

**TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Flag Salute (silently).

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

“The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2021-22, has been transmitted to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post and posted on the Bulletin Board in Town Hall, on January 4, 2021. It is on file with the Municipal Clerk and has been given to those who have requested and paying for same.”
Read by the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL – PRESENT

Joseph W. Barton, Committee Member
Nancy K. McGinnis, Committee Member
Samuel R. Moore, III, Deputy Mayor
Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Committee Member

Absent:

Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM – PRESENT

Douglas A. Cramer, Township Administrator/CPWM
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer
Rodney R. Haines, Township CMFO
William Burns, Esquire, Township Solicitor
Deputy Chief John Gajderowicz
Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT *(Agenda items only)*

Mark LeMire, 32 Washington Way, stated he will bring it up at the regular public comment time Memorial Day Parade.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the fire company’s ten-year plan. He wanted to know the process to be followed i.e. if this is information or is the Committee going to comment on it.

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Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, asked if Mr. Sunbury and Mayor Brown are present. Mrs. Brooks wanted to know if Mr. Guzzi could update them on the Carranza Road discussion with the County.

Deputy Mayor Moore closed public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FIRE COMPANY TEN-YEAR PLAN

- Chief Zane presented the ten-year plan as a slide show, along with Deputy Chief John Gajderowicz. It outlined what is in the present, what needs to be purchased, training, physicals, future needs, grants.
- Mr. Barton asked if the Administrator reviewed it, to which Chief Zane responded he had. Mr. Barton thanked them for the presentation; it did not have a budget and looks like a lot of capital. Deputy Chief Gajderowicz advised that prices change, and they are looking at the future. Mr. Barton asked if there was mutual aid, to which they responded it was a three-year average. Mr. Barton wanted to see the statistics. Chief Zane explained it is 40% in Tabernacle, with 60% outside. Mr. Barton questioned the payroll, to which Chief Zane said they would use Prime Point as the Township does. Mr. Barton asked if there is drug, alcohol, and cannabis testing. Chief Zane explained they will follow the Township requirements.
- Ms. McGinnis had no questions.
- Mr. Sunbury asked if the members on 432 are putting in applications, to which Chief Zane explained it is vetted through the township and the training is still the same as the fire company. Mr. Sunbury thanked the fire company for the presentation.
- Mr. Cramer thanked the Chief and Deputy Chief. He is working with them and our CMFO.
- Deputy Mayor Moore stated they did a tremendous job to get this plan out to the Committee and the residents. He thanked them very much.

2021 BUDGET

- Mr. Haines reported that at the next meeting they will introduce the budget with zero tax rate increase. The stimulus money of \$600,000 plus which Tabernacle is supposed to receive can only be utilized for certain items; however, they still have not advised completely how it can be spent. The cap is for water and sewer and broad band. This still must be put in the Federal Register for comments.
- Mr. Sunbury had no questions.
- Ms. McGinnis thanked Mr. Haines for putting a budget together with no tax increase.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, thanked the Chiefs for the TRS and fire company for the quarterly reports of the last meeting. Mr. Brooks said they were statistics only and hard to follow.

- Mr. Brooks asked the percentage of Tabernacle residents in the fire company. He questioned why the fire company would not want to use the school's water supply. Mr. Brooks suggested using the stimulus money for a well for the fire company.

- Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, was glad to see the posting of the closed session minutes. Mrs. Brooks hoped in the future the minutes would go up on the website. Mrs. Brooks thought the presentation was very good; however, she wanted to know if the grant writer would be paid or be one of the fire company members.

- Mr. LeMire, Washington Way, thanked the fire company for the presentation, looking into the future. Mr. LeMire advised that there is no Memorial Day parade; however, the VFW will present a wreath and he would appreciate a wreath from the Township Committee, inviting them to the ceremony. Deputy Mayor Moore advised Mr. LeMire the wreath had already been ordered. Mr. LeMire advised they would be doing a parade like last year for the 4th of July.

Being no further comment, Deputy Mayor Moore closed public comment.

REPORTS

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Guzzi reported that they reached out to the County for repair or replacement of the guard rails along Carranza Road. He has resubmitted the revised plans to DOT and is awaiting approval.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Cramer reported that Public Works worked this past week redoing all the mulch at Patty Bowker and refreshed it at Pricketts Mill. The playgrounds are sanitized every day.

Mr. Barton brought up Irick's Causeway, wanted to move forward. They could either close it or improve it, which would be costly. Mr. Burns advised he will work with the Administrator as to what the Committee wants to do. Mr. Sunbury suggested putting this on the agenda at the next workshop, with everyone in agreement.

Mr. Cramer asked Mr. Burns to explain about the liquor license for the Tabernacle Inn. Mr. Burns advised the Committee there are several options. They can just renew it, if they reject it, they will lose the liquor license for the town as there are 7000 residents and the liquor license is based on population with one for every 3000 residents. Right now, it is grandfathered in. The Township could condemn the building; however, if the Township were to resell the property, there would be a problem due to the condemnation. The license would revert to the State. Mr.

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Barton felt Mr. Burns' explanation, puts the Township in a corner and they will renew hoping it will get sold, with everyone agreeing.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Burns reported he contacted the attorney for the business that wanted the signage; however, the attorney was unaware of it. Ms. McGinnis asked what sign and where, to which Mr. Burns responded it is the Murphy's Market sign. The attorney for the owner was unaware of any signage issue.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Sunbury reported that the Covid positive rate is down. He gave the statistics and mentioned the Mega sight has no lines and encouraged everyone to get their shots. Mr. Sunbury advised the Committee that he appoints a deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and would like to appoint Timothy Bush.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Haines had nothing to report.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Barton had forwarded two ordinances from Brigantine concerning Cannabis. Mr. Burns advised that he recirculate an ordinance to the committee.

Ms. McGinnis asked the status on hiring a Township Clerk. Mr. Cramer advised her it was readvertised. Ms. McGinnis wanted to know if the Committee was part of the interview process. Mr. Cramer advised her the Mayor and Administrator make a recommendation to the Committee. Ms. McGinnis thought the informational booklet was good.

Mr. Sunbury added they do not want cannabis. He thanked the fire company for their presentation.

Mr. Moore thanked the chief and deputy chief for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy

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Municipal Clerk