LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2026
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

The Township Committee meeting was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows, New Jersey on August 6, 2026 and called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor John Inscho. The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and notice that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A.10:4-6.

Present: Peter Karcher, Dave Rogers, Daniel Grover; and, John Inscho

Also, Present: Igor Bykov, Municipal Attorney; Kelley Smith, Municipal Clerk and, Jennifer Breslin, Deputy Clerk/CFO

Absent: Wayne Spangenberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Grover, seconded by Roger and carried all in favor to approve agenda.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Motion by Grover, seconded by Karcher and carried all in favor to adopt the meeting minutes of July 2 meeting and July 16 special meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEEPERSONS
Dave Rogers reported the budget modifications were submitted to DEP for the water quality restoration grant and will await feedback on next steps. Mayor Inscho announced the anniversary celebration is in place for August 22 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and inviting past Mayors and Committeepersons to attend. Mayor Inscho made motion, seconded by Grover and carried all in favor to have our Engineer, Dave Clark work with the Highlands Council to start the initial assessment for conformance.

Commissioner Lori Ciesla and Christopher Infinito from the Warren County Board of County Commissioners presented a 250 commemorative plaque to Mayor Inscho for America 250 celebration and Warren County Bicentennial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCE 2026.003 FIRE COMPANY, CHAPTER 12 AMENDMENT – Mayor Inscho advised to table until parties can review updates before introduction. Introduction will be scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026 or thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

LEVEL UP COMPANIES LLC – Dave Grigonis is Vice President of Level Up Companies LLC based in Atlanta, GA, and he is working with cell phone carriers to offer wireless communication enhancements for areas in Warren and Sussex County NJ that have been referenced as an area in need. Mr. Grigonis reviewed our ordinance and would like to send Liberty Township a proposal to have a tower placed on township property to generate revenue for the town. Joe Thomas asked to meet with Mr. Grigonis after meeting for fire company need. Mr. Grigonis will send Deputy Clerk/CFO Breslin a letter of intent to review.

SOLICITOR'S PERMIT – TRINITY SOLAR LLC – A motion by Grover, seconded by Rogers to approve solicitor application for Byron Moore pending completion of applicant's car information.

MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY SOCIAL PERMIT AUGUST 22, 2026 - A motion by Grover, seconded by Karcher and carried all in favor to approve permit.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by Grover, seconded by Karcher to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026.071

APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER NJSA 40A:4-87 FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY GRANT IN THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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 any item of appropriation for equal amount; and WHEREAS, Liberty Township has been awarded $30,000.00 from The Nature Conservancy Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Liberty Township, in the County of Warren, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2026 budget year in the sum of $30,000.00; which is now available as revenue from: Miscellaneous Revenues Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: 2026 The Nature Conservancy Grant $30,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of $30,000.00 be appropriated under the caption of: General Appropriations Operations – Excluded from "CAPS" Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues: 2026 The Nature Conservancy Grant $30,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution will be electronically filed with the Director for approval as required by law.

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

A motion by Grover, seconded by Karcher to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026.072
PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT 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 Township Committee in the amount of $1,342,967.22

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Liza Thomas – Ms. Thomas asked if Level Up Companies came to us or if we reached out to him. Ms. Thomas asked the name of company for drone show.

Larry Supp – Mr. Supp speaking on behalf of Environmental Commission to determine how to diminish number of cesspools in the township. Mr. Supp will provide a summary at next meeting if there is interest in pursuing or creating an ordinance. Mayor Inscho will also have our Zoning office & Planner review.

Amy Peters – Ms. Peters would like to address 7 Wood Road property and has contacted the State since it is on state property, and was told they would address in spring, and still is not resolved. Mayor Inscho will ask Attorney Wenner to send the State another letter to address property.

Courtney Wethen – Ms. Wethen is President of the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education and spoke on behalf of the Board to discuss misinformation regarding the school district. Ms. Wethen provided copies of correspondence for residents to review.

John Zsilavetz – Mr. Zsilavetz is concerned with vehicles speeding on Hope Road. Mr. Zsilavetz also suggested Main Street across from Liberty Liquors become a one-way street. Mayor Inscho advised he would discuss with our Engineer.

Barbette Johnston – Ms. Johnston tried fixing the dog waste bin that was hit along the fence by the boat launch. Ms. Johnston also suggest to add a 3rd dog waste bin closer to the roadway along Lakeside Drive West.

Matt Fila – Mr. Fila asked what is being discussed at the executive session, and how much was the invoice for the drone show.

Joe Thomas – Mr. Thomas is concerned with speeding around Mountain Lake since Free Union Road is closed for bridge work in White Township he asked if the state police can sit in the area around the firehouse to deter speeding. Mayor Inscho has a meeting with Tim with State Police next week for the celebration, and will discuss speeding concern.

At 8:07 pm, a motion by Inscho, seconded by Grover to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026.073
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, in Executive Session:

WHEREAS, at this time the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty cannot determine the time when the discussion to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty that this meeting shall be adjourned to an Executive Session (closed session) and the public will be excluded in order that the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty may discuss the items listed below:

Items: Potential Litigation

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

POTENTIAL LITIGATION – Discussion ensued on 2 matters discussed on potential litigation. No action taken.

At 8:25 pm the governing body reconvened from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

This is to certify that the ordinances and resolutions contained herein have been approved by me in accordance with law.

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John Inscho, Mayor

This is to certify that all proper notices, postings and filings required by the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) were provided for this meeting.

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Jennifer Breslin, Deputy Clerk