

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019 TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Governing Body – In attendance

Kimberly A. Brown, Deputy Mayor; **Stephen V. Lee, IV, Township Committee (Absent)**; Samuel R. Moore, III, Township Committee; **Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee (Absent)** and Joseph W. Barton, Mayor

Administrative Team

Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator; Rodney R. Haines, CMFO, Chief Finance Officer; Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor and La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle and Custodian of Records (Docket No. BUR-L-001048-18)

Mr. Lange met with Township Committee to provide update on litigation with Fran Brooks since the last executive session and explained that we have been moving through depositions regarding three principal claims. Ms. Brooks requested that Deputy Mayor Brown take deposition regarding allegations in the complaint.

Mr. Lange spoke that Township employees attended in depositions; have fully cooperated and have been excellent witnesses, as they took their time to prepare for depositions and are professional in preparation for the litigation, while handling other business of the Township.

Deputy Mayor Brown spoke of attending the deposition, which will come at a cost to her, as she will have to prepare and pay someone to care for her husband. She is the only unpaid Township Committee member and her volunteer position is now costing money. There were no objections expressed from members present for Deputy Mayor Brown to submit an invoice to the Township for reimbursement for her time.

Chief Finance Officer Haines spoke of having no issue with Township approving reimbursement expenses. This is legally permissible.

Personnel related to the Chief Finance Officer

Chief Finance Officer Haines requested Township Committee to review compensation for the CFO's position (\$24,000); certification he received which was not a cost to the Township; spoke of cost savings for this position which is not being pensionable and that he will be doing a lot of the duties the Township would be relying on the auditors to handle (i.e. writing financial statements, schedules for audit reports).

Deputy Mayor Brown asked for the responsible duties of Chief Finance Officer Haines.

Mayor Barton asked for this to be budgeted.

Members of the Governing Body came out of executive session at 8:04 P.M. and returned to the open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 04/29/2019

RELEASED: 12/04/2019