

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

5 May 2022
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
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Roll Call

Reports:

- New Jersey State Police
- Committeepersons
- Mayor
- Municipal Professionals
- Municipal Departments/Boards/Commissions

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes

Meetings and Executive Sessions of 7 and 28 April 2022

Unfinished Business

- Adoption of Budget 2022
- Assignment of Municipal Tax Lien, Block 46, Lot 15
- Public Hearing: Ordinance #2022.003, Solar
- Retention/Detention Ponds
- NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Bureau Level 2 Assessment
- Municipal Land Use Law – Climate Change Resilience Strategy
- Dam Safety Inspection Report for Liberty Lake Dam
- Old Lake Just-It Road over Mountain Lake Brook
- Green Acres Program – Kenny Acquisition

New Business

- 2022 Contract: Solitude
- EverStream Fast Fiber
- NJDOT Grant FY 2023
- TriAthlon 2022
- Summer Recreation Programs 2022

Resolutions

- Older Americans Month Proclamation
- Bills List

Public Comment

Executive Session

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 5 May 2022. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Pete Karcher

Also, Present: Richard Wenner, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON SPANGENBERG

Mr. Spangenberg reported that the spring soccer program had 155 children from Liberty and Independence Township enrolled.

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported on need for Mountain Lake sub-committee meeting to discuss option in controlling “root pop”.

GREAT MEADOWS BOARD OF EDUCATION – Amber Gratacos reported that GMRBOE budget has received reduced State funding which will result in the reduction of 8 teaching staff and the average middle school class size will increase to 37 students. The 2022-2023 budget increase would be approximately \$135 per quarter for the \$300,000 assessed residence. Discussion ensued on Parental Bill of Rights. John Inscho made a motion supporting the County Commissioner Support for Parental Bill Rights

MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Clerk/Administrator for April 2022 and placed on file

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Wayne Spangenberg to adopt the public and executive minutes of 7 and 28 April 2022 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2022

A motion by Dan Grover to open the public hearing carried. A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the 2022 Municipal Budget Resolution carried.

Vote: absent - Karcher

aye - Rogers

aye - Spangenberg

aye - Grover

aye - Inscho

ASSIGNMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIENS

Attorney Wenner reported that he had contacted the party interested in acquiring the Municipal Tax Lien on Block 46, Lot 15. He would have a Resolution authorizing assignment at the 2 June 2022 meeting for consideration of adoption by the Governing Body.

ORDINANCE #2022.003 - PUBLIC HEARING - A motion by Dan Grover to open public hearing carried. The Liberty Township LandUse Board requested that the solar ordinance be deferred so the Planner could formulate a response with feedback and comments from the Liberty Township LandUse Board meeting of 27 May 2022. Public hearing carried to 2 June 2022.

DETENTION/RETENTION PONDS

Attorney Wenner reported that letters had been sent to private land owners of detention/retention ponds and their maintenance responsibilities.

NJDEP BUREAU OF SAFE DRINKING WATER BUREAU LEVEL 2 ASSESSMENT

Mayor Inscho reported that the water test last week was clean. He would contact Warren County Board of Health to resolve the issue.

MUNICIPAL LANDUSE LAW - CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE STRATEGY

No action

DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT OFOR LIBERTY LAKE DAM

Mayor Inscho reported that Ferriero Engineering is working to dewater the dam prior to September 2022.

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM – KENNY ACQUISITION

DPW Supervisor continues to pursue vendors

NEW BUSINESS

2022 CONTRACT: SOLITUDE

A motion by Dave Rogers authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the 2022 Contract with Solitude for aquatic vegetation management at an annual price of\$2,050.00 carried.

EVERSTREAM FAST FIBER

It was agreed to schedule a future workshop with both Everstream Fast Fiber and Planet Network to present their programs.

NJDOT GRANT FY 2023

A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing Ferriero Engineering to compose a NJDOT Grant FY 2022 for Free Union Road Phase 4 carried.

TRIATHLON 2022

Attorney Wenner to investigate the documentation presented by DASH Multisport for a 16 July TRI Mountain Lake Sprint Triathlon and report back at the June meeting.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2022

Discussion ensued on past Summer Recreation programs and budget losses. A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing the Summer Recreation 2022 fee for Liberty Township residents at \$200 and non-residents at \$250 carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION #2022.038
OLDER AMERICANS’ MONTH – MAY 2022

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated Older Americans Month by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Older Americans Month 2022 is “*Age My Way*”, an opportunity for all of us to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities.

WHEREAS, Liberty Township includes countless older Americans who enrich and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS Liberty Township is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS we acknowledge the importance of taking part in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being—no matter your age; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township can enrich the lives of individuals of *every age* by:

- promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;
- involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and
- providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be Older Americans Month. Residents are encouraged to take time during this month to acknowledge and recognize older adults as vital members of our community.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2022.039
PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, That the Township Committee 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 Township Committee in the amount of \$1,006,149.35

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:23 pm.

James Angley – Mr. Angley expressed concern that ATVs are driving on his private/JCP&L easement property.

Lisa Thomas – Ms. Thomas encouraged those present to home school their children

John Inscho – Mayor Inscho reported that a fire hydrant on the corner of Pheasant Run and Prince Edward has been damaged by homeowner activity. Attorney Wenner to compose/forward a letter to the property owner for his responsibility to remediate the damages

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 2 June 2022
