

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WOKSHOP

25 June 2020
7:00 PM

Municipal DPW Garage
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:

New Jersey State Police
Committeepersons
Mayor

Adoption of Agenda

Unfinished Business

HAB Results – Mountain Lake Beach

New Business

Mountain Lake Weed Harvesting Program
Danville Mountain Road

Resolution

LGCCC Application – Mountain Lake Fire Company, 7 September 2020
2020 Salary

Public Comment
Executive Session

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held at the Municipal DPW Garage, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 25 June 2020. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 p.m.

In participation: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover; Peter Karcher; David Rogers, and Michael Beyer

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

REPORTS

Mayor Inscho reported that Warren County has confirmed 1121 COVID-19 cases with 731 recoveries. Free testing is available at Warren County Tech and those employees that travel to specific states must self-quarantine for a two week period.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HAB RESULTS

Email received from NJDEP: Below are the results of our latest sampling. Both samples were below the new HAB beach closure alert levels of 80,000 cells/ml and 3µg/L microcystins. Based on these results, the beach is recommended to be reopened. I have contacted NJDOH and the Warren Co HD who should be contacting you shortly to make if official.

5/18/2020 samples

Water Body	Location	Dominant Cyanobacteria	Total Cyanobacteria Cell Count	Microcystin Toxin Concentration (µg/l)
Mountain Lake	Boat Launch	<i>Pseudoanabaena</i>	134,000 cells/ml	0.52
Mountain Lake	Beach	<i>Pseudoanabaena</i>	141,000 cells/ml	0.51

6/15/2020 Samples

Water Body	Location	Dominant Cyanobacteria	Total Cyanobacteria Cell Count	Microcystin Toxin Concentration (µg/l)
Mountain Lake 6/15/20	Beach	<i>Aphanizomenon</i>	32,000 cells/ml	0.11
Mountain Lake 6/16/20	Beach	<i>Aphanizomenon</i>	19,250 cells/ml	0.57

HAB discussion included the need to investigate the origin of HAB conditions and the continued contribution to this condition. Shannon Schaaf, Mountain Lake Association President, reported that NJDEP had tested for HAB at the beach shore line and end of the swimming dock in May and, the June tests were conducted at the beach shore line. She asked the Township Committee to consider installing an aeration system in the lake. She asked the Township Committee to consider getting a weed harvester to remove the lily pads/roots on the lake.

AD HOC LAKE STUDY GROUP

A motion by Mayor Inscho to create an AD HOC Lake Study Group comprised of two members from the Township Committee (Mayor Inscho, Dave Rogers and Alternate Pete Karcher); two members from the Liberty Township Environmental Commission; and, two members from the Mountain Lake Association carried. The objective of this Ad Hoc Lake Study group is to address lake issues over the long term; to develop a plan for lake conditions; and, research funding to achieve these goals. Shannon Schaaf will solicit volunteers for this Group on behalf of the Environmental Commission and the Mountain Lake Association.

MOUNTIAN LAKE BEACH ACCESS

Following discussion, a motion by Mayor Inscho announcing that the beach access for public swimming would be closed until further notice and receipt of a second consecutive water testing result below HAB beach closure alert levels carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON MOUNTAIN LAKE ISSUES

BOB BLUE – Mr. Blue stated that Liberty Township needs a robust comprehensive program on lake testing; development of a community monitoring program; and, a lake management plan. Mr. Kurela reported that John Tuchy, Blue Water Lake Inc., was willing to provide an appraisal of the Mountain Lake conditions at no cost. Mr. Kurela will forward the contact information on to Shannon Schaaf.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2020

Mayor Inscho reported that Emilia Thompson, Summer Recreation Director, will be submitting a COVID-19 protection plan to the Township Committee for review and approval by Pete Summers, Warren County Board of Health Director prior to the start of any summer recreation sessions.

DANVILLE MOUNTAIN PAVING

Mayor Inscho reported that quotes were being collected for partial paving of Danville Mountain and would be addressed at the 2 July 2020 meeting of the Township Committee for consideration of award.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION #2020.046

WHEREAS, Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823, is the licensee on the application to conduct an Off-Premises Merchandise Draw Raffle on 7 September 2020 to be held at Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 to be held at 12:00 noon.; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate application forms and fees have been submitted to the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no reason to deny the aforesaid applications.

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey

1. The off-premises raffle application is approved contingent to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission adoption of aforesaid application.

Vote: aye - Beyer
 aye - Rogers
 aye - Karcher
 aye - Grover
 abstain - Inscho

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2020.047
SALARY

WHEREAS, Salary Ordinance #2017.005 established the salaries/wages, and compensation for certain employees of the Township of Liberty, Warren County.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County that the following named employee(s) shall be compensated for the year 2020 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are retroactive to 1 January 2020 unless otherwise noted:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
John E Inscho	Township Committee	2,129.00
Dan Grover	Township Committee	2,129.00
David Rogers	Township Committee	2,129.00
Mike Beyer	Township Committee	2,129.00
Pete Karcher	Township Committee	2,129.00
Diane M Pflugfelder	Administrator	4,925.00
Diane M Pflugfelder	Municipal Clerk/Registrar	76,215.00
Jennifer Breslin	Deputy Municipal Clerk/Registrar	16.65/hour
Kevin Lifer	Treasurer/CFO	12,240.00
Cindy Eckert	Tax Collector	23,929.00
Penny Holenstein	Tax Assessor	24,136.00
Eric Snyder	Zoning Code Official	11,360.00*
Alan DeCarolis	Animal Control Officer	6,033.00
Shannon Schaaf	Environmental Commission Secretary	13.80/hour
John Ward	Recreation Commission Assistant	13.26/hour
Steven Ciecwic	Emergency Management Coordinator	3,060.00
Section 2: Public Works		
Leonard Harvey	DPW Supervisor	33.12/hour
Kenneth Lunden	Laborer	21.73/hour
Alexander Perez	Laborer	19.38/hour
Summer Beach Employees		
Jacque Lunden	Beach Manager	15.00/hour
Elizabeth Dyminski	Assistant Beach Manager	11.00/hour
Alexa French	3 rd year lifeguard	11.30/hour
Nicole Crowder	2 nd year lifeguard	10.80/hour
Kayla French	2 nd year lifeguard	10.80/hour
Emily Garguilo	1 st year lifeguard	10.30/hour
Summer Recreation Employees		
Emilia Thompson	Head Counselor	20.50/hour
Lauren Makarevich	5 th year counselor	11.30/hour
Shawnee Smith	5 th year counselor	11.30/hour
Dominick Desiderio	2 nd year counselor	10.55/hour
Katelin Silva	2 nd year counselor	10.55/hour
Kennedie Dragos	1 st year counselor	10.30/hour
Amanda Newkirk	1 st year counselor	10.30/hour

* Retroactive as of April 15th

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:48 pm.

Arthur Struck – Mr. Struck inquired into funding for Mountain Lake weed harvesting. Mayor Inscho advised that Liberty Township had committed to \$10,000 and the Mountain Lake Association an additional \$10,000 for this project.

Alice Bechok – Ms. Bechok questioned the status of the weed harvesting contract.

Jeff Snyder – Mr. Snyder inquired if the DPW Supervisor was leaving Liberty Township.

Patty Hoffman – Ms. Hoffman inquired into the placement of trash receptacles around the lake. It was suggested that “Carry in-Carry out” signage be posted around lake.

Dan Kurela – Mr. Kurela suggested Princeton Hydro be a part of the AD HOC Lake Study Group.

Public comment adjourned at 7:59 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:59 pm a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2020.048

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.

- ✓ Litigation – Samson Masonry & Concrete
- ✓ Personnel – DPW Supervisor Position

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

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

At 8:24 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried.

Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of potential litigation and employment was discussed. Action to follow.

DPW SUPERVISOR RESIGNATION

Following discussion in Executive Session, a motion by Mayor Inscho to accept the resignation of Leonard (Chuck) Harvey as Liberty Township DPW Supervisor carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion by Mayor Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
 Municipal Clerk/Administrator
 Minutes Approved 2 July 2020

