Liberty Township 23 December 2021

# AGENDA LIBERTY TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP

23 December 2021 4:00 PM

Municipal Building 349 Mountain Lake Road Great Meadows, NJ 07838

Sunshine Notice Flag Salute Roll Call

Reports:

Committeepersons Mayor

Adoption of Agenda

**Unfinished Business** 

Ordinance #2021.007, Public Hearing

**New Business** 

Resolutions (Consent Agenda)

Appropriation Transfer Cancel Capital Appropriation Balance Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran

**Public Comment** 

Adjournment

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 23 December 2021. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney

Also, Present: Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

#### **REPORTS**

#### COMMITTEEPERSON SPANGENBERG

Mr Spangenberg stated that 4 individuals expressed an interest in becoming members of the Recreation Commission.

# COMMITTEEPERSON GROVER

Mr Grover reported that Bill Von der Harr attended his last Board of Education meeting last week after serving the Great Meadows Regional Board of Education for 14 years. It was agreed that a Proclamation would be prepared and presented to Bill Von der Haar at the reorganization meeting.

He also reported that the LandUse Board has suggested that the Governing Body review municipal ordinances regarding solar, warehousing and zoning changes. The LandUse Board Attorney advised on vacation or elimination of abandoned municipal roads.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ORDINANCE #2021.007 - PUBLIC HEARING - A motion by Dan Grover to open public hearing carried. A motion by Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolution carried.

RESOLUTION #2021.084 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 2021.007 Liberty Township 23 December 2021

WHEREAS, said Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Known as The Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey' was passed on first reading on 2 December 2021; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED By the Township Committee 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 Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Liberty, County of Warren, State of New Jersey' be passed on second reading and final adoption.

John Inscho,

Mayor

Vote: aye - Karcher

aye - Rogers

aye - Spangenberg

aye - Grover

aye - Inscho

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

A motion Dan Grover to adopt the following Resolutions by consent agenda carried.

#### RESOLUTION #2021.085 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in one or more current budget appropriations to meet the demand thereon for the balance of the current year; and

WHEREAS there appears to be a surplus in one or more current budget appropriations over and above the demand deemed to be necessary for the balance of the current year.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty, Warren County, New Jersey that in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfer:

FROM TO

Group Insurance O/E

\$5,000.00

Municipal Clerk S/W

\$5,000.00.

# RESOLUTION 2021.086 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES OF COMPLETED PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Certain General Capital Improvement Appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balance and unused debt authorization may be cancelled;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Committee of the Township of Liberty that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of General Capital Appropriations be cancelled:

ORDINANCE NO. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMOUNT CANCELLED
2016-004 Land Acquisition \$83,373.34

# RESOLUTION #2021.087 TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERAN BLOCK 5, LOT 20.09

WHEREAS, the real property known as Block 5, Lot 20.09 on the Tax Map of the Township of Liberty, is owned by a Veteran who has been determined to be 100% wartime service-connected disabled by the United States Veteran's Administration; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 54:44-3.30, any such disabled Veteran is entitled to tax exempt status for their home; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has no administration procedure available to make the property tax exempt prior to creating the 2021 calendar year tax duplicate; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Township Committee to provide the lawful tax exemption for Block 5, Lot 20.09;

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Township Committee of the Township of Liberty as follows;

- 1. Pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30, the premises at Block 5, Lot 20.09 are hereby made tax exempt as of 1 January 2021 while under the ownership of Daniel Florio.
- 2. The Township shall cancel all remaining real property taxes for Block 5, Lot 20.09 that have not yet become due for the year 2022.
- 3. The Township shall refund to the disabled Veteran all real property taxes heretofore paid for the property subsequent to 1 January 2021 in the amount of \$13,745.61.

Vote: aye - Rogers

aye - Grover

John Inscho, Mayor

aye - Spangenberg

aye - Karcher

aye - Inscho

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment opened at 4:11 pm. No public present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC Municipal Clerk/Administrator Minutes Approved 6 January 2022