TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; (and in consideration of Executive Order #103 which was issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 by declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey occasion by the COVID-19 Virus), the Township of Tabernacle Committee does hereby notify that meetings will be conducted electronically to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued operations of Government. Members of the public who wish to participate in the public portion of the meeting may do so by visiting the agenda on the website for information on the use of computer audio or telephone.

TOWNSHIP OFFERS (3) THREE PLATFORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING
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PASSWORD: TAB
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Webinar ID:  434-736-619

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Call the phone number on your email, enter the meeting ID and then your Audio PIN when prompted followed by the # sign. When asked for Public Comment you can use the key sequence of *6 to unmute and mute your phone.

OPTION 3  MASK UP / SOCIAL DISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK: Town Hall - 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088 (no registration required)

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., which was followed by the flag salute.

OPMA STATEMENT  Municipal Clerk Barber read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of September 14, 2020 was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times, and Courier Post. Posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL
Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor  Present
Joseph W. Barton, Deputy Mayor  Present
Nancy K. McGinnis, Committeewoman  Present
Samuel R. Moore, III, Committeeman  Present
Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Committeeman  Present

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk  Present
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator  Present
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer  Present
Rodney R. Haines, CMFO, Chief Finance Officer  Present
Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor  Present
Douglas Stuart, Environmental Consultant  Present
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Whereas, September 17, 2020 marks the two hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

Therefore, I, Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor of Tabernacle Township do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. And urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Tabernacle to be affixed this 14th of September in the year of our Lord, 2020. Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on wanting to know which professionals and staff attended the September 14, 2020 electronic Workshop meeting; Mr. Brooks stated that Mr. Murphy, owner of Murphy’s Market should come before the Township Committee and present his request for signs as others have done in the past; Mr. Brooks asked for specific information regarding agenda item: Township Recycling Center and Town Hall Municipal Offices open on one Saturday a month.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on wanting to know if the Committee would respond to public questions; Ms. Brooks commented that she does not agree with Township employees receiving any salary increases; Ms. Brooks commented that Township be reimbursed for paying for their part-time CFO to attend an educational webinar even though he is a full time CFO in another Township; questions if the Committee plans to revise its training reimbursement policies for part time employees.

Seeing no further comments from the public by audio, telephone or and Town Hall Media, Mayor Brown closed this portion of public comment.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2020-2: THIS ORDINANCE IS AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-5 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND CREATING A PAYROLL ACCOUNT”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following annual salary ranges are set for the respective offices and positions listed below:

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**Section 2.** Eight steps will be determined by resolution each year.

**Section 3.** On Call Sub Code Official employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

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Section 4. Part-Time / Temporary employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

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<td>LDB Secretary/Records Manager</td>
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Section 5. Compensation:
All officers, positions and employees will be paid biweekly. All increases shall be retroactive and/or effective to January 1st, 2020 for those employed as of January 1st, 2020. All others will be retroactively compensated to date of hire.

Section 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

MOTION Ms. McGinnis motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-2 on first reading and having a public hearing on September 28, 2020 with the prevailing time of 7:30 p.m.; Mr. Barton seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

WORKSHOP MEETING DISCUSSION

2020 Salary - Mr. Cramer spoke of his salary comparison from similar sized municipalities without a police department and reported that other towns are receiving a higher salary than employees of Tabernacle Township. Mr. Cramer recommends employees receive 3% salary increase.

MOTION Mr. Barton made a motion to authorize the 3% salary increase for its employees; Mr. Moore seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

2020 Capital Ordinance - Mr. Cramer explained the purpose of the Capital Ordinance being for equipment and roads. It is appropriate to separate the equipment from the road projects, as it extends the useful life time from 10 years to 20 years, with a lower funding rate.

Mr. Haines advised with IBANK, the State is handling the financing which are coming from pools of money from both Federal Funds and State Funds. Federal Funds for Tabernacle are 0% interest rate, and the State Funds are whatever the rate is in the current year. Mr. Haines stated that it beneficial to have two separate Ordinances. One ordinance for the equipment and one ordinance for the roads.

Mr. Cramer request a Resolution be added to the agenda on September 28th to be authorized to purchase a loader.

MOTION Mr. Barton made a motion to authorize Mr. Cramer to add a Resolution at the September 28th agenda to purchase a loader; Mr. Moore seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

Mr. Cramer will have a presentation for the Committee for the roads soon.

Selling Community Center and Surplus Property - Mr. Cramer spoke of the Community Center and its 2019 Appraisal. There are needed repairs, roof replacement and septic costs; it will require approvals from the Pinelands Commission because of Change of Use. Township presently uses this property for equipment storage for CERT
and OEM (such as mass casualty trailer). Mr. Cramer spoke that he will provide cost comparisons on approvals, repairs and replacements for the Community Center and encourages the Committee to continue to market various property owned by Township.

There were no objections for Mr. Cramer to provide a cost comparison and recommendation to the Committee in the future. Those in favor: 5 Those opposed: 0

Recycling Center - Mr. Cramer spoke of a request made by Ms. McGinnis to open the recycling center and have municipal offices open on Saturday once a month. Mr. Cramer advised the Township is working toward providing online services for online payment and is currently working with the JIF for a vendor. Mr. Cramer advised the Township is currently working on updating its website and have already received upgrades to its telephone system and internet service. The departments are completing their 40-hour work week and additional services currently being provided are not costing tax payer additional money. The Registrar of Vital Statistics accommodates evening hours for vital records on meeting nights.

Mr. Cramer advised that decisions to extend services would have to be made with compensation. The Public Works Department opens to the public every third month, as routinely scheduled. Residents have appreciated the online services and Document Safe Deposit Drop Boxes which have been installed at the Town Hall Complex. This procedure has alleviated timing difficulties and has continued a smooth next day work cycle.

All members of the Committee agreement for Mr. Cramer to perform a salary cost comparison and provide a recommendation to the Committee. Those in favor: 5 Those opposed: 0

Monthly Workshop Meetings - Members of the Township Committee discussed having additional future workshop meetings as follows: September through May and June, July, August (as needed) Those in favor: 5 Those opposed: 0

Amend Sign Ordinance - Members of the Committee were in agreement for Mr. Murphy of Murphy’s Market to make presentation to the Land Development Board. As a courtesy to Mr. Murphy, Mayor Brown asked Municipal Clerk Barber to forward this matter to the Land Development Board for their review.

Sale of Township Landfill to CEP Renewables for Grid-Scale Solar Plant - Mayor Brown read the information provided by CEP Renewables regarding redevelopment of the landfill on Oak Shade Road in Tabernacle Township with a solar facility. They are developers of grid scale solar facilities in NJ and provided information to describe CEP’s proposal to purchase the landfill property from the Township in accordance with a mutually acceptable redevelopment agreement. CEP would lay out the particulars in that agreement, including purchase price for the landfill, purchase price, milestones, project timeline.

Doug Stuart, Environmental Consultant, recommended that CEP Renewables perform their due diligence and come before the Township Committee with a complete proposal of their intent and recommends this matter be tabled to research some conditions, such as: Leasing vs. sale. Mr. Stuart recommended that CEP come back before the Township Committee with lease comparison costs vs. sale agreement. Mr. Stuart also recommends that CEP obtain approvals from NJDEP/Solid Waste to make sure the landfill is completely closed.

Mr. Barton suggested that CEP Renewables confirm with Atlantic City Electric is able to meet the specific needs for electric.

Mr. Lange reminded the Committee of other matters such as escrows and having CEP consult with Mr. Stuart and spoke that he agrees that CEP Renewables should perform due diligence and come before Township Committee to provide a full report before any decisions.

Mr. Guzzi also agrees with Mr. Stuart and Mr. Lange that CEP Renewables should perform due diligence before coming to the Township Committee and provide a full report before any decisions.
The Township Committee were in agreement with the recommendations of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Guzzi and Mr. Lange that CEP Renewables should perform their due diligence and come before Township Committee and provide a full report. Those in favor: 5  Those opposed: 0

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-82
RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR PPDA INC.

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township has received an application for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2020-2021 term for the following license premise:
   • 0335-33-002-006 * VILLAGE PUB & PACKAGE GOODS, T/A PPDA, INC., 539 CHATSWORTH ROAD, TABERNACLE, NJ 08088

WHEREAS, the law requires that an Alcoholic Beverage Licensee Retail Clearance Certificate must be granted by the Division of Taxation prior to renewal; and

WHEREAS, all fees have been deposited and required paper work filed with the Township Clerk having no written objections filed opposing the renewal application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:
   • The Township Committee does hereby find that the applicants are qualified to be license according to all statutory, regulatory, and local governing ABC laws and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as per Title 33, the Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue said licenses for the year 2020-2021 and files a certified copy of this Resolution with the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

MOTION  Mr. Barton made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-82, seconded by Mr. Moore.  
Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown  Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-86: RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR LEISURE TIME INNS, INC.  There was brief discussion by members of the Township Committee of their intention to object to future renewals for this pocket license. Mr. Lange advised the Committee of future objections to any further extensions for future renewals would need to be with be properly lodged with the ABC Board. Mr. Lange will remind the Committee when the time comes to renew the license next year to object to any further renewal applications. Mr. Lange was asked to research the process further with the ABC Board and present his findings to the Committee for their further decision making in rescinding their ABC license.

MOTION  Mr. Barton made the motion to TABLE Resolution 2020-86, seconded by Mr. Moore.  
Roll Call:  Ayes: Barton, Moore, Sunbury, Brown    Nays: McGinnis  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-87
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND OFFER PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS IN TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle desires to continue excellent service in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle is seeking employment for the following positions in Tabernacle Township:
   • TAX ASSESSOR SECRETARY
   • DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to advertise and offer part-time employment for the above positions in the Township of Tabernacle.

MOTION  Mr. Moore motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-87; Mr. Barton seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.  Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on approved Township Committee minutes of January 21, 2019 in which she requests be amended; feels that TRS has a bad contract; Mr. Brooks asked if TFC#1 is authorized to provide rescue services if members of TRS are not present and questions if there have been any incidences that TRS has asked TFC#1 to refrain from providing services; Mr. Brooks spoke of not receiving the responses he would like during public comment portion of the meetings.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on wanting to know of Mr. Lange’s findings from DCA regarding the comment of “going around the horn;” Mrs. Brooks thanked Mr. Sunbury for answering her question regarding his position of salary; Mrs. Brooks spoke of her difficulty of hearing the comments from the Committee, as it sounds “under water.”

Mayor Brown advised that she has no knowledge of any incident that Mr. Brooks references in his comment and email regarding any first responder to “stand down.” Nothing was reported to anyone or by anyone of any such incident. If it were an actual incident, it would have been reported to the Chief / Township Committee / Township Administrator and /or Office of Emergency Management.

Seeing no further comments from the public by audio, telephone and town hall media, Mayor Brown closed this portion of public comments.

REPORT OF PROFESSIONALS

Douglas Stuart, Environmental Consultant, reported that there has not been much field work being conducted for sampling of the wells and stated that when a property is sold it has well sampling. The DEP is looking at commercial properties that may have not done the appropriate sampling; this does not only apply to residential homes. Mr. Stuart continues to be diligent on testing.

Mr. Guzzi, Township Engineer advised he had nothing to report.

Mr. Cramer reported on the auction for the sale equipment is going well; it will end on September 18, 2020. Mr. Cramer spoke about the Department of public works doing well on the special brush collection from the recent storm and Fall collection will begin shortly. The tire collection will begin week of September 28, 2020 and road side mowing has begun. Mr. Cramer advised that we are temporarily short a Public Works employee and may ask for a temporary employee in the future. There are improvements being made at the Pepper House such as doors and possibly of heat and electric.

Mr. Lange reported that he is working on the draft ordinance for age restricted housing (Allenwood Mobile Estates) which will be ready for discussion at the October workshop.

Members of the Township Committee discussed having a special meeting next month. Municipal Clerk Barber was directed to notice special meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Those in favor: 5  Those opposed: 0

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Barton reported on attending well received Hero’s Parade in Brigantine, New Jersey in support of EMS, VETS, VFW and would like to have a similar event in Tabernacle; he will speak with the Chairman of Recreation to show our support for our community.
Mr. Sunbury, Office of Emergency Management reported on a scheduled flu shot clinic on October 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the TFC#1 and advised that unfortunately, numbers are trending positive for COVID-19. Reports are at the “moderate” risk level.

Ms. McGinnis advised that he had nothing to report.

Mr. Moore advised that he had nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION CS 09 142020

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 Public Body means a commission, authority, board, council, committee or any other group of two or more persons organized under the laws of this State, and collectively empowered as a voting body to perform a public governmental function affecting the rights, duties, obligations, privileges, benefits, or other legal relations of any person, or collectively authorized to spend public funds including the Legislature, but does not mean or include the judicial branch of the government, any grand or petit jury, any parole board or any agency or body acting in a parole capacity, the State Commission of Investigation, the Apportionment Commission established under Article IV, Section III, of the Constitution, or any political party committee organized under Title 19 of the Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee is a public body; and

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 Tabernacle Township Committee, wishes to discuss: pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is, or may become, a party, or 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; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) permits the exclusion of the public from a portion of a public meeting at which the public body discusses, "pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b.(4) herein in which the public body is, or may become, a party, or 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" N.J.S.A. 110:4-12-(b)?; and

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee wishes to discuss pending litigation matters, including Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle et al, docket numbers; BUR-L-002065-19, MER-L-001192-20, and AM-000610-19, contract negotiation regarding the fire company and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires exist, then 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 we will reopen the meeting in which action may or may not be taken.

MOTION Mr. Sunbury made the motion to adopt Resolution CS 09 142020, seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

Reopen. Members of the Township Committee returned from closed session at 11:10 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION  Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Moore. Roll Call: Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 26, 2020