

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

2 November 2023
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:

New Jersey State Police
Governing Body/Mayor
Great Meadows Regional Board of Education
Municipal Committees

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Public Minutes of 5 October 2023

Unfinished Business

NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Bureau Level 2 Assessment
Liberty Township Tax Title Liens
Liberty Lake Dam
Employee Applications, LandUse Secretary and Recreation Assistant
Public Hearing, Ordinance #2023.007 - Soil
Public Hearing, Ordinance #2023.008 - Capital Ordinance for Roads and Municipal Improvements
Recreation Assistant Job Description
Ethics Complaint

New Business

Introduction: Ordinance #2023.009, Prohibiting Illicit Connections
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.010, Proper Disposal of Pet Solid Waste
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.011, Refuse Containers/Dumpsters
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.012, Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.013, Prohibiting Wildlife Feeding on Public Property
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.014, Refuse Containers/Dumpsters
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.015, Privately Owned Salt Storage
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.016, Prohibiting Improper Disposal of Waste
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.017, Establishing a Yard Waste Collection and Disposal Program
Introduction: Ordinance #2023.018, Establish Requirements to Control Littering
Best Practices Inventory 2023
2024 Liberty Township Impound Facility
2024 Reorganization Date

Resolutions

ABC - Mountain Lake Fire Company
Grant Application for MS4 Compliance
LGCCC Application – Mountain Lake Fire Company

Adoption of Bill 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 2 November 2023. 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; Wayne Spangenberg; and, Pete Karcher

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

PRESENTATION

Raymond Otto Petersen presented a framed American Flag and Certificate of Authenticity presented to Liberty Township, Warren County, New Jersey. “In between August 17th and September 29th 2015, the crew from the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron flew the KC-135R on 22 combat missions and 156 hours over Afghanistan and Iraq against enemy forces on the ground in support of the global war on terror. Let all who look upon this flag be reminded of the military men and women who maintain a steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms that it represents. “We will not tire; we will not falter; we will not fail; Peace and Freedom will Prevail”.

Signed by Tina Matejik, Capt NJANG Aircraft Commander

Otto Petersen, CMSgt, NJANG Boom Operator

Julia McHaffey, Capt, NJANG Pilot

To: Liberty Township. Thank you for the support from the Men and Women of the 108th Wing New Jersey Air National Guard Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

REPORTS

Committeeperson Spangenberg

Wayne Spangenberg asked for consideration of reappointing Arron Feldman to the Recreation Commission. Wayne will approach Feldman for a letter of intent.

RECREATION

A pre-printed report was received from the Recreation Commission for October 2023 and placed on file.

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Tax Collector for October 2023 and placed on file

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion by Dave Rogers to adopt the public meeting minutes of 5 October 2023 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NJDEP BUREAU OF SAFE DRINKING WATER BUREAU LEVEL 2 ASSESSMENT.

Mayor Inscho reported that the Level 2 Assessment is in progress.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TAX TITLE LIENS

Attorney Wenner reported that the Tax Title Lien sale items were closed last week generating an approximate revenue of \$20,000 which has been forwarded to the attention of the Municipal Tax Collector.

LIBERTY LAKE DAM

A letter of 25 October 2023 was received from State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Office of Dam Safety & Flood Engineering. The letter acknowledged receipt of the 2023 regular dam safety inspection and that the dam structure was found by Ferriero Engineering to be in poor condition. The letter also states that several maintenance items, including the removal of excess vegetation on the upstream and downstream slope and spillway, by 31 December 2023 and advise the Bureau following completion. The Bureau is awaiting revisions to the Hydrology and Hydraulics Analysis by 31 December 2023. A permit application to decommission the dam must be submitted within six (6) months of the Bureau’s approval of the required Hydrology and Hydraulics Analysis. Discussion to ensue in Executive Session.

EMPLOYEE APPLICATIONS (LandUse Secretary and Recreation Assistant)

Mayor Inscho stated that he was in negotiations to fulfill the LandUse Secretary position.

PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #2023.007 - SOIL

A letter of 19 October 2023 was received from Richard L Schneider, LandUse Board Legal Counsel, stating that the Ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan. A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2023.083 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 2023.007

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Known as the Code of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren State of New Jersey’ was passed on first reading on 7 September 2003 and

WHEREAS, the public hearing of said Ordinance has been held as advertised and is now closed,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Known as the Code of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren State of New Jersey’ be passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #2023.008 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE FOR ROADS & MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

A motion by Dan Grover to open public hearing carried. A motion by Dan Grover to close public hearing and adopt the following Resolution carried.

**RESOLUTION #2023.084
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 2023.008**

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled ‘Capital Ordinance Providing for Road and Municipal Improvements in the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Appropriating the Amount of \$80,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund’ was passed on first reading on 5 October 2023 and

WHEREAS, the public hearing of said Ordinance has been held as advertised and is now closed,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Ordinance entitled ‘Capital Ordinance Providing for Road and Municipal Improvements in the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey Appropriating the Amount of \$80,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund’ be passed on second reading and final adoption.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

RECREATION ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION

Mayor Inscho reported that he would request input from the Recreation Commission on the Recreation Assistant job description.

ETHICS COMPLAINT - Mayor Inscho reported that the Ethics Complaint is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.009,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.009 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

**ORDINANCE #2023.009
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLICIT CONNECTIONS
TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM**

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

- a. Domestic sewage - waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.

- b. Illicit connection – any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by Liberty Township, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- c. Industrial waste - non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(a), (b), or (c)).
- d. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)– a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Liberty Township or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”
- e. NJPDES permit – a permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A
- f. Non-contact cooling water - water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algacides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.
- g. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- h. Process wastewater - any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.
- i. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by Liberty Township any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or other municipal official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION V. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.010,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.010 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.010
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- d. Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION III. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet’s solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day that the violation continues.

SECTION VII. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.011,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.011 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.011
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DUMPSTERS AND OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS THAT ARE
OUTDOORS OR EXPOSED TO STORMWATER TO BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance requiring dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Liberty Township and/or the waters of the State so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Liberty Township or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Refuse container – any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.
- d. Stormwater – means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- e. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.

Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Liberty Township.

SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- a. Permitted temporary demolition containers
- b. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers)
- c. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers
- d. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit
- e. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup)

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other municipal official as may be designated by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VII. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.012,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.012 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE # 2023.012
AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance requiring the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Liberty Township so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)– a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Liberty Township or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Storm drain inlet- an opening in a storm drain used to collect stormwater runoff and includes, but is not limited to, a grate inlet, curb-opening inlet, slotted inlet, and combination inlet.
- d. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

No person in control of private property (except a residential lot with one single family house) shall authorize the repaving, repairing (excluding the repair of individual potholes), resurfacing (including top coating or chip sealing with asphalt emulsion or a thin base of hot bitumen), reconstructing or altering any surface that is in direct contact with an existing storm drain inlet on that property unless the storm drain inlet either:

- 1. Already meets the design standard below to control passage of solid and floatable materials; or
- 2. Is retrofitted or replaced to meet the standard in Section IV below prior to the completion of the project.

SECTION IV. Design Standard:

Storm drain inlets identified in Section III above shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, “solid and

floatable materials” means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exemptions to this standard see Section V.3 below.

1. Design engineers shall use either of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:

a. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines (April 1996); or

b. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater basin floors.

2. Whenever design engineers use a curb-opening inlet, the clear space in that curb opening (or each individual clear space, if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces) shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

3. This standard does not apply:

a. Where the municipal engineer agrees that this standard would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not practically be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets that meet these standards;

b. Where flows are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:

- i. A rectangular space four and five-eighths inches long and one and one-half inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
- ii. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

c. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1”) spacing between the bars; or

d. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VII. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.013,

A motion by Pete Karcher to introduce Ordinance #2023.013 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.013
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WILDLIFE FEEDING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Feed – to give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish and/or game.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Wildlife – all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

- a. No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Liberty Township, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers, or feral cats as part of an approved Trap-Neuter-Release program).

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.
- b. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.014,

A motion by Pete Karcher to introduce Ordinance #2023.014 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.014
AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS FOR
CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper handling of yard waste in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Containerized – means the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, bag or other vessel, such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Street - means any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive, or other way, which is an existing State, county, or municipal roadway, and includes the land between the street lines, whether improved or unimproved, and may comprise pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street lines.
- d. Yard Waste – means leaves and grass clippings.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

The owner or occupant of any property, or any employee or contractor of such owner or occupant engaged to provide lawn care or landscaping services, shall not sweep, rake, blow or otherwise place yard waste, unless the yard waste is containerized, in the street. If yard waste that is not containerized is placed in the street, the party responsible for placement of yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance. The Township does not collect yard waste from residents.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.015

A motion by Pete Karcher to introduce Ordinance #2023.015 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.015
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SALT STORAGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

SECTION I. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, In Liberty Township to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- 1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
 - 2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
 - 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
 - 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
 - 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. “Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
 - F. “Resident” means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

SECTION III. Deicing Material Storage Requirements:

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th
 - 1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 - 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 - 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
 - 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;

- d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
 - (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
 - 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
 - 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 - April 15.
 - C. All such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all other local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.
 - D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
 - 1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VII. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.016,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.0016 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.016
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)—a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Liberty Township or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. NOTE: In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: “MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources.”
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by Liberty Township is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- a. Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
- b. Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters)
- c. Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water)
- d. Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- e. Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- f. Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- g. Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water
- h. Flows from firefighting activities
- i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:
 - Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
 - Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.
 - Rinsing of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other municipal official as may be designated by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VII. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.017,

A motion by Dan Grover to introduce Ordinance #2023.017 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-017
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A YARD WASTE
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish a yard waste collection and disposal program in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Containerized – means the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, bag or other vessel, such as to prevent the yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and coming into contact with stormwater.
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Street – means any street, avenue, boulevard, road, parkway, viaduct, drive, or other way, which is an existing State, county, or municipal roadway, and includes the land between the street lines, whether improved or unimproved, and may comprise pavement, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, parking areas, and other areas within the street lines.
- d. Yard Waste – means leaves and grass clippings.

SECTION III. Yard Waste Collection

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street shall not be permitted. Placement of such yard waste at the curb or along the street in any other manner is a violation of this ordinance. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance. The Township does not collect yard waste from residents.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other official as may be authorized by the Liberty Township Committee.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

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SECTION VIII.

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INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE #2023.018

A motion by Pete Karcher to introduce Ordinance #2023.018 on First Reading carried. Public Hearing and consideration of adoption are scheduled for 7 December 2023.

ORDINANCE #2023.018
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS TO CONTROL LITTERING

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements to control littering in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Litter - any used or unconsumed substance or waste material which has been discarded, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar or can, or any top, cap or detachable tab of any bottle, jar or can, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing material or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, but does not include the waste of the primary processes of mining or other extraction processes, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
- b. Litter Receptacle – a container suitable for the depositing of litter.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

SECTION III. Prohibited acts and regulated activities:

- 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain.
- 2. Whenever any litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat in violation of this ordinance, the operator or owner, or both, of the motor vehicle or boat shall also be deemed to have violated

this ordinance.

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other municipal official as the Liberty Township Committee may designate.

SECTION V. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability:

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

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SECTION VIII.

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BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY 2023

A motion by John Inscho to adopt the Best Practices 2023 documentation carried. Liberty Township received a score of 34.50 which has no aid withholding, on categories of financial reports/deadlines; establishing a capital program; network security/employee training; ethics law/financial disclosures; residential solid waste/recycling; lead remediation; personnel OT/contracts; procurement; shared services; and, transparency.

REORGANIZATION 2024

Mayor Inscho announced that Reorganization 2024 would be conducted Thursday, 4 January 2024, 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, NJ

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION #2023.085
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;

Holiday Party
9 December 2023, 4:00 pm to 10 December 2023, 1:00 am

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;

Holiday Party
9 December 2023, 4:00 pm to 10 December 2023, 1:00 am

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2023.086

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL (HIGHLANDS COUNCIL) FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE UNDER THE 2023 TIRE A MUNICIPAL STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT (NJPDES: NJ141852)

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) is a regional planning agency that works in partnership with municipalities and counties in the Highlands’ Region to encourage a comprehensive regional approach to implementing the 2004 Highland Water Protection and planning Act (the Highlands Act); and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Agency (NJDEP) adopted amendments to the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) regulations for the development and implementation of the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (NJAC 7:14A-25) and established two NJPDES general permits to authorize municipal stormwater discharges, known as Tier A and Tier B; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (NJAC 7:14A-25) was developed in response to the US Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA) Phase II Rules published in December 1999, which required municipalities to develop and implement a program to reduce discharges of pollutants entering water bodies from stormwater systems known as “municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s)” to the maximum extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the NJPDES MS4 permit was originally issued in 2004, renewed in 2009 and 2018, and again on 1 January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 MS4 permit renewal was designed to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 General Permit Remand Rule in response to the increase in flooding events that result in additional stormwater runoff discharging pollutants into the nation’s waterways; and

WHEREAS, additional requirements were added to the 2023 MS4 general permit beyond those required in earlier versions, including that all municipalities were classified as Tier A MS4 communities; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council does support the requirements of the New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules (NJAC 7:8) as effective stormwater management is an important element of natural resource protection, and therefore, vital to the success of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) and Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fiscal impacts of the new requirements under the 2023 MS4 general permit, the NJDEP developed Tier A Stormwater Assistance Grants for existing Tier A and transitioning Tier B and Tier A communities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fiscal impacts of the new requirements under the 2023 MS4 permit, the Highlands Council developed a funding assistance program to supplement available NJDEP assistance grants and to further aid municipalities in the Highlands Region in completing the tasks associated with permit compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Liberty has determined a need does exist for supplement funding for MS4 compliance in the amount of \$50,000.00 in accordance with the attached schedule

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Liberty Township does here by authorize the submission of an application to the Highlands Council for funding assistance to achieve compliance under the 2023 Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES: NJ0141852).

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2023.087
RAFFLE APPLLICATION

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 11 February 2024 to be held at Mountain Lake Fire Company, 99 Tamarack Road, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823 to be held at 1:00 pm; 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 Governing Body 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 - Grover
aye - Karcher
aye - Spangenberg
aye - Rogers
abstain - Inscho

John Inscho,
Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION #2023.088
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 \$1,121,999.43.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 8:50 pm.

Lisa Thomas - Ms. Thomas questioned if Liberty Township has job description for volunteer positions. She requested a definition of an ethics complaint and, inconclusion she inquired if the Governing Body could have input on the condition of the Liberty Township School.

Amber Gratacos – Ms. Gratacos invited everyone to the Buttzville Methodist Church free Thanksgiving meal on 19 November from 1 to 3:00 pm

Larry Supp – Mr. Supp presented 4 concerns; #1 Harmful Alge Bloom (HAB) on Mountain Lake from 11 August to mid-September 2023 and the need to establish a protocol for the public information and signage. #2 – Herbicide vs weed harvesting vs hydro raking for weed management of Mountain Lake for the 2024 season. #3 – Mr. Supp presented photos of the Mountain Lake south outlet exemplifying the vegetative growth that is hindering the exit flow of water and, #4 – Mr. Supp is requesting those present to consider serving on the Environmental Commission for the year 2024

Mayor Inscho asked for support of A975 as sponsored by Assemblypersons John DiMaio and Daniel R Benson, requiring commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with certain global positioning systems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:12 pm, a motion by John Inscho to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2023.089
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

- ✓ Collective Bargaining Agreement – Ferriero Engineering

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

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

 John Inscho,
 Mayor

At 8:45 pm, a motion by Mayor Inscho to reconvene the public meeting carried. Mayor Inscho stated that during executive session matters of contractual 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 8:45 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
 Municipal Clerk/Administrator
 Minutes Approved 7 December 2023
