LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 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 7:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Daniel Grover. The Deputy 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, Wayne Spangenberg

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

Absent: John Inscho

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Motion by Karcher, seconded by Rogers and carried all in favor to adopt the meeting minutes of August 6 meeting and August 6 Executive Session meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEEPERSONS
Larry Supp for the Environmental Commission reported the proposal for septic & cesspool concept was distributed to the Committee. Mr. Supp proposes to work with Warren County Environmental Commission to bring to the Commissioners attention. Mr. Grover suggested looking at grants and working with lake association on proposal. Mr. Supp also reported dam removal project at Liberty Lake has not seen any feedback from our Engineer, and Mr. Supp will draft a letter for the Engineer to have the Committee follow up. Mr. Supp also reported the contract for the weed control at beach is up for renewal in the beginning of 2027, and he would like to work with lake association and subcommittee on a weed removal plan for the future.
Mr. Karcher reported he spoke with state contact for property at 7 Wood Road, and was advised the well is being decommissioned and they are going out to bid for removal of the structure, and hope to have completed by winter or early spring.
Mr. Spangenberg reported that soccer is going well and basketball is already having a turnout for registration.
Mr. Rogers viewed the DASH boat and complimented how well it ran. He stated we should look at state and county funding to help with septic improvements.
Mr. Grover provided a response to Board of Education President Wenthen's public comment from the August 6 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
ORDINANCE 2026.003 FIRE COMPANY, CHAPTER 12 AMENDMENT – Deputy Mayor Grover advised to table as information for junior firefighter was recently added to the ordinance and will allow both parties more time to review updates before introduction. Introduction will be scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2026 or thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS
MOUNTAIN LAKE FIRE COMPANY SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT OCTOBER 31, 2026 - A motion by Spangenberg, seconded by Karcher and carried all in favor to approve permit.

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

RESOLUTION 2026.074
SALARY

WHEREAS, Salary Ordinance #2025.005 established the salaries/wages, and compensation for certain employees of the Township of Liberty, Warren County.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County that the following named employee(s) shall be compensated for the year 2025 in the amounts designated below. All salaries are effective September 3, 2026 unless otherwise noted:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Caitlin Nemchik	Beach Manager	$17.50/hr as of 8/3/26

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

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

RESOLUTION 2026.075
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 $603,660.10.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

LEVEL UP COMPANIES LLC – LETTER OF INTENT – Deputy Mayor Grover advised it will be tabled until other companies are contacted for comparison.

LTEC – SUMMARY OF SUGGESTED SEPTIC ORDINANCE – Deputy Mayor Grover advised they will read over proposal and research any grant opportunity to help residents upgrade their septic systems.

TEXTMYGOV PROPOSAL – A proposal was given to set up notifications to either push out to residents, or residents could send a text for information. Deputy Mayor Grover asked to set up a meeting with the representative since there are more questions he would like to ask.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eugene Leddy – Mr. Leddy asked when the driver for the fire company can drive again.
John Zsilavetz – Mr. Zsilavetz advised he has spoken with other cell phone tower companies and can give the town contacts and he has seen tower lease amounts up to $2,050/mo.
Larry Supp – Mr. Supp asked about the assessment for the Highlands conformance that was approved at last month's meeting and asked the Committee to reconsider doing assessment as the town may surrender its zoning power to the state.
Liza Thomas – Ms. Thomas was glad to see a good turnout at our meeting and suggested a reporter should come to our meetings too. Ms. Thomas stated the septic and cesspool proposal also affects the watershed. Ms. Thomas asked why the fire company ordinance keeps staying on the agenda. And Ms. Thomas stated letter coming from fire company driver unable to drive truck will not happen unless Committee provides a letter in return.
Nancy O'Leary – Ms. O'Leary stated the ordinance concept for septics and cesspool is the same as the fire company ordinance having big brother watching over. Ms. O'Leary stated she will not answer questions on the spot unless given a heads up. Ms. O'Leary asked Mr. Grover when he last attended a school board meeting.
Paula Tanski – Ms. Tanski asked for update on Lewis Lane curbing and paving.
Joe Thomas – Mr. Thomas provided a copy of the Mansfield Township Length of Service Award ordinance and asked the Committee to consider.
Don Lutz – Mr. Lutz said he's very happy living in our town for 21 years and asked why the neighbor by the ice cream shack wasn't asked to remove the building, and we should support residents in our community.
Judy McDonnell – Ms. McDonnell asked if Mr. Grover would provide a townhall meeting to review tax information. Ms. McDonnell also asked if the school board is audited every year.
Shannon Schaaf – Ms. Schaaf asked who on the Committee attends the county committee meetings, recreation commission, land use board, and asked who the contractor was for ice cream shack removal. Ms. Schaaf also asked if the Land Use liaison attends the Environmental Commission meetings, if there

will be a recreation assistant hired, and if the Committee has reached out to state agencies for funding of lake projects.
Paula Tanski – Ms. Tanski asked if we can advertise for lifeguards early in the year and give incentive for keeping retaining lifeguards when there was a HAB issue, and pay for certifications only if lifeguard commits to working for the town.
Bob Ballou – Mr. Ballou advised the lake association supports the Environmental Commission on the cesspool and septic proposal. Mr. Ballou asked Deputy Clerk Breslin to send a follow up email to DEP on status on water quality restoration grant. Mr. Ballou also asked Committee to review highlands conformance and discuss advantages and disadvantages.
Larry Supp- Mr. Supp stated he is aware of 3 grant levels for highlands conformance.
Kenny Lunden Sr- Mr. Lunden thanked Mr. Leddy for his support and stated his driving privilege is in the hands of the Committee.
Courtney Wethen – Ms. Wethen, President of the Great Meadows Regional School District Board of Education gave a few responses on Mr. Grover's report.
Jennifer Pandorf- Ms. Pandorf stated that we all need to work together.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 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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Daniel Grover, Deputy 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