jamie Walsh – Ms Walsh inquired if the DPW could repair a sinking grate at the intersection of Pine and Oak. She also wanted to know if the lily pad issue in Mountain Lake could be addressed. She was advised to attend a Mountain Lake Community association meeting to express her concerns.

Phil Wooldridge – Mr. Wooldridge questioned if the Township Committee members had any questions on the Smart Lighting Solutions presented in January 2018.

Alice Bechok – Ms. Bechok requested the installation of reflectors on the road closure signs along Lakeside Drive West. Dan Grover reminded everyone present that Lakeside Drive West is closed to vehicular as well as pedestrian traffic in the area of the wall failure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:01 pm a motion by Mayor Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2018.025

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee may wish to discuss any of the following conditions; confidential provisions of Federal Law or State Statute; information that may impair receipt of federal funding; invasion of individual privacy; collective bargaining agreement; real property negotiations; litigation; and, personnel and personnel policy. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

- ✓ Personnel and Personnel Policy, NJDOT professional expenses

BE IT RESOLVED, That the public be excluded from this meeting.

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

At 8:13 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of collective bargaining agreement were discussed. No action to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
 Municipal Clerk/Administrator
 Minutes Approved 1 March 2018