

*Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey  
Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2004*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Lone Star Restaurant in Scotch Plains. In attendance were members Brenda Bell, Frank Warren, Jim Harshman, Fred Stein, Howard Schoen (chair) and John Paff (secretary).

Paff moved the following resolution, which was seconded and passed by a voice vote:

Whereas,

1. *the LPCNJ and John Paff have filed four public interest lawsuits against the Union Township Committee, Middlesex County Freeholders, Edison Township Council and the Franklin Township Redevelopment Agency (hereafter referred to as the "Four Lawsuits"), and*
2. *the court filing and service fees, transcript fees and appellate division cost bonds (hereafter referred to as "Court Costs") associated these lawsuits have to date totaled \$890 and those costs expected to increase in the future, and*
3. *the \$890 spent to date has been advanced as follows: \$230 by the LPCNJ and \$660 by John Paff, (see attached worksheet) and*
4. *it is likely that the amounts advanced for the said Court Costs will be refunded if the LPCNJ and/or John Paff prevail in these cases, and*
5. *John Paff has indicated that he wishes to limit his personal exposure for costs to \$500, and*
6. *the LPCNJ wishes to solicit contributions to cover the present and future Court Costs associated with the Four Lawsuits, and*
7. *the LPCNJ, in order to encourage such contributions, wishes to ensure that contributors will receive a fair refund of any Court Costs that are ultimately recovered in these cases, it is therefore*

*Resolved, that*

1. *The "Open Government Litigation Fund for the Four Lawsuits" (hereafter "the Fund") is hereby established within the LPCNJ, and*
2. *Donations directed to the Fund shall be restricted to the following uses and applied in the following order:*
  - *Reimbursement of \$160 to John Paff (i.e. \$660 less John Paff's \$500 Fund contribution).*
  - *Reimbursement of the \$230 advanced by the LPCNJ to further the Four Lawsuits.*
  - *Payment of future Court Costs necessitated by the Four Lawsuits.*
3. *Any funds received in excess of the reimbursements to John Paff and the LPCNJ (i.e. \$390) shall be held on account until after all amounts expended for Court Costs have either been recovered or have been determined by the LPCNJ to be unrecoverable. At such time, the total balance of the Fund shall be distributed to the contributors. Each contributor shall receive a share of the Fund equal to the proportion his or her contribution bears to the total amount contributed.*
4. *John Paff is recognized as having contributed \$500 to the Fund.*

Schoen authorized Paff to write to the Franklin Township Department of Economic Development recommending a change to the Township's taxicab licensing ordinance.

Harshman reported his receipt of the Bridgewater Commons' rules and procedures, attached, regarding public expression within its shopping mall.

The next meeting is on January 16, 2004, 4 p.m., Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St, New Brunswick.

Business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

John Paff