

**DRAFT MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY**  
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 11, 2021- 7:30 PM**

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**TOWNSHIP OFFERS (3) THREE PLATFORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING**

**OPTION 1 – AUDIO:** 1. Always use the Registration link provided on the Tabernacle Township Homepage website to Register to attend the meeting. You will then receive an email with a link to join the meeting via computer, the GotoWebinar Android app or the GotoWebinar IOS app. **OPTION 2 – TELEPHONE:** If you want to participate by Phone you should still connect to the meeting on your computer to view documents and information shared on the screen. You will be asked if you want to use the computer's audio/microphone or a telephone. If you choose the telephone option you will be given an audio Pin. Call the phone number on your email, enter the meeting ID and then your Audio PIN when prompted followed by the # sign. When asked for Public Comment you can use the key sequence of \*6 to unmute and mute your phone. **OPTION 3 – MASK UP / SOCIAL DISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK AT TOWN HALL,** 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088 (No registration required)

**In advance of the remote public meeting, public comments can be submitted by electronic mail and in written letter form to the Municipal Clerk no later than 6:30 p.m.**

Registration URL

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/861562330532667408>

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order, followed by the flag salute at 7:32 p.m.

**SUNSHINE NOTICE**

Municipal Clerk Barber read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as follows:

This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of January 11, 2021 was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post. Posted on the bulleting board in Town Hall and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Joseph W. Barton, Committee Member	Present
Nancy K. McGinnis, Committee Member	Present
Samuel R. Moore, III, Deputy Mayor	Present
Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Committee Member	Present
Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor	Present

**PROFESSIONALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator  
Douglas Stuart, Environmental Consultant  
Robert Sunbury, Emergency Management Coordinator  
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer  
Rodney R. Haines, Chief Financial Officer  
William Burns, Township Solicitor  
La Shawn R. Barber, Registered Municipal Clerk

**AFFILIATES FOR CEP RENEWABLES, LLC**

Steven Gouin  
Mark Bellin  
Ben Mitsmen  
Roger Ferguson

**PRESENTATION**

Steven P. Gouin from CEP Renewables met with members of the Township Committee to discuss the possibility of purchasing Tabernacle Landfill and converting it into a solar grid.

Mayor Brown invited CEP Renewables to attend our February 8, 2021 Township Committee workshop meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Fran Brooks. 78 Moores Meadow Road.**

- Mrs. Brooks stated that there was no advanced notice of this electronic meeting and commented on approved minutes not available on the website.
- Mrs. Brooks commented on the agenda order of business; the public is being restricted for comments.
- Mrs. Brooks asked if the Township Committee is going to issue financial documents regarding the cost for maintaining the landfill and asked if there is going to be a meeting with residents and the surrounding area.

**Stuart Brooks. 78 Moores Meadow Road.**

- Mr. Brooks asked if Tabernacle's solid waste contract includes picking up trash from Shamong residents.
- Mr. Brooks commented that certified fire personnel are just as capable as certified TRS personnel to assess what is needed for safe and quick patient results and provided suggestions on what the responsibilities should be regarding rescue services.
- Mr. Brooks commented that Township Committee stopped responding to public comments.

**Cheryl Smith, President Fire Company**

- Ms. Smith has been working with Mr. Cramer to ensure a smooth transition; however, she has been unable to get answers on third and fourth quarter 2020 payments. Their contract is done through December 2020 from paying the bills.
- Ms. Smith asked when will members be made aware that their application has been accepted as there has been confusion as to whose membership application has been accepted and whose has not.
- Ms. Smith is working on the transference of the grant to the new fire department. However, the governing body wants to include that existing members belong to the new fire department, because this may give more support to the transfer. She stated that when she originally called FEMA, they stated that if it were a merge between the two departments, the grant could easily transfer over.

Being no further comments, Mayor Brown closed public comments; not by audio, not by telephone and not at Town Hall.

**REPORT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

**Dante Guzzi of Guzzi Engineering**

- Mr. Guzzi reported that changes to the stormwater management ordinances will need to be made in accordance with the State and the Pinelands requirements. No action is needed at this time.

**REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT**

**Douglas Stuart of Stuart Environmental**

- No field work in the County is being done until all the agents receive their COVID vaccines.

**REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Emergency Management Coordinator**

- Mr. Sunbury announced 10 new COVID cases in the past three days for a grand total of 274 to date. He encouraged the public to visit a link provided by the State of New Jersey. To register to receive the vaccine, this website is: <https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/covid-19%20vaccine/>. There is one of six "mega-sites" opening across New Jersey, the [Burlington County](#) facility is in partnership with the State of New Jersey, [Burlington County](#) and Virtua Health. The facility is located at the former Lord & Taylor store at the Moorestown Mall.
- There has been upgrading of the emergency services to the new 700-megahertz trunked system. Stations were installed and are getting mobile radios are being installed. Tax dollars are hard at work improving communications for MMS throughout the county.

**REPORT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**Rodney R. Haines**

- Mr. Haines asked Township Committee if there were any specific items that they would like in the budget, as he and the Administrator will be working on preliminary budget numbers for the February workshop, so we can have it in the future budget.

**REPORT OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

**William Burns, Esquire**

- Reported on litigation the petitioner has appealed to the Appellate Division. We are waiting for a briefing schedule. He will keep the committee posted.
- Mr. Burns thanked the Engineer and echoed the sentiments with respect to the modification of the proposed stormwater management. No action is needed at this time.
- Mr. Burns will review the RFPs in accordance with the bid documents which were submitted.

**REPORT OF TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

**Douglas Cramer**

- **COVID-19 Information** - Mr. Cramer announced that the New Jersey vaccine scheduling system is on the front page of our website under News and Announcements. Unfortunately, there has been new legislation in New Jersey, to relieve the liability, since COVID numbers are still climbing.
- Mr. Cramer stated that for our kids to get back to playing sports, the most productive method may be to write your congressman or state senator concerning the legislation or protection of volunteer youth athletic organizations.
- Mr. Cramer mentioned that Lynn Hedden, the President of TAA is an attendee at this meeting, if anyone would like to ask questions.

**Tabernacle Fire Company**

- Mr. Cramer mentioned they will accept bills from the fire company which may not be able to be paid during the closeout year; this was discussed this with Cheryl Smith.

**REPORT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Joseph W. Barton, Committee Member**

- Mr. Barton spoke that he would like to discuss the future of the Township Committee.
- Mr. Barton agreed with Mr. Cramer and as Committee Member, he would like to suggest a written letter to be sent to the Governor and the District 9 Senator to voice concern that not just our children, but children in a State of New Jersey who are not playing sports due to Covid and insurance.
- Mr. Barton would like to discuss parking on public streets; restrict parking on major roadways especially where emergency vehicles travel and residential deliveries to have restrictions.
- Mr. Barton will be out of state, the first week of February. He will forward the items he would like to discuss.

**Samuel R. Moore, III Deputy Mayor**

- Deputy Mayor Moore had no report at the time.

**Nancy K. McGinnis, Committee Member**

- Ms. McGinnis reminded the public that the recycling center is open this Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and also thanked the gentlemen from CEP Renewables for their presentation. She asked Committee Members to move forward with this project.

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**Robert C. Sunbury, Jr. Committee Member**

- Mr. Sunbury stated the current vaccine candidates have been approved.
- Mr. Sunbury asked for support and permission from Committee Members as Comcast may cap data. He would like to pursue getting Verizon to install FIOS throughout the remaining parts of Tabernacle (west side of 206), as they were ordered by the Public Utility Commission. There were no objections to allow Mr. Sunbury to contact Verizon.

**Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor**

- Mayor Brown asked Committee Members if they were interested in suspending late fees for the dog license and the business license renewal. Mr. Burns will assist the Municipal Clerk in preparing a resolution to be listed on the next agenda.
- MOTION: Ms. McGinnis made a motion in favor of the suggestion; second by Mr. Sunbury, and unanimously carried.
- Mayor Brown stated the next Township Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION CS 01 112021**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 Public Body means a commission, authority, board, council, committee or any other group of two or more persons organized under the laws of this State, and collectively empowered as a voting body to perform a public governmental function affecting the rights, duties, obligations, privileges, benefits, or other legal relations of any person, or collectively authorized to spend public funds including the Legislature, but does not mean or include the judicial branch of the government, any grand or petit jury, any parole board or any agency or body acting in a parole capacity, the State Commission of Investigation, the Apportionment Commission established under Article IV, Section III, of the Constitution, or any political party committee organized under Title 19 of the Revised Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tabernacle Township Committee is a public body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting of a public body in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tabernacle Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a matter involving the disciplining of current public officer and/or anticipated litigation regarding the impermissible disclosure of confidential information including potential violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires exist, then the minutes can be made public.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, after executive session we will reopen the meeting in which action may or may not be taken.

- On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, members of the Township Committee went into closed session.

**Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Mayor Brown Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.** The Committee entered executive session at 8:38 p.m.

Reopen meeting. Mayor Brown reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. McGinnis to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk**

Draft submitted: 01/22/2021

Approved: