

AGENDA  
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

1 September 2022  
7:00 PM

Municipal Building  
349 Mountain Lake Road  
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice  
Flag Salute  
Roll Call

Reports:

- New Jersey State Police
- Committeepersons/Mayor
- Municipal Professionals
- Municipal Departments/Boards/Commissions
- Great Meadows Regional Board of Education

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

Meeting 4 August 2022

Unfinished Business

The Lodge at Mountain Lake Suicide Awareness Walk

New Business

- Authorization for Purchase of 1998 Ford Sterling Dump Truck
- NJ State Fireman’s Application for Membership – Santoro
- Halloween 2022
- Bids for Free Union Road Sections 3
- WC Application for Funding for Countywide Comprehensive Streets Policy Implementation Plan

Resolutions

- ABC – Mountain Lake Fire Company Event
- Chapter 159: Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, American Rescue Plan Act
- Bills List

Public Comment

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 1 September 2022. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover; David Rogers; and, Wayne Spangenberg

Absent: Mayor John Inscho; and, Pete Karcher

Also, Present: Richard Wenner, Municipal Attorney; and, Jennifer Breslin, Deputy Municipal Clerk

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON ROGERS – Mr. Rogers reported on search for state funding of Mountain Lake weed harvesting program 2023

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Amber Gratacos – no report

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Tax Collector for August 2022 and placed on file

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by David Rogers to adopt the minutes of 4 August 2022 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THE LODGE AT MOUNTAIN LAKE SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK

Attorney Wenner reported submission of a certificate of insurance naming Liberty Township as additionally insured was received for Suicide Awareness Walk.

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF 1998 FORD STERLING DUMP TRUCK

A motion by Wayne Spangenberg to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2022.060

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED 1998 FORD DUMP TRUCK #72

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Liberty Department of Public Works has a need for a dump truck; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Bethlehem desires to sell a used 1998 Ford Sterling dump truck #72, VIN #1FDYS80E5WVA40184, milage 133,955, and the Township of Liberty has agreed to purchase same for an amount of \$12,500.00; and

*WHEREAS*, the sale of said used 1998 Ford Sterling dump truck #72 by the Township of Bethlehem to the Township of Liberty is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) as a sale from another governmental entity; and

*WHEREAS*, it is in the Township of Liberty’s best interest to enter into an Agreement with the Township of Bethlehem for the purpose of purchasing the used 1998 Ford Sterling dump truck #72; and

*WHEREAS*, funds are available in an Account numbered 301800 and have been certified to by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Liberty; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby directed and authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County for the purpose of purchasing a used 1998 Ford Sterling dump truck #72 in the amount of \$12,500.00; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Township Attorney is authorized to prepare contracts and the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute same; and

*BE IT RESOLVED* that the Chief Financial officer has executed a Certification of Funds for the contract, which is attached hereto, and that sufficient funds not to exceed \$14,000.00 are available in an Account numbered 301800.

Vote: aye - Grover  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Spangenberg  
absent - Karcher  
absent - Inscho

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Dan Grover,  
Deputy Mayor

NJ STATE FIREMAN’S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – SANTORO

A motion by David Rogers authorizing the acceptance of a NJ State Firemen’s Association Membership application from Lucas B Santoro carried.

HALLOWEEN 2022

Following brief discussion and review of past adopted Halloween hours, a motion by Dan Grover to establish Halloween 2022 on Monday, 31 October between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm carried.

BIDS FOR FREE UNION ROAD SECTIONS 3

Bids were received from the following;

<i>Company</i>	<i>Total Bid Price</i>
Capital Paving/Contracting LLC Stratford Building 67 Beaver Avenue, Suite 25 Annandale, NJ 08801	\$233,968.30
Riverview Paving	\$216,446.46

859 Willow Grove Street  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

South State Inc \$229,000.00  
PO Box 68  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Top Line Construction Group \$245,719.98  
22 Fifth Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876

Y.W. Construction \$238,261.70  
404 Colt Street  
Irvington, NJ 07111

Following discussion, a motion by Wayne Spangenberg to adopt the following Resolution carried.

Resolution #2022.061  
Award of Contract

*BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Township of Liberty hereby awards the contract for Free Union Road Improvements – Sections 3, 2” surface to Riverview Paving, 859 Willow Grover Street, Hackettstown, NJ whose bid amounted to \$216,446.46.

Vote: aye - Rogers  
aye - Grover  
aye - Spangenberg  
absent - Karcher  
absent - Inscho

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Dan Grover,  
Deputy Mayor

WC APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE STREETS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

A motion by David Rogers to endorse the following letter for the Warren County application for funding for countywide comprehensive streets policy implementation plan carried.

Dear Mr Conklin,

It is our understanding that Warren County is applying to participate in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority’s (NJTPA) FY2024-FY2025 Subregional Studies Program. Should your application be accepted, Liberty Township would partner with the NJPTA to prepare a Countywide Comprehensive Streets Policy Implementation Plan. The purpose of this study is to conduct Countywide Comprehensive Complete Streets Policy Implementation Plan. The study would be scheduled to kick off in the fall of 2023 and conclude no later than June30, 2025.

Liberty Township supports the application by Warren County to complete a Countywide Comprehensive Complete Streets Policy Implementation Plan and commit to municipal participation in the study process, such as service on a steering or technical advisory committee.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Wayne Spangenberg to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2022.062  
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR  
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY

*WHEREAS*, “Applications for Special Permit for Social Affair” has been filed by the Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 for said the following social affair;

Anniversary Dance  
8 October 2022 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

*WHEREAS*, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the State fee has been paid.

*BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Liberty Township Committee does hereby approve the following social affair for the Mountain Lake Fire Company located at 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey;

Anniversary Dance  
8 October 2022 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

to be held in the area delineated on the application form.

Vote: aye - Spangenberg  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Grover  
absent - Karcher  
absent - Inscho

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Dan Grover,  
Deputy Mayor

A motion by Wayne Spangenberg to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION 2022.063  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159  
ADDITIONAL ITEM OF FUNDING IN THE 2022 BUDGET  
LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

*WHEREAS*, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

*WHEREAS*, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Liberty has received a \$293,281.29 grant from the State of New Jersey, Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include this amount as revenue, and

*WHEREAS*, by the Township of Liberty that ARPA funds will be disbursed for the Public Health and Economic Impact – Capital Expenditures for the following purposes: 1) new roof on lifeguard building at Mountain Lake beach, 2) new roof on Free Union Fields recreation pavilion, 3) purchase of dump truck for DPW, 4) upgrade the Kenny Development tennis court, 5) road improvements and 6) ventilation system maintenance in municipal building.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Township Committee of Liberty Township in the County of Warren, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2022 budget in the sum of \$293,281.29 which is now available as revenue under Special Item of Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: The State of New Jersey “Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – American Rescue Plan Act”

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that a sum of \$293,281.29 is hereby appropriated under the caption of General Appropriations – Operations Excluded from “CAPS”: The State of New Jersey “Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – American Rescue Plan Act”

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Chief Financial Officer forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services

Vote: aye - Rogers  
aye - Spangenberg  
aye - Grover  
absent - Karcher  
absent - Inscho

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Dan Grover,  
Deputy Mayor

A motion by David Rogers to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2022.064  
PAYMENT OF BILLS

*RESOLVED*, That the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, does hereby authorize the Finance Department to pay all vouchers when properly endorsed and approved by at least 3/5 majority of the Governing Body in the amount of \$ 508,497.43

Vote: aye - Spangenberg  
aye - Rogers  
aye - Grover  
absent - Karcher

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Dan Grover,  
Deputy Mayor

absent - Inscho

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:20 pm.

Lisa Thomas - Ms. Thomas questioned the ARPA funds for small businesses. Also inquired into municipal equipment upgrades and if daylight savings time was coming to fruition in 2022

John Zsilazetz – Mr. Zsilazetz inquired into cell phone dead zones upgrades within Liberty Township. Deputy Mayor Grover asked that a workshop be coordinated with Planet Network and Everstream Solution presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator  
Minutes Approved 6 October 2022

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