CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Brown led in the Silent Flag Salute.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of January 25, 2021 was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post on January 6, 2021. Posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL
Those members in attendance upon Roll Call were:
Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor
Joseph W. Barton, Committee Member
Nancy K. McGinnis, Committee Member
Samuel R. Moore, III, Deputy Mayor
Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Committeeman

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM Present:
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer
Rodney R. Haines, CMFO, Chief Finance Officer
William Burns, Esquire, Township Solicitor
Kimberly Smith, Tax Collector
Elaine B. Kennedy, Land Development
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT
James Dunnkowsky, Woodside Drive, questioned the new members approved two weeks ago on the fire company. Long time members were not on the list. Mr. Cramer suspended him from entering the fire house and the equipment. He was not properly notified. There is an active court case he is involved with, but he should not be suspended.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, stated there was no public comment toward the end of the agenda. She also stated that they are appointing Elaine B. Kennedy as Municipal Clerk when she can only work 15 hours a week. She does know OPRA since she teaches for Rutgers. Maybe the professional bills will not be so high.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, asked the status of paying part time workers for seminars they attend when they work full time for another municipality. He also asked the status of the solid waste contract. Mr. Brooks also noted it has become a practice not to respond to public comment.
George Jackson, Chief of Tabernacle Rescue Squad, thanked La Shawn Ruffin Barber for her dedication and her professionalism to the Township and thanked Mrs. Barber for her work with the EMS.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: Public Hearing Date: 2/8/2021 at 7:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2021-1:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1990-5 §3, APPENDIX A-2 SCHEDULE B OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED GENERAL LICENSING FEES (BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE) AND APPENDIX A-3 SCHEDULE C OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED ANIMAL CONTROL FEES DOG LICENSE FEE

Mr. Barton asked if the ordinance could be put up on the screen as he did not have his packet with him. Ms. Barber did have it on the agenda which is posted on the website.

MOTION Ms. McGinnis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-1, seconded by Mr. Moore. Public hearing will be February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
These items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Tabernacle and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RESOLUTION 2021-40: Recognizing Members of Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety
Mr. Barton stated there were applications received but not on the list. He suggested there should be an executive session to discuss those not on the list. Mr. Cramer advised him this would be a personnel issue. Mr. Burns advised the Committee that since there are questions, they should remove this resolution and vote on the other two on the consent agenda.

MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to remove Resolution 2021-40 from the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-41: Recognizing Members of Tabernacle Rescue Squad
RESOLUTION 2021-42: Recognizing Members to the Pinelands CERT
Mr. Cramer added changes to the Fire Company and Mr. Sunbury added to the CERT group.

MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-41 and 2021-42 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.
RESOLUTION 2021-40: Recognizing Members of Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety
Mr. Barton stated that any applications received but not on the list should be discussed in executive session. Mayor Brown advised him that the Chief gave the Committee the list. Mr. Moore stated he was comfortable to move forward on this list.

MOTION - Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-40, seconded by Mr. Sunbury.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-43: Authorizing Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025: Grant Year FY2021 - Alliance Tier 1

MOTION - Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-43, seconded by Mr. Barton.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.


MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-44, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-45: Authorizing the appointment of Municipal Clerk / Registrar

MOTION - Mr. Barton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-45, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS
MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to approve the bills as listed on the bill list, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Ms. McGinnis questioned the gas bill for the Community Center. Mr. Haines advised her it is for two months. Ms. McGinnis asked why it is so high, to which Mr. Cramer advised her they must keep it at a reasonable temperature, so the pipes do not freeze and crack. This will be discussed at the workshop.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a) December 14, 2020 (Special)
b) December 14, 2020 (Executive)
c) December 14, 2020 (Close out)
d) January 4, 2021 (Reorganization)
MOTION - Ms. McGinnis made a motion to approve the above listed minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Barton asked if there were any outstanding minutes from 2020, to which Ms. Barber explained they are all approved; however, not all executive session minutes have been approved for release.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.  
Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT
James Conglou, asked when the rest of the list of the fire company members would be released.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, noted that on the bill list there is a $125 bill for the IT company, stating it is a poor policy and a waste of taxpayer money to utilize them for OPRA requests. It is a matter of a few strokes to get this information. Mr. Haines advised her it is for OPRA as they are our technical consultants.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, also hears “thank you for your comment” and felt the governing body could do better than that. Mr. Brooks stated the trash company is picking up trash in Shamong. He again reiterated he does not appreciate no response.

Cheryl Smith, stated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should go to the Chief of the Fire Company to find out why some applicants were not approved. Dave Smith put in his application as soon as they were available. Ms. Smith offered La Shawn Barber all the best in her retirement, telling her to enjoy it.

REPORTS
ENGINEER
Mr. Guzzi reported that Oak Shade Road Phase I punch list items are underway. They are waiting for DOT authorization to go out to bid for Oak Shade Road Phase II and Carranza Road. Mr. Guzzi thanked La Shawn Barber for working with him. It has been a pleasure.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Mr. Sunbury reported they had ten COVID-19 cases in the last two days. He encouraged those wanting the vaccine to go to www.virtua.org/vaccine or visit the Emergency Management page for help or the Burlington County Health Department for an application to be placed on a list to get the vaccine.

ADMINISTRATOR
Mr. Cramer reported Public Works has finished picking up Christmas trees. At Prickett’s Mill there was a downed tree and some dead trees which Public Works is picking up. He reported that Garden State Removal does pick up some homes in Shamong; however, they keep an eye on that. Mr. Cramer thanked La Shawn Barber for all her help working with him as the Administrator and Public Works. She will be missed.
**SOLICITOR**
Mr. Burns report there will be a hearing at the appellate court on the appeal from Mrs. Brooks on February 18 or 19.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**
Mr. Sunbury asked if in New Jersey are they required to accept any application (for the fire company). Mr. Burns will take this under advisement and get back to him.

Mr. Barton congratulated La Shawn Barber; it has been fantastic to work with such a professional. Mr. Barton wished her much health and happiness.

Ms. McGinnis congratulated La Shawn Barber who has been very professional.

Mr. Moore discussed Goose Pond Road. Mr. Moore advised La Shawn Barber she will be greatly missed and will be remembered for all her dedication.

Mr. Sunbury advised the Committee he spoke with Silvia DeVeccio of Verizon. They have completed their work in Tabernacle in 2018 and have no further areas to move to in the Township with their FiOS. Mr. Sunbury thanked La Shawn Barber for her 26 years. She has been fantastic. Mr. Sunbury wished Ms. Barber a long and healthy retirement.

Mayor Brown advised that the Committee cannot talk about personnel. The list was from the Chief. Mayor Brown noted that the solar company was coming in to the workshop meeting on February 8th. She asked the Clerk to notify everyone within 200 feet of the site.

**PROCLAMATION – LA SHAWN RUFFIN BARBER**
At this time, Mayor Brown read a proclamation for the many years La Shawn Barber was the Municipal Clerk and Registrar. Mr. Cramer presented La Shawn Barber with a clock and the proclamation inscribed on the opposite side. Mayor Brown said it was an honor and privilege to work with Ms. Barber for 21 years. Ms. Barber is irreplaceable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** - Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy McGinnis, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
On behalf of
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk
ORDINANCE 2021-1
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WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to act against this public health hazard to protect and maintain the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order No. 103 (2020), which declared both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy has issued promulgated statewide social mitigation strategies including limiting the capacity of public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and pose a growing threat to the housing security of many New Jerseyans; and

WHEREAS, many New Jerseyans are or will be experiencing substantial loss of income because of business closures, reductions in hours, or layoffs related to COVID-19, impeding their ability to keep current on bills and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Township of Tabernacle Ordinance 4-5.3 sets forth penalties for failing to register a business; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A-2 Schedule B of the revised ordinances of Tabernacle entitled General Licensing Fees (Business Registration Fee) sets for late fees for registering a business after January 31; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A-3 Schedule C of the revised ordinances of Tabernacle entitled Animal Control Fees (Dog License Fee) set forth penalties for licensing a dog after January 31; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle does not believe it is equitable for residents and business owners to be assessed a penalty during a public health crisis and state of emergency.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle hereby amends and waives the late fee schedule for Business Registrations and Dog Licenses the year 2021 beginning January 1, 2021 and commencing on December 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Appendix A-2 Schedule B of the revised ordinances of Tabernacle entitled General Licensing Fees (Business Registration Fee) and Appendix A-3 Schedule C of the revised ordinances of Tabernacle entitled Animal Control Fees (Dog License Fee) are hereby amended as follows, “No late penalties will be assessed for one year beginning January 1, 2021 and commencing on December 31, 2021.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publications according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any fees accessed between January 31, 2021 and the effective date of this Ordinance shall be waived.

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-40
RECOGNIZING MEMBERSHIP OF
TABERNACLE FIRE COMPANY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township desires to recognize members to the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety may change throughout the year, and this recognition is intended to include all those members that have received training and qualify throughout the year, pending successful background checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the attached list of volunteers is hereby recognized to the Township of Tabernacle for a one-year ending December 31, 2021 or until further action in 2021 occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this list may be updated from time to time and the formal members of the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety shall be made available to the Township Clerk upon request. The Township Committee intends to cover all qualified members of the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety, whether named above or as they become qualified during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Township of Tabernacle to:

1) Include the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety as an additional insured under the Township’s general liability coverage for claims occurring within the Township.

2) Provide workers compensation coverage to the Tabernacle Fire Company Department of Public Safety volunteers if injured during an authorized activity.
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

Kimberly A. Brown
Mayor

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On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-41
RECOGNIZING MEMBERSHIP OF TABERNACLE RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, the Township desires to recognize members to the Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS); and

WHEREAS, the members of the TRS may change throughout the year, and this recognition is intended to include all those members that have received training and qualify throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the attached list of volunteers is hereby recognized to the Township of Tabernacle for a one-year ending December 31, 2021 or until further action in 2021 occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this list may be updated from time to time and the formal members of the TRS shall be made available to the Township Clerk upon request. The Township Committee intends to cover all qualified members of the TRS, whether named above or as they become qualified during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Township of Tabernacle to:

1) Include the TRS as an additional insured under the Township’s general liability coverage for claims occurring within the Township.

2) Provide workers compensation coverage to the TRS volunteers if injured during an authorized activity.

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

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On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-42
RECOGNIZING MEMBERS TO PINELANDS “CERT” COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

WHEREAS, the Township desires to appoint members to the Pinelands CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); and

WHEREAS, the members of the CERT may change throughout the year, and this appointment is intended to include all those members that have received training and qualify throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the attached list of volunteers is hereby appointed to the Pinelands CERT for a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2021 or until further action to make appointments for 2021 occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this list may be updated from time to time and the formal members of the CERT shall be maintained on a list by the Emergency Management Coordinator, which list shall be made available to the Township Clerk upon request. The Township Committee intends to cover all qualified members of the CERT, whether named above or as they become qualified during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Township of Tabernacle to:

1. Include the Pineland Regional Community Emergency Response Team as an additional insured under the Township’s general liability coverage for claims occurring within the Township.

2. Provide workers compensation coverage to the Township CERT volunteers if injured during an authorized activity.

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

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On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2021-43
GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020 - JUNE 2025 - GRANT YEAR FY2021 ALLIANCE TIER 1

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth, and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Burlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Tabernacle Township Committee does hereby **authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Tabernacle Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021** in the amount of:

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2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021
RESOLUTION 2021-44
SUPPORTING PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-01 OPPOSING STATE OF NEW JERSEY CUT OF PILOT PAYMENTS UNDER THE GARDEN STATE PRESERVATION TRUST ACT AFTER MUNICIPAL TAX RATES HAVE BEEN SET

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the Pinelands Municipal Council adopted Resolution 2020-01 “Opposing State of New Jersey Cut of Pilot Payments under the Garden State Preservation Trust Act After Municipal Tax Rates Have Been Set”, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle believes that the State’s action in cutting the PILOT payment under the Garden State Preservation Trust Act is unlawful; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, where the State represented to municipalities that the full PILOT would be restored after years of a one-third cut, the State has now reversed course and advised that they are again seeking to cut the funding one-third to each municipality; and

WHEREAS, in the Township, a 100% PILOT payment is approximately $173,302 and a one-third cut is a loss of $60,956; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 created unbudgeted financial hardship to our small community struggling to meet the requirements of COVID-19 to keep our residents and staff safe; and

WHEREAS, the state decision to not fund promised funding of nearly $61K has caused Tabernacle Township to cut several items from our budget including a paving project, equipment replacement and postponing staff replacement, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, these budget cuts result in reduced services to our residents during this unprecedented pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the cutting of the funding after the setting of the tax rate is contrary is unlawful and inequitable and should be reversed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby supports Pinelands Municipal Council Resolution 2020-01 and demands the State abide by the law and equity to restore the entirety of the funding promised to the municipalities through the constitutionally dedicated money.
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

Kimberly A. Brown
Mayor

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On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-45
APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK / REGISTRAR

WHEREAS, La Shawn Ruffin Barber will be retiring as of February 1, 2021, leaving the vacancy of Municipal Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, 40A:9-133 requires every municipality to appoint a Municipal Clerk and the New Jersey Code 26:8 appointment of a Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Elaine B. Kennedy is a licensed Register Municipal Clerk and a licensed Certified Municipal Registrar; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tabernacle Township Committee to appoint Elaine B. Kennedy as Municipal Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics effective February 1, 2021; and

Whereas, funds are available for payment of her salary in the 2021 Tabernacle Township Budget for $18.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Elaine B. Kennedy is hereby appointed Registered Municipal Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Community Affairs, Department of Vital Statistics and Chief Finance Officer.

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
On behalf of La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

Kimberly A. Brown
Mayor
VOTE ON ADOPTION

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle at a meeting held on January 25, 2021.

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
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PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF LA SHAWN RUFFIN BARBER

WHEREAS the Township of Tabernacle recognizes the valuable contributions La Shawn Ruffin Barber has made for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS La Shawn Ruffin Barber has served this community for 25 years with professionalism, grace, kindness, as well as a help to other staff members and especially the Governing Bodies she has served; and

WHEREAS, January 31, 1995 La Shawn was given the Oath of Office as a Secretary to the Municipal Clerk and to the Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, La Shawn Ruffin Barber was duly appointed Registered Municipal Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, and Improvement Search Officer; and

WHEREAS, La Shawn Ruffin Barber has decided to move onto the next chapter in her life; and

WHEREAS we wish to extend our deepest appreciation for La Shawn’s loyalty to the residents of Tabernacle Township and express gratitude to the Barber and Ruffin Families for their support throughout her career; and

WHEREAS La Shawn is being honored by family, friends, and members of the Township Committee for her contributions, and on this occasion, we recognize her for her public service and wish to memorialize her service to the residents of Tabernacle Township; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant professional achievements of La Shawn Ruffin Barber and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Township of Tabernacle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, we recognize La Shawn Ruffin Barber for her twenty-five years of public service to the Governing Body, her co-workers, and all the residents of Tabernacle Township.

I, Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor of the Township of Tabernacle, along with the other Members of the Township Committee, on this 25th day of January 2021, do hereby proclaim La Shawn Ruffin Barber to be an asset to our great community and wish her the best of health and happiness in her ‘retirement.’