TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2020- 7:30 PM

NOTICE: TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON - 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 No. 103, issued by Governor Murphy on March, 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey occasioned by the COVID-19 virus, the Township of Tabernacle does hereby notify, the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle scheduled for April 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. 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 comment portion of the meeting may do so by visiting the Tabernacle Township website at www.townshipoftabernacle-nj.gov for information on the use of computer audio or telephone for public comment during the meeting; this information will be posted prior to the start of the meeting. Official action will be taken relative to the public agenda on the website.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order followed by the flag salute. Municipal Clerk Barber read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

ROLL CALL

Municipal Clerk Barber announced the Roll Call of members: Mr. Barton (arrived late), Ms. McGinnis, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sunbury and Mayor Brown – were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brown offered public comment to attendees on agenda item and announced that she unmuted the microphones just in case no hands were raised on the webinar. Mayor Brown spoke that she could see there were three members in attendance. There were no comments made by the attendees’ present.

ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This Ordinance is being introduced on first reading to increase the municipal budget limits up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions.

ORDINANCE 2020-1: ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK The public hearing date was set for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 7:30 p.m.

• On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Ms. McGinnis Ordinance 2020-1, on first reading, was offered for approval.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2020-53: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that, in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget and regular appropriations, the governing body may make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for the current fiscal year; and
WHEREAS, the amount of such emergency temporary appropriations shall be included under corresponding headings in the budget as adopted or, if such appropriations are adopted after the introduction and approval of the budget and were not included in the budget as approved, such appropriations shall be included by amendment in the budget as adopted without public advertisement or public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Township has deemed certain emergency temporary appropriations to be necessary and such appropriations are conforming to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Tabernacle in the County of Burlington desires to provide an orderly method to meet claims during the period prior to the adoption of the 2020 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Tabernacle has prepared a list of temporary emergency appropriations for the year 2020; and whereas said list of temporary emergency appropriations follows:
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490-100 Municipal Court S&W 15,000.00
490-200 Municipal Court OE 8,000.00
470-202 Contingent 2,000.00
471-295 Contributions to Employee Retirement System 102,038.00
472-295 Social Security System 10,000.00
417-291 Length of Service Award Program 2,000.00

Total Appropriations per NJSA 40A:4-19 490,638.00

Public & Private Programs

Capital
44-901 Capital Improvement Fund -
44-903 Building Renovations -
44-904 Public Works Equipment -

Debt Service
45-920 Payment of Bond Principal -
45-930 Interest on Bonds -
45-935 Interest on Notes -
45-940 Green Trust - Principal & Interest -

Deferred Charges
46-875 Special Emergency -

Reserve for Uncollected
50-899 RFUT -

Total Budget 490,638.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

- On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Resolution 2020-53 was offered for adoption.

Discussion - The Chief Finance Officer, Rodney Haines, held discussion regarding municipal budget timeline prior to introduction of the 2020 Municipal budget and spoke of the intention to introduce the budget this evening and hold a public hearing at the May 26th meeting at which time the public will have the opportunity to comment or question anything in the budget. For consideration, this budget is a two-cent tax increase total over last years budget. During the previous workshop meeting, it was proposed for a three-cent tax increase. It was narrowed down to two cents. The Township received certification from the State for additional Pinelands Aid; other appropriations were also reduced in this budget for consideration of obtaining two cents. At this time, Chief Financial Officer Haines read the appropriations in the resolution for the record. It was also noted that the Township is using fund balance to offset the appropriations.

Mayor Brown questioned if Mr. Haines is comfortable with this budget, as introduced, if we would receive taxes due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in that people may not be able to pay on time (or in a timely manner). Mr. Haines stated that he does not believe the Township will be in a detrimental situation. Mr. Haines also pointed a good thing going on is that the Township has two developments going on which will help over the previous year.

Mayor Brown asked if there were any further questions. None.
RESOLUTION 2020 – 54: INTRODUCTION OF 2020 TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington is for the fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget be published in Tabernacle Township’s official newspapers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Tabernacle hereby approves the following Budget for the year 2020.

- On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2020-54, Introduction of the Municipal Budget, was offered for adoption.
- The public hearing date was set for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2020-54A: SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION [as required by DCA]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Tabernacle has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Tabernacle that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
   a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
   b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
   c. Cash deficit of preceding year
   d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
   e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
   f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
   a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
   b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
   c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

- Mr. Haines explained the Division reviews budgets every three years; Township does a checklist for review which authorizes the Chief financial Officer to do a self-review of its municipal budget.
- On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2020-54A was offered for adoption.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Moore, the bills as submitted and dated March 20, 2020 and April 24, 200 were ordered paid. Ayes - McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Nays – 0. Absent – Barton. Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Barton entered the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Moore, the following minutes were offered for adoption: January 27, 2020 (Regular); February 10, 2020 (Workshop & Closed Session) and February 24, 2020 (Regular & Closed Session). Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

- On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, the following minutes were offered for adoption: March 9, 2020 (Workshop). Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

- On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, the following minutes were offered for adoption: March 9, 2020 (Closed Session). Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-55: AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 ROAD PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EARLY ASPHALT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle has received sealed proposals for the 2020 Road Program in the Township of Tabernacle, Burlington County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract, the cost of which would exceed $17,500.00 in a fiscal year, shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore; and

WHEREAS, there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk received and opened bids on February 26, 2020 for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned road program; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and Township Solicitor have reviewed the bids and determined the three lowest bids to be in conformance with the bid specifications and has advised that a certain entity is the lowest qualified responsible bidder for said contract and has recommended that the Municipality award said contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) days as required by N.J.S.A. 10A: 11-4; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity and his certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee as follows:

1. That the Chief Financial Officer has declared that there are sufficient funds available for the aforesaid purpose, and that the Township Committee hereby directs that the hereinafter expenditure be charged against such funds.
2. That the Township Committee hereby declares that Earle Asphalt Company, located at 1800 Route 34, Wall, NJ is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to Earle Asphalt Company for the total bid amount of Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and Thirteen Cents
($560,613.13) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bid Proposal, the Notice to Bidders and the Specifications, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours.

3. That the award to Earle Asphalt Company is consistent with the legal statutory provisions.

4. That the Township Committee hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to return the bid securities to the unsuccessful bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.

5. That the Township Committee does hereby direct the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution which shall be prepared by or reviewed by the Office of the Township Solicitor.

On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, Resolution 2020-54, was offered for adoption. Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-56: CONTINUED APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP AUDITOR AND THE RE-AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2020 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a continued need for a Township Auditor in the Township of Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose and a contract was awarded to Kevin P. Frenia Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. through a fair and open process in accordance with Tabernacle Township local Ordinance 2005-17; and

WHEREAS, Kevin P. Frenia, C.P.A., R.M.A., C.F.E. was appointed as Township Auditor for the year 2020 on January 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a contractual agreement summarizing the services to be performed by Kevin P. Frenia, C.P.A., R.M.A., C.F.E. as Township Auditor was approved, and the execution of the contract was authorized; and

WHEREAS, Kevin P. Frenia, C.P.A., R.M.A., C.F.E. has informed the Township that effective immediately, he is joining the firm of Holt, McNally & Associates whose business address is 618 Stokes Road, Medford, NJ 08055.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

Section 1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreements with Kevin P. Frenia, C.P.A., R.M.A., C.F.E. of Holt McNally & Associates subject to review of the rate schedules, receipt of a Certificate of Employee Information Report, New Jersey Business Registration Certificate and Certificate of Liability and approval by the Township Committee as to the respective contracts.

Section 2. As follows:

1. A contractual agreement summarizing the services to be performed by Kevin P. Frenia, as Township Auditor is hereby approved and execution of the contract is authorized.

2. The contractual agreement shall include the following rate schedule:
   The Auditor’s fee for these services will not exceed $25,300, plus the costs associated with bank confirmations, if applicable. The Auditor’s standard hourly rates be pursuant to contract.

3. A copy of the aforementioned contractual agreement shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and made available for public inspection.

4. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be placed on file with this resolution.

5. The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to public a “Notice of Award” of said contract in the official newspaper in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, within ten (10) days of its passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 27th day of April 2020.

On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Moore. Resolution 2020-56, was offered for adoption. Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION 2020-57: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State may enter into a contract with any other municipality or authority for the joint provision of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Township of Tabernacle and the Township of Springfield desire to continue to sharing services of the Certified Recycling Coordinator which will result in cost savings for both government entities; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Service Agreement attached hereto has been reviewed and approved in content by the Township Solicitor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2020-57, was offered for adoption. Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-58: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State may enter into a contract with any other municipality or authority for the joint provision of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Township of Tabernacle and the Township of New Hanover desire to continue to sharing services of the Certified Recycling Coordinator which will result in cost savings for both government entities; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Service Agreement attached hereto has been reviewed and approved in content by the Township Solicitor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Resolution 2020-58, was offered for adoption. Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS of CONSENT AGENDA

These items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Tabernacle and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Moore, the following Resolutions of consent, was offered for adoption. Ayes - Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury. Nays – 0. Absent – 0. Abstain – Brown. Motion carried.

- There were no items from consent agenda to be voted on separately.

RESOLUTION 2020-59: AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR OAKSHADE ROAD REPAVING (PHASE 1)

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Tabernacle Township to receive sealed proposals for Oakshade Road Repaving (Phase 1) project.
WHEREAS, plans and specifications will be prepared by the Township Engineer and sealed proposals will be received by the Municipal Clerk’s Office at 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Township Engineer to prepare plans and specifications to solicit bids for Oakshade Road Repaving (Phase 1) project in Tabernacle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon advertised notice that sealed proposals be delivered or mailed to the Municipal Clerk in Tabernacle Township, where sealed bids will be opened publicly.

RESOLUTION 2020 – 60: AUTHORIZING TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Tabernacle trash contract with Exclusive Service & Maintenance Co., LLC d/b/a Garden State Removal shall expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, specifications and public advertising for bids on behalf of the Township of Tabernacle shall be made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-13; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals will be received by the Municipal Clerk on behalf of Tabernacle Township for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to solicit bids for the collection and disposal of trash on behalf of Tabernacle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that advertisement shall be made in The Star Ledger, The Central Record and Burlington County Times, where sealed bids will be received and opened at Tabernacle Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 2020 – 61: AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND 2020 SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2020 Safety Incentive Program provides members of the BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND with a blueprint for success with their safety programs for health and wellness initiatives that play a role in safe work practices, employee morale, and claims management; and

WHEREAS, the key to an effective safety program starts with Management and the Safety Committee to provide management commitment, controlling hazards, continuing education, communication, coaching and claims management; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Tabernacle Township to make full use of all the services provided by the MEL and JIF, including instructor-led and online training through the MEL Safety Institute, Safety Bulletins, Toolbox Topics, Regional Training Topics and Law Enforcement Resources to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby authorize its participation in the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund 2020 Safety Incentive Program.

RESOLUTION 2020 – 62: AUTHORIZING FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO REFUND – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FEE

WHEREAS, the property owners of Block 803.02, Lot 7.04 has applied and paid for a certificate of compliance prior to selling their house; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has made a request to cancel their scheduled fire inspection since the persons purchasing their house have backed out of the sale, and now the property owner have taken the house off the market and requests a refund of the ($50) fifty dollars compliance fee; and
WHEREAS, the Construction Department have no objections that a refund be made for the certificate of compliance fee in the amount of fifty dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the request for a refund in the amount of $50.00 payable to Michelle Tate, 14 Sandra Lane, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Construction Official.

RESOLUTION NO.2020-59: AUTHORIZE FINAL APPROVAL OF FARMLAND APPLICATIONS FOR RTE, III FARMS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle is committed to preserving, to the extent possible, farmland within the Township for the benefit of the citizens of the Township of Tabernacle as well as for the County of Burlington and for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board is proceeding with the preservation of the following farms: RTE, III FARMS, LLC (WEST FARM), Block 903, Lot 14.01 and RTE, III FARMS, LLC (EAST FARM), Block 903, Lot 22.01 through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program; and

WHEREAS, the County requests that the Township recognize that in this instance, the 20% municipal cost share is not required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Tabernacle to give final approval on the County’s acquisition of development easements for the above farms through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey that they grant final approval for the acquisition of development easements on the aforementioned properties through the Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program.

RESOLUTION 2020-60: A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REDUCTION RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 16, SECTION 13.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP’S REVISED ORDINANCE - SENECA WOODS (PHASE 2)

WHEREAS, the Developer for Seneca Woods–Phase 2, a major subdivision, located in Tabernacle Township on Block 802.01, Lots 25, has posted an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit (#831) pursuant to the requirements of the Tabernacle Township Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Engineer, Dante Guzzi has inspected the improvements to date on April 15, 2020 and certified the amount of the completed construction pursuant to his report dated April 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended reducing the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit consistent with the inspection conducted thereon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Committee finds that the required improvements have been installed, inspected and approved as detailed in the April 15, 2020 inspection report of Dante Guzzi, PE, CME, Principal Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Tabernacle Township Committee that the Irrevocable Seneca Woods - Phase 2 on Block 802.01, Lots 25 shall be and is hereby reduced to a total amount of $520,542.00

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Tabernacle held on the 27th day of April 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mayor Brown opened the meeting up for public comment advising attendees of an icon to raise their hands and state their name and address for the record. Mr. Lange spoke that he wants to ensure the Township is doing everything for everyone to participate as he received a text message from an attendee having issues. Mayor Brown spoke that
she also unmuted the attendees’ microphones for those attendees who participated by telephone and noted that she sees seven registered attendees on this webinar meeting.

Ms. Hurbant, Woodside Drive, announced her name.

Steven Cramer, Old Indian Mills, commented that he has no problem getting in the Township virtual meeting and spoke of the prior comment from Mr. Hurbant was an audio from school board virtual meeting; Mr. Cramer stated that he was going to self-mute himself again from the Township meeting and advised that it is working for our knowledge.

George Jackson, Woodside Drive, commented the virtual meeting is working.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor Brown closed public comments and muted attendees.

Report of the Township Engineer
Mr. Guzzi reported on the 2019 Road Program, consisting of Cramer Road, Holly Parking and Sylvan Court is completed and working on the punch list. Advised Township Committee to start to think about the NJDOT grant for discussion on future agenda for road work; applications are due in July.

Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator
Mr. Sunbury thanked the Administrator Cramer, Chief Jackson, Mayor Brown, Steven Cramer and the LEPC Team for their once a week planning in the virtual local emergency management meeting managing the (PPE) personal protection equipment for our first responders; proud to see communities working together during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Report of the Township Administrator
Mr. Cramer thanked his staff for working through this pandemic and advised the Township is splitting the staff in half working a different time and keeping social distancing to avoid wiping out the staff if one of us gets it. Public Works Department is about a week behind in brush collection and care of the grounds at both parks.

Report of the Township Solicitor
Mr. Lange spoke of appreciating everyone during their part during this pandemic and spoke of the Township doing dry runs on the virtual meetings in which worked great. He reminded Committee of the mobile home parks ordinance for a future agenda item. Mr. Lange spoke of his review of the liquor license material provided by the Municipal Clerk with respect to Leisure Times Inn as he was asked to follow up regarding their special ruling in regard to their inactive license. The owner of the establishment did submit paperwork to extend their inactive status. The Township has the ability to provide comment to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board as it concerns future renewals to their inactive status during renewal time.

Report of the Township Committee
Ms. McGinnis spoke about her desire to assist Ron Murphy of Murphy’s Market and asked for the Township Committee’s support for a state sign. Ms. McGinnis requested to extend the due date for tax collection. Ms. McGinnis spoke of the Corona Virus pandemic and hardships that residents are facing and contacted her to request the Township to write a letter to the governor to open up the state right away.

Mayor Brown spoke of the tax date has not changed and is set by state statute; the governor has not made a decision at this time.

Mayor Brown asked the Emergency Management Coordinator to comment on opening up the state. Mr. Sunbury spoke of the economy in that he too looks for the day to reopen; however, at the present time, Burlington County is experiencing an emergency spike and a rise in the curve where people are not social distancing. We do not have a handle on the testing to minimize the case load to do contact tracing. The governor has put out a plan; not being insensitive to the economy but lives are the greatest importance and does not advise opening up the State. We are losing far too many lives due to this virus.

Mr. Moore thanked the staff and first responders for doing a wonderful job during this pandemic.

Deputy Mayor Barton asked Administrator Cramer if he felt the need to hire additional help for brush clean-up now that everyone is home during this time. Mr. Cramer said public works are working overtime and about a half a section behind schedule.
Mayor Brown thanked the staff for being flexible working around the schedules given to them; she thanked emergency services for all they are doing during this pandemic. Also, the governor has allowed the municipalities to determine if the parks are to be closed. It is up to the Mayors to handle opening the parks, under the State Police. It was determined to post the closure of parks as same as the State. Mayor Brown said the agenda items will be kept to items of need until we can meet in public.

The Township will not have a Memorial Day parade; however Public Works will lay a wreath. Other organizations are welcome to lay a wreath during their own times to limit gatherings. Members of the Township Committee were in agreement.

Mayor Brown spoke of receiving and regretfully accepting a letter of resignation from LDB member Denny Stevens and filling unexpired term of appointment and appointed John Sandman as Class 4 Land Development Board Member, Term ending 12/31/2022

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE OF DENISE ‘DENNY’ STEVENS

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle recognizes the valuable contributions from the volunteers who serve on various board for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Denny Stevens has served this community for 18 years as a member on the Land Development Board; and

WHEREAS, January 1, 2002, Denny was given the Oath of Office as Alternate Member of the Tabernacle Township Land Development Board; and

WHEREAS, January 2, 2003 Denny was given the Oath of Office as a Class IV member of the Land Development Board and has remain on the Board until March 2020 when she tendered her resignation; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our deepest appreciation for Denny’s loyalty to the residents of Tabernacle Township and express gratitude to the Stevens Family for their support throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Denny is being honored by family, friends and members of the Township Committee for her contributions, and on this occasion, we recognize her for her public service and wish to memorialize her service to the residents of Tabernacle Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, we recognize Denise ‘Denny’ Stevens for her many years of public service to the residents of Tabernacle Township.

I, Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor of the Township of Tabernacle, along with the other Members of the Township Committee, on this 20th day of April, do hereby proclaim Denise ‘Denny’ Stevens to be an asset to our great community and wish her the best of health and happiness in her ‘retirement.’

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION CS 04 272020

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss: Discussion of litigation matters related to Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle (BUR-L-002065-19)
WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exists, 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 Mayor will reopen the meeting in which action may or may not be taken.

Members of the Township Committee entered executive session at 8:26 p.m.

REOPEN Members of the Township Committee returned to the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Barton, and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: June 15, 2020