TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AT 7:30PM

I.  CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Samuel R. Moore, III, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Mayor Moore lead the Flag Salute.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Everett Falt, the Township Clerk, 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.”

III. ROLL CALL

Present were Committeewoman Kimberly Brown, Committeeman Mark Hartman,
Committeewoman Nancy McGinnis, Committeeman Robert Sunbury, and Mayor Samuel R. Moore, III. Also present were Everett Falt, the Clerk, Casey English, the Administrator,
Williams Burns, Esquire, the Solicitor, Rodney Haines, the Chief Financial Officer, Thomas Leisse, of Pennoni Engineering, and George Jackson of the Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Moore opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Stuart Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, came forward. Mr. Stuart asked for an update from the Engineer on the Carranza Road paving project. He further requested insight as
to what the policy would be regarding posting the agenda and the fire apparatus report that was presented at the previous Township Committee meeting. Mr. Brooks requested that the Fire Apparatus report that was discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Brooks again requested clarification on responding to public comment. Mr. Brooks concluded his remarks regarding Rudolph “Rudy” Saldan, a long-time volunteer of the Fire Department, be mentioned as he recently passed away.

Fran Brooks, of Moore’s Meadow, came forward. Mrs. Brooks also requested to know what the process was for posting the agenda and bill lists. She concluded her remarks stating she would like more accountability of Township employees by the Administration. Mayor Moore asked if there was any additional public comment. With no one coming forward, Mayor Moore closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

V. MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 2022 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2022 EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2022 WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2022 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Moore asked if anyone wanted any of the draft minutes pulled for a separate vote, otherwise they would be voted on in block. With no committeeperson expressing the need to vote on the minutes individually, Mayor Moore requested a motion to approve all sets of the draft minutes. Mrs. Brown made a motion to approval all the minutes, with Mr. Sunbury seconding the motion to approval all of the minutes. Mayor Moore requested a Roll Call Vote from the Township Clerk.
Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE  
ABSTAIN  HARTMAN  
NAY  NONE  

With three ayes, one abstention, and no nays, the motion carried.  

VI.  BILLS  

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 BILLS LIST  

Mayor Moore asked if there was a motion to approve the Bills List. Mrs. McGinnis offered a motion, with Mr. Sunbury seconding the motion. Mayor Moore asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Sunbury asked for clarification on some of the bills provided for the new trailers. He expressed concerns with the high cost. The Administrator informed that they had requested several quotes and the pricing they got was the most advantageous they could find due to supply chain matters and requesting vendors to submit quotes. The Township Solicitor added that the prevailing wage impacts cost significantly. Mr. Sunbury thanked the Administrator and Solicitor for clarification. Mayor Moore requested a Roll Call Vote on the bills list.  

Roll Call Vote AYE  BROWN, HARTMAN, MCGINNIS, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE  
NAY  NONE  

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.  

VII.  NEW BUSINESS (FIRST EADING) – ORDINANCE(S)  

ORDINANCE 2022-02  BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN FIRE APPARATUS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $950,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $902,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mayor Moore requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-02. Mrs. McGinnis offered a motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-02, with Mr. Hartman seconding. Mayor Moore requested a roll call vote.

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

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried. A public hearing was scheduled for the March 28, 2022 Regular Township Committee Meeting.

VIII.  OLD BUSINESS (SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING) – ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE 2022-01  AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE APPENDIX A-3 SCHEDULE C OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED ANIMAL CONTROL FEES DOG LICENSE FEE

Mayor Moore requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2022-01. Mrs. Brown moved to open the public hearing, with Mrs. McGinnis seconding. Mayor Moore requested a Roll Call to open the public comment.

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

NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the public hearing was open to the public. Mr. Sunbury reiterated waiving the Township was waiving the late fees due to the supply chain shortage of the rabies vaccine. He indicated if a resident has a dog that had a three-year vaccine, they could license their pet. Mayor Moore requested if there was anyone else who wish to come forward or had any questions. Being that no one came forward, Mayor Moore requested a motion and a second to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-01. Mrs. Brown offered a motion, with Mr. Hartman seconding said motion. Mayor Moore requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY   NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-01 was closed.

Mayor Moore requested a motion for final adoption on Ordinance 2022-01. Mr. Hartman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-01, with Mrs. Brown seconding. The Mayor requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY   NONE

With all ayes and no nays, Ordinance 2022-01 was adopted.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA:

(Consent agenda. Items listed on the agenda which are considered routine by the Committee shall be placed under a subheading entitled "Consent Agenda." Prior to voting upon any item on the consent agenda, the Mayor or presiding officer shall open the meeting to the public and the Committee to entertain requests for removal from the consent agenda. There shall be no separate discussion of items on the consent agenda unless a Committee person so requests, in which event the item shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the
agenda. Those items which appear on the consent agenda are not required to be read at the public meeting in their entirety but may be read by description only. Those items so approved under the consent agenda shall appear in the Committee minutes in their complete and proper form.)

RESOLUTION 2022-49  AUTHORIZE REFUND DUE TO PRIOR OWNER PAYING Q1 2022 IN ERROR

RESOLUTION 2022-50  AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DEVELOPER’S ESCROW ACCOUNT BALANCES

RESOLUTION 2022-51  MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Mayor Moore asked if any Committee person wished to pull anything from the Consent Agenda. With no one expressing so, Mayor Moore requested a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Brown moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, with Mr. Hartman seconding. Mayor Moore requested a roll call vote.

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

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

X.  RESOLUTIONS

XI.  REPORTS

A)  ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. English reported that she had requested several quotes regarding winterizing the Community Center (TRS building). She reported that there was progress on moving staff over to the new trailers, as a couple employees were already situated, as the electric and plumbing were hooked up. She stated that there was an issue that was being resolved with Comcast and the phone system.
She indicated she was in preliminary discussion with property owners about potential locations for a new municipal complex. She concluded her report indicating she had a list of properties for auction and a tax lien for discussion at the March 14, 2022 Workshop Township Committee Meeting. She added that a report will be provided at the next workshop committee meeting on March 14, 2022. She concluded her report informing that the old sequoia building went to settlement on February 24, 2022. Their anticipated move in date is March 14, 2022.

B) CMFO

Rody Haines wanted to clarify that the introduction of the Bond Ordinance, 2022-02, does not mean the procurement of a new fire apparatus is a done deal. He said there would be a public hearing on the bond ordinance for the new fire apparatus. Mr. Haines indicated there had to be budget discussions as well before anything is finalized.

C) C) ENGINEER

Thomas Leisse, of Pennoni Engineering, informed they had approved several road opening permits for the South Jersey Gas Industries. He indicated that he had received the agreements for the 2019 Drainage Project and they were in the process of being executed. He also indicated he was in the process of schedule pre-construction meeting for said project. Mr. Leisse stated he reached out to Arawak to go over the project’s status. Mr. Leisse stated he is waiting on Shore Top Construction to return the agreements.

D) FIRE DEPARTMENT

There was no report delivered by Fire Department

E) OEM

John Harbout, the OEM Coordinator, updated the Township Committee on COVID19 which was continued to trend down. Mr. Harbout informed that he has the intention of reaching
out to the Enduro Bike race. He believes the event will be larger because it has been several years since it has been held. He also submitted a request to the County OEM for two UTV four-person Polaris, and two-person Polaris all-terrain vehicles to be dropped off before the event. Mr. Harbourt was going to establish patient collection reports. He concluded his report that he would have one final report on the Enduro event at the March 14 Workshop Committee meeting.

F) SOLICITOR

Mr. Burns stated there was a technical problem with uploading the agenda. He assured those in attendance there would not be a repeat of the issue as the Administrator and the Clerk assured him. He concluded about a lawsuit that was recently filed against the Township and that he would provide update in the near future.

G) TABERNACLE RESCUE SQUAD

George Jackson, III, reported on the TRS for 2021. He informed that TRS began to cover Shamong Township in March of 2021: 1,584 dispatches (of which there were 950 from the prior year), 73 fires, 194 motor vehicles accidents, 574 medical emergencies, 15 overdoses, 115 respiratory issues, 24 cardiac/respiratory arrests, 124 “cardiacs”, 77 unconscious, 21 traumas, 37 strokes, 33 standbys, 19 rehabs, 292 falls, and 18,292 volunteer hours with an average response time was 5 minutes. (Additional figures will be provided in the final draft of the minutes which will be in the next meeting packet).

G) TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MAN ROBERT SUNBURY

Mr. Sunbury had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE WOMAN NANCY MCGINNIS
Mrs. McGinnis thanked all of the volunteers for all their hard work. She also sent her condolences to Rudy Saldan. She had nothing more to add.

**COMMITTEEWOMAN BROWN**

Mrs. Brown echoed Mrs. McGinnis in thanking Rudy Saldan and his family for all that they have sacrifice for the Township of Tabernacle.

**COMMITTEE MAN MARK HARTMAN**

Mr. Hartman also thanked Rudy Saldan for his service at the Fire Department and a life time of commitment to the Township. Mr. Hartman made a motion to reduce the Public Comment to two minutes. He clarified that he listened to the meeting recordings from the last few meetings and he thought that three minutes was a bit gratuitous. He thought that two minutes would be an adequate, even ideal, amount of time to concisely express comments and questions. Mayor Moore clarified that he was in fact making a formal motion. Mr. Hartman confirmed he was. Mayor Moore asked if there was a second. Mr. Sunbury offered a second. The Deputy Mayor asked the Solicitor if they could in fact reduce the time. Mr. Burns confirmed that he did believe it complied with the Open Public Meetings Acts (OPMA) in fact gave the Township Committee the authority to set the guidelines for Public Comment. Mr. Burns suggested they could vote on it pending the legal review, if there was a conflict it would revert back to the three minutes. Mayor Moore expressed they could vote on it because there was already a motion and second. Mayor Moore requested a Roll Call Vote on the motion to reduce the public comment to two minutes pending the legal review of the OPMA.

Roll Call Vote **AYE**  HARTMAN, SUNBURY, MAYOR MOORE  
ABSTAIN  BROWN  
NAY  MCGINNIS
With three (3) ayes, one abstention, and one nay, the motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if Mr. Hartman anything more for Township Committee reports. Mr. Hartman declined.

MAYOR MOORE

Mayor Moore requested a motion to appoint James Ebersberger

Mr. Hartman offered a motion with Mr. Sunbury seconding Mr. Ebersberger’s appointment to the Land Development Board.

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

NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

Mayor Moore also expressed sadness in the passing of Ruby Saldan, as he served with him for years while he was with the fire service. With that said, Mayor Moore requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burns informed the mayor that he was able to confirm that OPMA did allow the Township Committee to set the parameters for the Public Comment which means the motion that was previously adopted was compliant with the statute and permissible under OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act).

Mayor Moore again requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hartman offered a motion to adjourn, with Mrs. Brown seconding. Mayor requested a voice vote on adjournment, in which all present voted in favor.

XII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,