1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:31PM

2. FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Brown lead the Flag Salute. She further requested everyone mute their microphones.

3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT
The Township Clerk, Everett Falt, read the following statement into the record: “The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2021-22, has been transmitted to the Burlington County Times, Central Record, Courier Post, posted on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building, posted on the Tabernacle website, given to the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2021, and given to those having requested and paying for the same.”

4. ROLL CALL:
Present were: Committeewoman McGinni, Committeeeman Moore, Committeeeman Sunbury, and Mayor Brown. Committeeeman Barton was noted as absent from the meeting. Also present were the Township Administrator, Casey English, the Town Solicitor, William Burns, the Township Engineer, Joseph Gray, and the Environmental Specialist, Doug Stuart.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)
Mayor Brown opened the public comment on agenda items only. She further informed there would be a public hearing on Ordinance 2021-10 on the agenda. With no one coming forward Mayor Brown closed the Public Comment.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVII, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brown requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-10. Mr. Moore offered a motion to open the public hearing, with Ms. McGinnis seconding, and all four Township Committee voting to open the public hearing.

Mr. Will Gagen, of 286 Fourth Street, Jersey City, New Jersey came forward to support the new zoning ordinance. Mr. Gagen stated the project was to help achieve New Jersey Energy Master Plan, which was to be 100% renewable sources of energy by 2050. He further informed that solar power would make up approximately 30% of renewable energy. Mr. Gagen informed that the zoning ordinance would impact residents minimally.

Gill Mcgillen, of Caranza Road, asked if the existing monitoring wells would continue to be tested. He further asked if the buffering areas would be maintained as well. Mayor Brown asked Mr. Burns to clarify for the resident. Mr. Burns, the Township Solicitor, clarified that the solar was being added as a
permitted use. Joseph Gray, CME Associates (Township Engineer) and Doug Stuart (Environmental) were present.

Daron Stanker, of Bordentown, New Jersey, spoke in favor of the solar project. Mr. Stanker request that his property not be rezoned as part of the ordinance. Mayor Brown indicated that she thought the property Block 1401, Lot 1, the gun club, be removed from the ordinance. Mr. Burns indicated the ordinance was amended from infield preservation to infield residential.

Ron Mole, 418 Carranza Road, wanted to know why they have not restored the property. Mr. Mole requested that the ordinance be tabled until the Township could have an in-person meeting. Mr. Mole addressed several questions to Mr. Gray, of CME Associates. Mayor Brown asked Mr. Gray to address several of the questions. Mr. Burns again clarified the ordinance was to allow solar as a permitted use.

John Urven, of Lole Township, informed that the Ordinance was created by the Pine Lands commission. He further indicated many of the concerns will be addressed by the Site Plan approval process. Mr. Urven stated that the Township Committee was being proactive about the opportunity to rezone the area.

Mr. Gray responded to the balance of the questions that had not been answered. He further informed that he would not know specifics about wells in the community.

Mayor Brown requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-10. Mr. Sunbury motioned to close the public hearing, with Mr. Moore seconding, and affirmative majority of the Committee voting in favor closing the hearing.

ADOPTION – ORDINANCE 2021-10
Mayor Brown requested a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10. Mr. Sunbury offered a motion, with Mr. Moor seconding. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:    AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
                  NAY  NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

7. RESOLUTION 2021-129 – A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO MALL CHEVROLET AND SERVICE THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY (ESCNJ)

8. RESOLUTION 2021-130 – AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

9. RESOLUTION 2021-131 – AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

10. RESOLUTION 2021-132 – AUTHORIZE REFUND PURSUANT TO A

11. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION
Mayor Brown requested Resolutions 2021-129 – 132 be placed on a CONSENT Agenda. Mr. Sunbury offered a motion to adopted said CONSENT Agenda with Ms. McGinnis seconding. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

12. RESOLUTION 2021-133 – REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION – N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

Ms. McGinnis offered a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-133, with Mr. Sunbury seconding. Mayor Brown asked the CFO, Rodney Haines, to inform the Township Committee about the Chapter 159 Resolutions which approved monies already received by the Township. He further informed Resolution 2021-133 was with regard to Clean Communities. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:  AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

13. RESOLUTION 2021-134 - RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

Mayor Brown requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-134. A motion was offered by Mr. Moore, with Ms. McGinnis seconding. The C.F.O. informed the grant was for recycling. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

14. RESOLUTION 2021-135 - APPOINTMENT OF FUND COMMISSIONER

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-135, with Ms. McGinnis making the motion, and Mr. Sunbury seconding. Mayor Brown informed the Resolution was to appoint the new Administrator as the fund commissioner. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:  AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

15. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the November 22, 201 – Bill List. Ms. McGinnis motioned to approve the Bills List, with Mr. Moore seconding. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:  AYE  MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
NAY  NONE
With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Brown opened the Public Comment.
Mark Lemire thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting. Mr. LeMire thanked the Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management (OEM)/the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and all those who chose to participate. He further clarified he believed hundreds had participated.

17. REPORTS
   a) Enginee
   The Engineer informed that bids were received for the Parks Grant on November 9, 2021. He further stated that the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was terminated because of structural issues at Town Hall. The Engineer informed that Arawak was the low bidder for Carranza Road, Phase II project. Mr. Gray informed that the drainage project bids were received and that the second lowest bidder is contesting the lowest bidder’s submission as incomplete. Finally, the engineer informed that the Township had been awarded $215,000 from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for repaving.

   b) Township Clerk (Gypsy Moth Spraying)
   The Township Clerk informed the Town Committee that the New Jersey, Department of Agriculture had informed the Administration of a program the State was offering to spray for the invasive Gypsy Moths. The Clerk explained they may be able to be reimbursed for approximately half the cost but it was not a guarantee. Mayor Brown asked the Committee Members present to express their sentiments on spraying. The Committee expressed support for program out of abundance of caution. Mayor Brown requested a motion and second, of which Mr. Sunbury and Mr. Moore followed suit. The mayor requested a Roll Call Vote:

   Roll Call Vote: AYE MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
   NAY NONE
   With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

   c) Office of Emergency Management
   Mr. Sunbury informed the Township Committee he had resigned from the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Mayor Brown requested that we post the job as soon as possible. She then requested a motion to advertise the OEM Coordinator. Mr. Moore offered a motion with Ms. McGinnis seconding. The mayor requested a Roll Call Vote.

   d) Township Solicitor
   William Burns informed that the former Fire Company has continued to maintain a social media presents on Facebook. He further informed that the former Fire Company did not provide the audit paperwork. Mr. Moore requested the Solicitor to send a letter to the Fire Company requesting the audit paperwork. Mr. Sunbury suggested that the solicitor send a cease-and-desist letter.

   Mr. Moore offered a motion to advertise for OEM Coordinator, with Ms. McGinnis seconding. Mayor Brown requested a Roll Call Vote.
   Roll Call Vote AYE MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
   NAY NONE
   With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried

18. ADJOURNMENT
   Mayor Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moore motioned with Ms. McGinnis seconding the motion to adjourn. Mayor Brown requested a voice vote
   Voice Vote: AYE MCGINNIS, MOORE, SUNBURY, MAYOR BROWN
   NAY NONE
   With all voting in favor and none being opposed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.
Respectfully submitted,

Everett Falt, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk