LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 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 July 2, 2026 and called to order at 7:00 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, Wayne Spangenberg, Daniel Grover; and, John Inscho

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

Absent: Dave Rogers

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Motion by Spangenberg, seconded by Karcher and carried all in favor to adopt the meeting minutes of June 4 meeting and June 25 workshop meeting.

REPORT FROM NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
State Trooper Zelinski reported there were roughly 100 motor vehicle stops in Liberty Township for the last 6 months. Total calls were 450; mostly for medical and trees down. There were 13 arrests and 18 motor vehicle accidents, most car versus deer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEEPERSONS
Deputy Mayor Grover reported the responses he received back from 3 OPRA requests for the Great Meadows Board of Education. He will leave the OPRA responses at the municipal office for public review. Mayor Inscho reported JCP&L is proceeding the electrical upgrade and will install 2 pull stations by Pequest Road. We received a quote for our website revamping and since it's not budgeted this year, we will continue to look at other options and schedule for beginning of next year. Mountain Lake Beach will open on Tuesday, July 7 and we are looking for more lifeguards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCE 2026.003 FIRE COMPANY, CHAPTER 12 AMENDMENT – A motion by Mayor Inscho, seconded by Grover to table introduction carried, until parties can review updates before introduction. Introduction will be scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026 or thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY SOCIAL PERMIT JULY 26, 2026, RAIN DATE AUGUST 2, 2026 - A motion by Karcher, seconded by Grover and carried all in favor to approve permit.

MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY RAFFLE AUGUST 28, 2026 – A motion by Karcher, seconded by Spangenberg and carried all in favor to approve raffle permit application.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION 2026.062
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LIBERTY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WIRE'S ELECTRICAL SHOP FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIFEGUARD BUILDING PURSUANT TO THE FY 2024 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Liberty has received funding under the FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for improvements to the recreation area; and

WHEREAS, the Township would like to award the contract to Wire's Electrical Shop to not exceed $4,500 for the installation of electricity and LED lighting to the lifeguard building; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, has reviewed the quote and recommends awarding the contract to Wire's Electrical Shop, subject to the availability of funds; and
WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this award under the 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant account G-02-40-500-631 and the recreation trust account R-17-56-600-615.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the contract be awarded to Wire's Electrical Shop, and this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2026.063

Resolution Awarding Contract for Various Roads Striping (Lake Just It, Jenny Jump Road, Quenby Mountain Road, Tamarack Road, Danville Mountain Road – Phase 2) to Denville Line Painting, Inc.

WHEREAS, the traffic striping for various roads within the Township of Liberty (Lake Just It, Jenny Jump Road, Quenby Mountain Road, Tamarack Road, Danville Mountain Road – Phase 2) has been designed by CP Engineers, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, CP Engineers, LLC, has recommended award to Denville Line Painting, Inc. of Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of $19,023.95 (through 2026 MCCPC Contract #36).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Various Roads Striping (Lake Just It, Jenny Jump Road, Quenby Mountain Road, Tamarack Road, Danville Mountain Road – Phase 2) Project be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2026.064
AWARD OF CONTRACT, OPEN SKY PRODUCTIONS LLC

WHEREAS, Liberty Township has scheduled a 100th celebration gathering for August 22, 2026, to be held at the Free Union Fields complex, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows; and
WHEREAS, quotes have been received for a drone light show; and
WHEREAS, Open Sky Productions LLC, has submitted the lowest quote in the amount of $17,500.00 and
BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey award the 2026 100th celebration contract for drone light show to Open Sky Productions LLC in the amount of $17,500.00

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

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

RESOLUTION #2026.065

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT

OF TRANSPORTATION FOR "RADER ROAD ROADWAY RESTORATION – PHASE 2" THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL AID TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body of Liberty Township, formally approves the grant application for the above stated program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2027-Rader Rd – Roadway Restoration – 202-00640 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Liberty Township. Rader Road, the road proposed for additional funding needed to complete resurfacing efforts, is within Liberty Township's municipal jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Liberty and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

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

RESOLUTION #2026.066

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR "MIDLAND DRIVE AND MOUNTAIN TOP DRIVE ROADWAY RESTORATION – PHASE 2" THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL AID TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governing Body of Liberty Township, formally approves the grant application for the above stated program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2027-Liberty Twp – Midland and Mountaintop-00651 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Liberty Township. Midland Drive and Mountain Top Drive, the roads proposed for additional funding needed to complete resurfacing efforts, are within Liberty Township's municipal jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Liberty and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2026.067

Resolution Awarding Contract for Traffic Striping for the Danville Mountain Road–Phase 1 Project to Denville Line Painting, Inc.

WHEREAS, the traffic striping for the Danville Mountain Road – Phase 1 Project has been designed by CP Engineers, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Township is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, CP Engineers, LLC, has recommended award to Denville Line Painting, Inc. of Rockaway, New Jersey in the amount of $7,128.10 (through 2026 MCCPC Contract #36), in accordance with the project grant award by NJDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Traffic Striping for the Danville Mountain Road – Phase 1 Project be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc.

Vote: aye – Grover

aye – Karcher
absent – Rogers
aye – Spangenberg
aye – Inscho

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

RESOLUTION 2026.068
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 $864,886.62.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

LIBERTY LAKE TRAIL/REC IDEAS – Mayor Inscho suggested meeting with Dave Rogers and Larry Supp to review interest and ideas.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY – Mayor Inscho approved request to have company come to give presentation on wireless communication proposal on township property at next township meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Supp – Mr. Supp provided information from Environmental Commission report. He will draft a letter to our Engineer, Dave Clark regarding the dam removal. The grant for the removal of waterchesnut was denied. He had a site inspection of Vortech, and recommends cleaning out next year, it's usually done every 3 years. And looking into creating an ordinance for cesspools that need to be removed and brought up to date with code-compliant septic system in the township.
Paul Tanski – Ms. Tanski asked when the paving will begin for Lewis Lane.
John Zsilavetz – Mr. Zsilavetz stated cell phone towers can be sold, and asked what constitutes a standard of public property for eminent domain for the school, and contractors working on new poles for power company are now able to isolate power outage instead of whole line going down.
Shannon Schaaf – Ms. Schaaf asked how much the contract is for the drone show.

At 7:40 pm, Mayor Inscho concluded the public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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