CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 6, 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:

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

Absent:
Joseph W. Barton, Committee Member
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
Thomas Boyd, Construction Official
Kimberly Smith, CTA/QPA
Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, stated that as of 3:00 p.m. today Resolution 2021-77 was not available to the public. He stated that it is a write off for Shamong concerning the rescue shared service, but costing Tabernacle. Mr. Brooks wanted to know how much money the township is getting from Shamong. Over the past years, Shamong has budgeted $35,000 annually. He felt that Shamong is getting a free ride.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, asked if Mr. Guzzi would update everyone on Burlington County’s involvement on Carranza Road concerning the guide rails. Ms. Brooks stated there is no balanced billing in Shamong; whereas, Tabernacle does have balanced billing, according to
their financial statement. Tabernacle is paying for balanced billing. Ms. Brooks said that Tabernacle is paying the full costs. She felt that Shamong should also pay on the $4 million bond.

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

**RESOLUTION 2021-73 - CHANGE ORDER #2 OAK SHADE ROAD**

**MOTION** – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-73, seconded by Ms. McGinnis. Mr. Guzzi explained the change order being a reduction.
Ayes –McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – None. Absent – Barton, Brown. **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2021-74 - RENEWAL ABC LICENSE – LEISURE TIME t/a TABERNACLE INN**

Mr. Burns advised that more voted for it than against it; however, there is not a majority of the Governing Body.
**MOTION** – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to table Resolution 2021-74, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Ayes – McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore. Nays – None. Absent – Barton, Brown. **Motion carried.**
The resolution will be voted on at the next meeting when there will be the entire governing body.

**RESOLUTION 2021-75 – RENEWAL ABC LICENSE – WWJR, LLC t/a ONE MORE BAR & GRILL**

**MOTION** – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-75, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.
(At this time, the Clerk advised that Mr. Barton is on the meeting; however, he is muted for some reason. He does not show up as attendee or staff. The Clerk resent Mr. Barton the link). Mr. Burns advised there is a quorum available; however, it is up to the Committee to continue. The Committee agreed to continue the meeting.
Ayes –McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore. Nays – None. Absent – Barton, Brown. **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2021-76 – APPOINTMENT DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR – REBECCA CALP**

**MOTION** –Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-76, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Mr. Cramer advised it was duly advertised and an interview was conducted with the County Court system.
Ayes –McGinnis, Sunbury, Moore. Nays – None. Absent – Barton, Brown. **Motion carried.**
RESOLUTION 2021-77 – SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SHAMONG FOR RESCUE SQUAD INSURANCE

MOTION – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-77, seconded by Ms. McGinnis. Mr. Cramer reported this has been worked out with the JIF. This appears to be a one-year agreement. Each January it should be addressed. Mr. Burns concurred that it should be a yearly contract. Mr. Sunbury advised this is only the insurance agreement.  
MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to amend his motion to include it will be a yearly agreement, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.  

DISCUSSION ITEMS
(At this time, 8:11 p.m. Mr. Barton was able to enter the meeting)  
a. Atlantic City Electric Presentation –Mr. Barton advised he has been on the meeting the entire time; however, he was muted. Mr. Barton advised there is a new representative from Atlantic City Electric representing Tabernacle. They were invited; however, they were not in attendance. Mr. Barton explained the brochure the Committee received.  
b. Municipal Property – Mr. Cramer advised that he, Mr. Boyd (Construction Official), our engineer, architect, and environmental consultant have reviewed municipal buildings to come up with a facilities-use plan. They looked at expansion of the municipal building. They discussed the expansion of the sewer from the school. The Board of Education said they did not want to expand the system at this time. Mr. Cramer talked of the sale of the old intermediate school to maybe utilize it.  
Mr. Boyd gave an overview of the conditions of the municipally owned buildings. Mr. Boyd felt it was not feasible to move all the offices to another location if the existing buildings can be brought up to code. The Annex building has no additional room to store their records. The office space has three offices, plus the plans which need to be kept. The basement gets water. He suggested having a structural engineer look into this. This could be moved to the old community center. The public works garage needs the doors replaced, including the garage doors. The fire house needs a generator for electric, heat, air during a natural disaster. The EMS building is in very good shape. The fire company’s old building could be used for training for the fire company. Mr. Cramer advised the old EMS building needs a new roof and removal any asbestos. It could be used for records of the construction office, assessor, etc. It could also be used as a community center again. Prices for repair of the various buildings are difficult to obtain. The site at Forked Neck Road is low priority. There are, also, other lots owned by the Township. Mr. Sunbury suggested getting rid of some of the records stored and scan others. Mr. Cramer advised they must file with the state. Portions of records must be kept. Mr. Sunbury felt this is a big project for the Committee to tackle. They need a strategic plan. Deputy Mayor Moore asked if Tuckerton Road was a good option, to which Mr. Cramer advised there is room to expand there. Deputy Mayor Moore suggested selling the smaller lots. Mr. Cramer advised they would have to be appraised. If they are undersized with no improvements, it could be offered to the neighbors. Ms. McGinnis asked if they could subdivide the landfill, to which Mr. Cramer advised this would have to go through DEP. Ms. McGinnis thought to sell the lots now while the market is up. Mr. Barton advised he respects our Construction Official
Mr. Boyd. He suggested moving Public Works out of town as the equipment is now out in the open. Mr. Barton brought up the idea of shared services for public works. After much discussion, the Committee was in favor of having a structural integrity report completed for town hall, the annex building, and public works. Mr. Cramer asked if he should go forward with getting prices to repair the old EMS building.

Mr. Barton suggested the Township Committee and Land Development Board move their meetings to the EMS building. Mr. Barton felt the Committee should resume in-person meetings. Ms. McGinnis agreed. Mr. Moore thought they should wait until next year to resume the in-person meetings. Mr. Sunbury advised there are some people comfortable meeting in person possibly in September. Mr. Barton again suggested in-person meetings at the EMS building. Ms. McGinnis suggested July. Mr. Cramer said he will have to set up simulcasting, recording, etc.

c. Irick’s Causeway – Mr. Cramer reported there are three options, taking away what has been put in the way by one of the residents and going to court, close it down, or widening it for possible paving it in the future. Mr. Sunbury asked if the Township could grade it. Mr. Cramer advised that one resident felt it was his property. They would probably go to court. Deputy Mayor Moore asked for Mr. Burns to give his opinion. Mr. Burns advised them it would be up to the Committee. It is a township owned road; however, if they improve the road, the resident who believes it is his property could take the Township to court. They can vacate the road. Deputy Mayor Moore asked the cost to repave the road. Mr. Cramer advised them he has the equipment; however, it will take the manpower. Mr. Guzzi agreed with Mr. Cramer and the Township would have to get approval from Pinelands if they make it a two-lane road; even a stoned road would have a problem with stormwater management. It would cost quite a bit. Mr. Barton felt that they should establish the Township’s ownership. If it does get improved, it will be very costly. Mr. Burns said if they choose to vacate the road, it could be offered to the property owners. If they improve the road, they would need DOT approval, as well as, Pinelands approval. Ms. McGinnis felt it should be closed or vacated. Deputy Mayor Moore thought they should just close it.

**MOTION** – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to close the road, seconded by Mr. Barton adding to take legal action to remove the debris. Mr. Burns advised that Ms. McGinnis would have to amend her motion. Mr. Moore seconded Ms. McGinnis’ motion. Ayes – McGinnis, Moore. Nays – Barton, Sunbury. Motion died.

**MOTION** – Mr. Barton made a motion to take legal action against the property owner who is encroaching on the right of way, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Ayes – Barton, Sunbury. Nays – McGinnis, Moore. Motion died.

Mr. Burns suggested authorizing the attorney to send a persona non-grata letter. This is putting the homeowner on notice. Public Works could post the road. Mr. Barton asked if the homeowner was put on notice before. Deputy Mayor Moore asked to put it back on the agenda when all five committee members are present. The Committee concurred.

d. Solar Ordinance – Mr. Cramer advised this is from C&S Energy requesting an ordinance for solar prior to a project going before the Land Development Board. Pinelands had the ordinance. Mr. Cramer asked to have it introduced at the next meeting. C&S Energy is a for-profit group which will give a tax revenue. The pit needs a restoration by Pinelands. Mr. Barton asked who authorized this ordinance and who wrote it. Mr. Cramer advised the Pinelands provided this ordinance. Mr. Barton asked for the communication from Pinelands. Since the Land
Development Board did not see this ordinance, Mr. Barton suggested forwarding it to them. Mr. Sunbury wanted assurances there would be no radio frequency interference. Mr. Cramer advised that the Board will have to see it and make recommendations. Mr. Sunbury asked if other uses could be on that site. Mr. Cramer advised that there could be housing, recreation; however, the solar use would put up fencing, stopping the four wheelers from utilizing the pit. 

**MOTION** – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to move forward with it, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. Ayes – McGinnis, Moore. Nays – Barton, Sunbury. **Motion died.**

Mr. Burns asked when the next LDB meeting would be, to which the Clerk advised it is July 7th. 

**MOTION** – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to move it to the LDB, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore. Mr. Burns explained that no motion is necessary to send it to the LDB; therefore, Ms. McGinnis withdrew her motion. Mr. Cramer will forward this to the Land Development Board.

e. **Cannabis Ordinances** – Mr. Burns had several ordinances, prohibits any cannabis businesses in Tabernacle, sales, growth, sales to minors, and no smoking on municipal roads. These ordinances will be on the next Township meeting agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Ervin, CS Energy from Allenwood, NJ, stated the project would be a community solar project. He agreed the Land Development Board should peruse the ordinance.

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, stated the last comment was muted then unmuted. Mr. Brooks said that Ms. McGinnis and Mr. Barton voted against the Carranza Road overlay; however, Tabernacle is paying for Shamong’s trash pickup. Mr. Brooks advised that Shamong is not paying their fair share for EMS service. The old squad building is in horrible shape. Mr. Brooks asked why Tabernacle would still have $30,000 in the budget for EMS since they are profitable.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, asked why the resolutions were not put up until halfway through the meeting. Ms. Brooks felt that the shared service should be balance billing in Shamong and Tabernacle. Ms. Brooks asked what the raises for employees will be this year. There are reports from TRS; however, several are, with none in 2020 and in 2021.

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

**REPORTS**

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Mr. Guzzi reported that Oak Shade Road Phase II will be started next week. Mr. Guzzi has not heard back from the County concerning Carranza Road. This week they will be receiving bids for CDBG. They are submitting a grant from DOT for Pricketts Mill Road.

**TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Cramer reported Public Works has been sealing cracks on the roadways. Mr. Cramer reported that there has been a delay in scheduling for recycling. It will not be this Thursday. It has been posted on the website and any updates will also be posted.

**TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Mr. Burns will report in executive session concerning litigation.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Mr. Sunbury advised the Covid clinic on June 5th as successful. They vaccinated twenty-one people. The second shot will be June 26th.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Mr. Haines reported the budget hearing will be June 28th as advertised.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Mr. Barton stated that Mr. Brooks was fine using grant money and tax money to pave his road in part of Shamong. Mr. Barton did not have anything to do with the trash being picked up in another town. Mr. Barton believed Mr. Cramer took care of this.
Mr. Sunbury had nothing to report.
Ms. McGinnis thanked the VFW for the Memorial Day event. It was very moving.
Mr. Moore had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CS 2021-06 142021
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting of a public body in certain circumstances; and
WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters falling within the attorney client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, specifically the status of Brooks v. Tabernacle 1676-2021 to provide legal advice; and
WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exist, 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, the meeting will reconvene at which time action may or may not be taken.

MOTION – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution CS2021-06 142021, seconded by Ms. McGinnis. Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – None. Absent – Brown. Motion carried. The Committee entered executive session at 10:18 p.m.

RECONVENE TO WORKSHOP MEETING
Deputy Mayor Moore reconvened to the workshop meeting at 10:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Barton, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk