ROLL CALL
Present:
Mr. Barton
Mr. Moore
Mr. Sunbury

Absent:
Mayor Brown Ms. McGinnis (left at 9:26 p.m.)

RESOLUTION - CS 03 082021

Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution CS 03 082021, seconded by Mr. Barton, and unanimously carried. The Committee, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Burns, and Municipal Clerk entered executive session at 9:28 p.m.

Mr. Burns discussed the litigation with the Brooks’. The matter has been appealed to the Appellate Division. Judge Sap Peterson had concerns with one. Fran Brooks wanted to amend the appeal. Mr. Luers said they will appeal the entire decision. Mr. Burns felt the Appellate Division should decide the entire thing. If the Township is successful, Ms. Brooks can appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. Burns is confident in the Township’s division. It is difficult to recoup the attorney fees. Judge Jacobson found the e-mails were not in violation of the OPMA. Mr. Sunbury was in agreement with not agreeing to any remand.

Mr. Burns advised that Ms. McGinnis asked the Deputy Clerk to have Mr. Burns call her. She had written questions. Agendas are set forth by Resolution 2021-20. The agenda is set by the Mayor, Administrator, and Clerk. The Committee is free to bring up items during the Committee report. If there is no second to a motion, it is a dead issue and there is no more discussion. It cannot be brought back up by that individual.

Individuals do not add to the agenda; however, it can be a motion at the beginning of the meeting to amend the agenda.

Individual employees should not be asked something from a Committee member. It should go through the Administrator and/or Municipal Clerk. It is not one person getting answers, all Committee members should be advised of the answer. Mr. Cramer advised that if someone wanted to discuss an issue with a department head, they should go through him.

Mr. Burns advised that OPRA records are records that exist; they are not created. Mr. Burns advised they should not go around the horn; it has the potential to run afoul of OPMA. The Committee needs to act as a committee. The workshops are perfect for asking for information. Mr. Sunbury asked if someone can ask for a record that doesn’t exist, this should be discussed with the Committee. The Administrator does the work that the governing body as a whole.

Mr. Burns advised that Roberts Rules are adopted at reorganization. This was another question of Ms. McGinnis.

There were other issues Ms. McGinnis brought up. Mr. Burns will discuss ethics act at another time and send information to them.
Mr. Barton advised that Mr. Burns addressed all information and the Committee should have read the OPMA and OPRA. Mr. Cramer was taken advantage of in the past. If Ms. McGinnis has issues, she can bring it to the Governing Body as a whole.

Mr. Sunbury was against putting all this in writing to Ms. McGinnis. She could have stayed.

The Committee thanked Mr. Burns for his expertise and explanation on these matters.

RECONVENE TO WORKSHOP MEETING

Deputy Mayor Moore reconvened to workshop at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

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