TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
2022 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 7:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

II. FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Moore lead the Flag Salute.

III. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT
The Township Clerk, Everett Falt, read the following statement into the record: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Public Meeting through a legal notice published in the Burlington County Times on January 13, 2022 & the Courier Post, on January 18, 2022. Said notice was also posted on the Bulletin Board and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

IV. ROLL CALL
Present were Committeewoman Kimberly Brown, Committeewoman Nancy McGinnis, Committeeman Robert Sunbury, and Mayor Samuel R. Moore, III. Also present were the Clerk, Everett Falt, the Administrator, Casey English, the Solicitor, William Burns, Esq, and Doug Stuart, the Environmental Consultant.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Moore opened public comment for those in attendance. Stuart Brooks, of Moors Meadow Road, requested the Township Committee to be transparent regarding the acquisition and transition to the new municipal building. He further expressed the approach to the municipal building should not be similar to what happened with the old Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS) building/site. Mr. Stuart said that the cost of rehabbing the TRS building would be in excess of a million dollars. He further
suggested that asbestos still exists in the building that is periodically rented out to the public. He concluded his remarks asking what plans the Township has for being transparent.

Fran Brooks, of Moors Meadow Road, asked when the Township would begin video streaming the meetings. She also asked why the second public comment was removed from the 2022 agenda. She concluded her remarks requesting more transparency. Mayor Moore asked if there were any additional individuals with public comment. With no one coming forward, Mayor Moore closed the public comment.

VI. COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

- Enduro Riders Event

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the transfer of a fee accepted for a parade permit from 2020 to 2022. Mayor Moore stated he needed a motion and a second before discussion. Mrs. Brown offered a motion to approve transferring fees, with Mrs. McGinnis seconding. The Township Solicitor stated they needed the motion because they were transferring the fee from one-year to another. Having concluded the discussion Mayor Moore asked for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

- Fire Department

The Tabernacle Fire Department gave a presentation for new fire apparatuses. Mr. John Gajderowicz, of the Fire Department, presented with a power point of their current equipment, updating the Township Committee on all the equipment’s present statuses and costs for annual maintenance. The Fire Department made the following recommendations: Place Engine 4321 in reserve, place Engine 4312 at the Emergency Service Building (ESB) near the center of town, purchase a pumper tender truck ($911,000), from the Galveston-Houston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing program, purchase a quint (price unknown), and refurbish tender 4316. Additionally, they
suggested they could sell two trucks, 4317 and 4319, to be replaced with a single new utility truck. Mayor Moore asked his colleagues how they felt about procuring new equipment. Committeewoman McGinnis commended the Fire Department on their presentation as it was diligent and thorough. Mr. Gajderowicz reiterated the price for the tender truck was $911,000. Mayor Moore asked the CFO what the process is moving forward. Mr. Haines informed the Township Committee they would have to adopt a bond ordinance to bond for the equipment. Mr. Haines reiterated that we could look into Houston-Galveston Cooperative or we would have to go to bid. He further informed that we would need five (5) percent down payment to bond. The CFO did clarify that we did have funding in the capital improvement fund for the down payment. The majority of the committee agreed the presentation was thorough and that the request was reasonable. Mayor Moore asked the solicitor if a vote was needed. Mr. Burns stated they would just need to direct the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Rodney Haines, and the Bond Counsel, Parker-McKay, to start preparing to finance the project. Mr. Burns recommended that the CFO contact Park McCay about the bond ordinance.

- Municipal Building Update

Tom Boyd, the Construction/Code Enforcement official informed the Township Committee that electric and plumbing had been connected in the new trailers. He further indicated that the IT service vendor and Comcast are working on installing phone and internet. The Administrator informed the Township Committee that she recommended looking to acquire land for a new municipal building. She informed that it would cost in excess of three million dollars to rehabilitate the current municipal building. Mr. Boyd indicated a feasibility study would be needed, to assess a new municipal building requirement, which would cost about $25,000. Mrs. McGinnis agreed a new building would be financially more prudent. Mrs. Brown also suggested we should winterize the old rescue squad building, as has Mrs. McGinnes in the past, as the energy cost reduction would be significant. Mrs. Brown concluded her remarks indicating that the Township would need to determine the “wants versus the needs” of a new building. The CFO requested a range of the cost of the new building
because he would need to budget the down payment to bond the new municipal building in the 2022 budget. The Committee also expressed the support for a new municipal building.

- Township Properties for Discussion

Mr. Boyd agreed with winterizing the old Rescue Building. Mayor Moore agreed with winterizing both the old rescue building and the administration building when it is vacated. Mrs. McGinnis indicated she thought we should sell the old rescue building now. Mr. Sunbury agreed we should winterize both buildings and go to auction for the old rescue squad building. Mr. Burns informed the committee on the process for going to auction for municipal property. He further suggested the Township Administrator get an appraisal on the property. Committeewoman Brown asked the Administrator to look into the appraisal that we had received a couple years back. Mrs. McGinnis motioned to authorize the appointed professionals (engineer, attorney, administrator, etc.) to prepare the building (the old Tabernacle Rescue Squad) to comply with 40A:12-13, with Mr. Sunbury seconding. Mayor Moore requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

Mrs. Brown asked if we had a list of all the Township properties that we could also prepare to auction-off. The Administrator indicated she would have the list of properties for the next workshop meeting.

VII. REPORTS

VIII.  a) Engineer

The Township Engineer was not present at the meeting.

b) Administrator

The Administrator had nothing to report.

c) Township Solicitor
The Township Solicitor had nothing to report.

d) Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Mr. John Harbourt, the new OEM coordinator, informed on the state of emergency from the previous winter storm. Mr. Harbourt praised the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their work on the storm. Mr. Harbourt also indicated they were able to provide N95 masks to the school. He concluded his report with statistics on COVID19.

e) CMFO

The CFO had nothing to report.

f) Township Committee

Mrs. McGinnis praised the DPW for their work on the snow storm. Mr. Sunbury also commended the DPW on always delivering for the Township. He indicated that the roads were cleared throughout the snow event. Mayor Moore thanked the new OEM Coordinator for his report and also thanked Public Works. Mayor Moore closed the reports.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (RESOLUTION 2022-46)

RESOLUTION 2022-46 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Township Clerk read the following:
"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 exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss matters involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting, specifically to discuss:

The qualifications of applicants/candidates whose names have been provided for appointment to the Township Committee to fill the vacancy on Township Committee and personnel matters related to specific public employees. None of the prospective public officers or employees or current public officers or employees employed or appointed by the public body have indicated that they desire to have the matter discussed in public."
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.”

The Attorney asked for clarity on who requested the discussion in public. Mayor Moore indicated the initial discussion was on the annual appointments of the municipal employees. Mayor Moore stated his desire to appoint a sub-committee on personnel to evaluate all of the annual appointments and the actual job descriptions. The Mayor indicated he did not believe they needed any additional discussion on the annual appointment at this time. Mr. Burns reiterated the only person that would be talked about in the executive session would be a township volunteer. Mayor Moore requested that Committeeman Sunbury and Committeewoman McGinnis be on the subcommittee to work with the Administrator.

Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-47 Annual Appointments, with Mrs. McGinnis seconding. The Mayor requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

Resolution 2022-46 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Committeewoman Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-46, with Mrs. McGinnis seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

X. RECONVENE TO WORKSHOP

Mayor Moore reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 10:12PM.
Committeewoman Brown made a motion to appoint Mark Hartman to the vacant seat on the Township Committee, with Mr. Sunbury seconding. Mayor Moore called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

Mayor Moore informed that the Town Solicitor would be moving to a new law firm Kalavruzo, Mumola, Hartman, Lento, & Duff, LLC. Mayor Moore made a motion to retain Mr. Burns as Township Solicitor with the new law firm, with Mrs. Brown seconding the motion. Mayor Moore requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, MCGINNIS, HARTMAN, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

XI.  ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Moore requested adjournment through a voice vote. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett Falt, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk