TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35pm 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 - Absent  
Robert Sunbury, Committeeman  
Samuel R. Moore, III, Mayor  
Kimberly Brown, Deputy Mayor

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (For comments including consent agenda)
Mayor Moore invited any attendee to come forward to make public comment at 6:38pm.

Mr. Stuart Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, questioned the cancellation of the May 23 meeting, citing the lack of quorum. He also requested information about the upcoming Carranza Memorial Service and clarification regarding the recent settlement of former employee 1097.

In response to Mr. Brooks, Administrator Brown informed that the Township does not host the Carranza Memorial Service and has not yet received an invite to the event. She furthered, if and when an invite was received information on such would be posted on the Township website.

Mrs. Fran Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, came forward to comment on invoices included in the meeting’s Bills List., particularly for the Township Solicitor and Engineer. Mrs. Brooks also requested more clarity and transparency when including Executive Session Resolutions, such of Resolution 2022-79, which was on the agenda for this meeting.
Lastly, Richard Cameron, of 12 Eldorado Drive, addressed the stormwater management plan and associated 2021 Drainage Project. He requested a meeting this the Township Engineer to discuss his concerns.

In response to Mr. Cameron, Mr. Leisse, of Pennoni Engineering, explained Pennoni is only administering the plan laid forth by the prior Engineer. He advised the Committee that he has spoken to Mr. Cameron in the past but will make an effort to look into any possible remedies that may arise. Additionally, Administrator Brown advised the Committee that the Public Works Department recently was on site cleaning out the drainage pipe. Administrator Brown clarified that she is not speaking to any means of possible drainage issues, only advising what acts were recently taken by the Township.

V. MINUTES

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

A. March 28, 2022, Executive Session Regular Township Committee Meeting Minutes
B. April 4, 2022, Executive Session Special Township Committee Meeting Minutes
C. April 11, 2022, Executive Session Workshop Township Committee Meeting Minutes
D. April 25, 2022, Regular Township Committee Meeting Minutes
E. May 9, 2022, Workshop Township Committee Meeting Minutes

Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore   Abstain: Brown   Absent: 1   Motion Carried.

VI. BILLS

On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the following bills were ordered for payment:

A. MAY 23, 2022, BILLS LIST

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

VII. ORDINANCES

On a motion made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hartman, Ordinance 2022-03 was opened for the public hearing.

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

Seeing no Public Comment, Mayor Moore closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-03 following a motion made by Mr. Sunbury and seconded by Mr. Hartman.

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

The mayor then asked for a motion to adopt. Mr. Hartman offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Ordinance 2022-04 was opened for the public hearing.
At 7:01pm, the mayor opened the meeting up to public comment for Ordinance 2022-04. Mr. Stuart Brooks, of 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, questioned the size and frontage of the proposed lot, as well as the bond payment for the lot. He followed with requesting clarification as to why the Sequoia School wasn’t purchased when the Township had the chance.

Mrs. Fran Brooks, 78 Moore’s Meadow Road, also commented; she echoed Mr. Brooks’ concerns over the lack of purchasing of Sequoia.

In response, Mr. Boyd advised of the timeline regarding Sequoia being placed on the market and the notification that Town Hall needed repair or replacement. Mr. Boyd, citing public records, noted that Sequoia was pending sale as of June 2021, but the Township didn’t receive the report for Town Hall until October 2021. At this point, Sequoia was no longer available for purchase. Mr. Sunbury asked Mr. Boyd to explain why renovations couldn’t be done to the existing Town Hall building. Mr. Boyd referenced reports by the Pinelands Commission and prior engineer Guzzi/CME, who decided that renovations were not feasible due to the lot size and septic system. Mr. Haines also responded to Mr. Brooks by explaining there will not be a payment, as this ordinance is not authorizing the Township to borrow funds, its authorizing the Township to budget. He noted that when it comes time Bond Anticipation Notes would include the market’s going interest rate.

Mayor Moore closed the public hearing for Ordinance 2022-04 following a motion made by Mr. Sunbury and seconded by Mr. Hartman.

The mayor then asked for a motion to adopt. Mr. Sunbury offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman. During Committee discussion, Mr. Sunbury asked for consideration of a subcommittee to sit on discussions with the architect.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Hartman, Resolutions 2022-71 through 2022-77 were offered for adoption.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions listed on this Meetings’ Agenda, as such no action was taken at this time.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business listed on this Meetings’ Agenda, as such no action was taken at this time.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business listed on this Meetings’ Agenda, as such no action was taken at this time.
XII. REPORTS

Administrator Brown acknowledged the receipt of a letter sent by the recently retired Court Administrator, Margaret Guerina, thanking the township and employees for the flowers and gifts she received for her retirement. She also advised the Committee of the preliminary report findings for 144 Carranza Road. Per the preliminary report, there are no issues with the location and the engineer has suggested moving forward with a survey and wetlands report. Mr. Sunbury questioned Administrator Brown about looking into an Emergency Management System to improve public safety; Ms. Brown notified Mr. Sunbury that she is in the process of getting 3 quotes from vendors.

Mr. Haines advised the Committee he is working on this year’s budget, with the intention to introduce it during the next Township Meeting. He recommended going to bond for prior year’s debt.

Township Engineer, Mr. Leisse, spoke about ongoing projects, such as the Drainage Project, Park grants, and Environmental Assessment associated with 144 Carranza Road. He also informed the Committee he is working closely with Public Works and Administrator to identify roads for the 2023 Road Program.

Mr. Harbout spoke about the Memorial Day Parade’s success, upcoming CERT and CPR training, as well as having the CERT vehicle serviced.

Mr. Burns gave his report after Executive Session. During his report, Mr. Burns commented on a recent GRC litigation settlement, clarifying the settlement is confidential. He asked for a motion, through the Meeting Chair, to settle the matter using the confidential settlement discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Hartman offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Sunbury.

Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 2  Motion Carried.

XIII. POLLING OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Hartman commented on the success of the Memorial Day Parade.

Mrs. Brown spoke to why she has been absent from some previous meetings, citing the health of a family member. She thanked the Committee for their understanding.

Mr. Sunbury, who was unable to attend the parade due to being ill, reported he was glad to hear about its success and large turnout.

Mayor Moore reminded everyone of the upcoming Primary Election, encouraging residents to vote, as well as the rescheduling of the June 27th meeting to June 20th. He thanks all those who contributed to the Memorial Day Parade’s success.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Township Solicitor read Resolution 2022-79, for the authorization to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and employment matters. Mr. Sunbury offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartman. Executive Session began at 7:26pm.

Ayes: Brown, Hartman, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0  Absent: 1  Motion Carried.
At 8:13pm, Committee members returned with Mr. Sunbury offering a motion to reopen the Public Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hartman. Mrs. Brown did not return.

Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0 Absent: 2  Motion Carried.

Upon the reconvening of the Public Meeting, Mr. Burns read Resolution 2022-80, to adopt special Council into the record. A motion to appoint Kelly Grant, Esq. of the law firm of Malamut & Associates, 457 Haddonfield Road, Suite 500 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 was offered by Mr. Sunbury and seconded by Mr. Hartman.

Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0 Absent: 2  Motion Carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sunbury and seconded by Mr. Hartman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Ayes: Hartman, Sunbury, Moore  Nays: 0 Absent: 2  Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett Falt, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk