

AGENDA
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP MEETING

9 September 2021
7:00 PM

Municipal Building
349 Mountain Lake Road
Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice
Flag Salute
Roll Call

Reports:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of Minutes
Meeting of 5 August 2021

Unfinished Business
Computer Backup System Upgrade

New Business

Municipal Court Shared Service Renewal
PAIC Survey of Liberty Township Facilities
PAIC Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund Renewal of Membership
Halloween 2021
Community Day Magician Contract

Resolutions

Opposition to the Reproductive Freedom Act S-3030/A-4848
ABC – Mountain Lake Fire Company Social Permit for Community Day

Adoption of Bill List
Public Comment

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 9 September 2021. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Peter Karcher

Also, Present: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON SPANGENBERG

Mr Spangenberg reported that the Recreation meeting was scheduled for 27 September and at that time he would advise that all communication come through him and that no one is to contact DPW directly.

COMMITTEEPERSON ROGERS

Mr Rogers reported that weed harvesting should be completed by 21 October. Liberty Township budgeted \$10,000 and the Mountain Lake Community Association \$5,000 for the expense of this project. The weed harvesting would be focused on the outlet area. Details on DPW availability and a farmer for debris deposit are to be coordinated. Bob Ballou volunteered to take the lead on this project. Attorney Skoog requested that separate contracts be prepared for Liberty Township and the Mountain Lake Community Association and he would review the municipal contract.

Bob Ballou, as President of the Mountain Lake Community Association, requested the municipal purchase of PIX-4D software at the annual cost of \$300. This software would download drone photographs of the lake area to create a composite of the Lake vegetative growth and conditions. A motion by Mayor Inscho authorizing \$300 for the purchase of the PIX-4D software carried.

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho thanked the DPW for their work during Storm Ida and water management following the storm.

GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Heather Wulf reported that results of the strategic planning would be reviewed on 15 September at 7pm.

Back to School night is 23 September

Board of Education meeting is 30 September

MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR

A pre-printed report was received from the Municipal Tax Collector for August 2021 and placed on file

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Dave Rogers to adopt the public minutes of 5 August 2021 carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COMPUTER BACKUP SYSTEM UPGRADE

Proposals to be reviewed in Executive Session

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL COURT

Mayor Inscho reported that he would be meeting with Belvidere to discuss contract renewal terms.

PAIC SURVEY OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FACILITIES

The annual PAIC Survey of Liberty Township Facilities was conducted in July 2021. Recommendations include the following;

- The parking/boat launch area is in need of being paved

A motion by Dave Rogers to adopt the annual PAIC Survey carried.

PAIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Following discussion, a motion by Dave Rogers authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute an Indemnity and Trust Renewal Agreement with Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund for a period effective 1 January 2022 ending 1 January 2025 carried.

A motion by Dave Rogers to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION # 2021.061
PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND
RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Liberty Township hereafter referred to as "Public Entity" is a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund, hereinafter referred to as "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Public Entity and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Public Entity is afforded the following types of coverages:

- ☐ Workers' Compensation
- ☐ Package (property, boiler & machinery, crime, auto & general liability, including Police Professional)
- ☐ Public Officials Liability
- ☐ Excess Liability
 - Auto & General Liability (including Police Professional)
 - Public Officials Liability
- ☐ Environmental Impairment Liability

WHEREAS, the Public Entity desires to renew said membership.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Public Entity agrees to renew its membership in the Fund for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2022, and ending January 1, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the Fund presently existing or as from time to time amended by the Fund and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.
2. The Public Entity agrees that as a member of the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund the Public Entity must purchase all types of coverages offered by the Fund which are applicable to the Public Entity.
3. The Public Entity hereby appoints Diane M Pflugfelder as the Public Entity's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Fund the Public Entity's renewal of its membership.

Vote: absent - Karcher

aye - Rogers

aye - Grover

aye - Spangenberg

aye - Inscho

John Inscho,

Mayor

HALLOWEEN 2021

Following brief discussion and review of past adopted Halloween hours, a motion by Wayne Spangenberg to establish Halloween 2021 on Sunday, 31 October between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm carried.

COMMUNITY DAY MAGICIAN CONTRACT

A motion by Wayne Spangenberg authorizing Mayor Inscho to execute the agreement with Beauty & the Beast LLC for a strolling magician on Saturday, 25 September for Community Day festivities at a cost not to exceed \$400 carried.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION # 2021.062
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE
REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT S-3030/A-4848

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act was introduced in the Senate on October 8, 2020, as S-3030, and in the Assembly on October 20, 2020, as A-4848; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 will make New Jersey a destination for those seeking state funded abortions without restriction, and thus create an unreasonable financial burden on New Jersey taxpayers as the bill will apply to “every individual in the State, regardless of whether they are domiciled in the State, and regardless of whether or not the individual is under State control”; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 removes all restrictions on all abortions, including late-term abortions, throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy, which contradicts the Supreme Court’s opinion in Roe v. Wade (1973) that was reaffirmed in Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992); and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 enshrines in law that living babies in the womb capable of feeling pain have no rights at any stage of pregnancy, even if they are viable and at full-term. The bill specifically states that “a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus shall not have independent rights under the laws of this state”; and

WHEREAS, S3030/A-4848 invalidates existing laws and prohibits the future adoption of all laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, resolutions, policies, standards or parts thereof, that conflict with the provisions of the bill; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 removes medical community oversight by expressly invalidating all rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners which regulate and apply exclusively to termination of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 puts women in danger by permitting non-physicians to perform abortions, and restricts individual freedom of choice by invalidating New Jersey’s conscience clause which has been in effect since 1974 which protects the right of individuals to refuse to perform or assist in abortion procedures; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 voids the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act by exempting from prosecution individuals charged with “terminating or attempting to terminate the individual’s own pregnancy; or acting or failing to act in any manner, with respect to the individual’s own pregnancy, based on the potential or actual impact on the individual’s own health or pregnancy.” The bill eliminates the requirement that a medical legal death investigation be conducted in a case where a fetal death occurs without medical attendance.” Such language grants immunity from prosecution for cases, including, but not limited to, the “Prom Mom”, where infants have been born alive and left to die, or through a deliberate act, are killed; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 imposes an undue financial burden on taxpayers by mandating an annual allocation of taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, a private entity, under Title X in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 will impose higher premiums on health care for state residents by requiring all insurance carriers to provide full coverage for abortions; and

WHEREAS, S-3030/A-4848 gives the state the power to define what is or isn’t a “religion” by requiring “religious employers” to request an exclusion from abortion-related health care coverage, if the required coverage conflicts with the religious employer’s “religious beliefs and practices” as determined by the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren oppose the passage of S-3030/A-4848, and urge the New Jersey Legislature to oppose this legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy, each member of the New Jersey State Senate and New Jersey State Assembly, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners, and to each municipal governing body in the County of Warren.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

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

RESOLUTION #2021.063
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;

Community Day
25 September 2021 from 9:00 am to 26 September 2021, 1:00 am
Rain date: 2 October 2021 from 9:00 am to 3 October 2021, 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;

Community Day
25 September 2021 from 9:00 am to 26 September 2021, 1:00 am
Rain date: 2 October 2021 from 9:00 am to 3 October 2021, 1:00 am

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

RESOLUTION #2021.064
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 \$486,810.60.

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:23 pm.

Bob Ballou – Mr. Ballou sked that the agenda is posted on the municipal website. He was advised that a draft agenda had been posted on the municipal blog prior the day prior to this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 pm a motion by Dave Rogers to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2021.065

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 – Computer Backup System Upgrade

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

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

John Inscho,
Mayor

At 7:56 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 7:56 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
Minutes Approved 7 October 2021

