TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30pm followed by the Flag Salute.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

The Clerk read the Open Public Meetings statement into the record.

III. ROLL CALL

Committee members:
Mark Hartman, Committeeman
Nancy McGinnis, Committeewoman
Robert Sunbury, Committeeman
Samuel R. Moore, III, Mayor
Kimberly Brown, Deputy Mayor - Absent

Administrative Team and Professionals:
Ms. Maryalice Brown, Township Administrator
Mr. Everett Falt, Township Clerk
Mr. Rodney Haines, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. William Burns, Esq., Township Solicitor
Mr. John Harbourt, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Moore invited any attendee to come forward to make public comment.

Mr. Stuart Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, questioned which functions of the Township will be relocating to the new location and when. He also asked for information regarding the current Town Hall building.

Mr. Jack McCausland, 17 Pemberton Road, of the Pineland Preservation, asked if the Township had continued interest in the proposed Rain Garden to be installed at Picketts Mill Park. He further inquired for contact information for the new administrator.

Mrs. Fran Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, came forward to question the costs associated with the mobile offices installed for the new, temporary Town Hall. She commented on the progress made for the repaving of Carranza Road, Phase II, and stormwater flooding issues on said road.

Without further comments, Mayor Moore closed Public Comment at 7:41pm.
V. MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, the following minutes were approved:

March 14 Workshop Committee Meeting
March 28 Regular Committee Meeting
April 4 Special Township Committee Meeting
April 11 Workshop Township Committee Meeting

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

VI. BILLS

On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the bills were ordered paid. Mayor Moore opened the motion to Committee discussion, where Mrs. McGinnis questioned the cost for heating the old Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS) Building.

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

VII. ORDINANCES

On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Hartman, Ordinance 2022-03 was offered for first reading and introduction.

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

On a motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Ordinance 2022-04 was offered for first reading and introduction.

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Resolution 2022-66 was offered for adoption.

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions listed on this Meeting’s Agenda, as such no action was taken at this time.

X. PROCLAMATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Moore read a Proclamation for the Tabernacle Court Administrator, Ms. Margaret Guerina, who is retiring this month. The Committee expressed their gratitude and well wishes for Ms. Guerina during this new chapter of her life.
XI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss, as such no action was taken at this time.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss, as such no action was taken at this time.

XIII. REPORTS

Mayor Moore called forward Township Officers and Professionals to come forward should they have any reports for the Committee’s consideration.

Administrator Brown, read into the record a letter received from a resident expressing her appreciation for the Department of Public Works (DPW) employees’ dedication and service excellence. Ms. Brown furthered this by expressing her own appreciation for the DPW, as they have been an asset in facilitating a successful move into the mobile offices, which Ms. Brown reported is expected to be finalized no later than May 9th. The Administrator also reported on Committee woman McGinnis’ prior request to line major roads in Tabernacle with American Flags. Although some of the roads identified by Mrs. McGinnis were not plausible, Ms. Brown confirmed American Flags can be placed along the municipal parking lot and offered that they may be able to hang flags from utility and light poles at Town Hall. Lastly addressed was a memorandum received from Land Development Board (LDB) regarding the Master Plan.

CMFO Haines clarified the payment for the new fire truck would only be a deposit, not a full payment, to ensure financial responsibility.

Mr. John Harbourt advised the Committee he participated in County training and is working on the plan for the Memorial Day Parade, as well as had contact with residents concerning quality issues on Oakshade Road.

Solicitor Burns addressed the due diligence with regards to 144 Carranza Road. He advised the Committee of an upcoming appellate case, to be held on May 31st. He commented on the Executive Session slated for later this meeting—clarifying the resolution to reflect pending employment of employee 1097.

XIV. POLLING OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartman thanked the Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS) for their hard work and dedication.

Mrs. McGinnis requested an update on the amending of the current sign ordinance and the beautification of Tabernacle. Mrs. McGinnis also opened the discussion for the possibility of returning
to in person meetings, which was tabled for revisitation at a later date. Lastly, Committeewoman McGinnis asked for clarification regarding the chain of command when needing to converse with Township employees.

Mr. Sunbury motioned for walk on Resolution 2022-67 authorizing Tabernacle to hire Mr. William Burns. Esq. as the Public Information Officer (PIO). Committeeman Hartman seconded. **Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: McGinnis**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

Mayor Moore suggested to change the start time of all future Township Meetings from 7:30pm to 6:30pm. After Committee discussion, Mr. Sunbury moved this suggestion by walk-on Resolution 2022-67, seconded by Mr. Hartman. **Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: 0**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Clerk read Resolution 2022-68, for the authorization to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and employment matters regarding employee 1097. Mr. Sunbury offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman. Executive Session began at 8:22pm. **Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: 0**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

At 9:17pm, Committee members returned with Mr. Hartman offering a motion to reopen the Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. **Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: 0**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

Upon the reconvening of the Public Meeting, Resolution 2022-69 was approved to accept the resignation of employee 1097 and ratify said employee’s separation agreement. Mr. Hartman moved to approve Resolution 2022-69, with Mr. Sunbury seconding. **Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: McGinnis**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

The Administrator advised the Committee of a proposal from the Township Engineer, Pennoni Associates, for the wetlands survey of 144 Carranza Road in the amount of $29,052. Mr. Hartman moved to approve the proposal and authorize Pennoni to continue with the wetlands survey, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. **Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: 0**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**

The Mayor questioned if the Township Administrator should be the back-up PIO. The Township Solicitor voiced his approval of appointing a back-up Officer. As such, Mr. Hartman made a motion to appoint Ms. Maryalice Brown as back-up PIO, Mr. Sunbury seconded. **Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore**  **Nays: McGinnis**  **Absent: 1**  **Motion Carried.**
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sunbury and seconded by Mr. Hartman. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

Ayes: Hartman, McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett Falt, RMC/CMR  Township Clerk

APPROVED: JUNE 6, 2022