**In attendance - Governing Body - Present**
Kimberly A. Brown, Deputy Mayor (via telephone conference)  
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Township Committee  
Samuel R. Moore, III, Township Committee  
Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee  
Joseph W. Barton, Mayor  

**Administrative Team**  
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator  
Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor  
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk  

Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle – Docket No. BUR-L-001048-18  

Solicitor Lange met with members of the governing body to discuss his settlement authority with respect to Fran Brooks’ claim; he was unable to obtain a settlement negotiation within the parameters given by the Township Committee. Settlement conference will be held with Judge Bookbinder June 11, 2019.

Mr. Lange made a request in which the Judge agreed that Fran Brooks’ Attorney prepare a fully developed stipulated set of facts. The Judge ordered Fran Brooks’ Attorney to make a demand.

Mr. Lange spoke of receiving a message from Fran Brooks’ Attorney of wanting a postponement of the settlement conference due to Ms. Brook’s medical appointment; Judge ordered settlement conference be held with just the attorneys and ordered stipulated set of facts be provided no later than June 11, 2019.

In regard to the demands made by Fran Brooks, the governing body made it clear they will not accept Fran Brooks’ demands. She wanted to include a civil penalty against the Municipal Clerk for knowingly and willfully violating OPRA. The facts do not support this demand. It will be rejected. Mr. Lange spoke of not settling, this matter is ready to go to trial.

Fran Brooks other demands do not relate to OPRA violations. It involved creating an ordinance for executive session minutes. This process is already being instituted and followed pursuant to Resolution 2018-90, which was adopted by governing body; the difference would be creating another cost for the Township for advertising and its codification costs.

The Township agreed to pay reasonable attorney fees as they relate to the count regarding Lisa Love failing to file a document in timely manner. Township will not pay for fees which includes chasing claims that do not relate to the Open Public Meetings Act; Fran Brooks will not triumph on multiple accounts.

**GRC Complaint 2019-81, FY2015 Records Request**

Fran Brooks has filed another complaint; however, through Government Records Council for refund of $50.00 and payment of her Attorney fees for farmland assessment CAMA Data she received in year 2015. In 2013 Township hired vendor MicroSystems to handle Township wide appraisal property inspections. The Township is being challenged for the fifty-dollar special service charge for the conversion data passed on to Fran Brooks for the year 2015 OPRA Request. Solicitor Lange will discuss this further after GRC mediation.
Verizon – Potential Litigation

Mr. Lee spoke of the Township having the ability to file complaint for Verizon not following BPU rules; Township can join in with Cumberland County Attorney against Verizon, however, there was a concern of production being stopped before production is done. Mr. Lee spoke that BPU and Rate Council are making Verizon do the whole census tract. Township will wait on BPU and let Verizon complete phases and obtain schedule of completion.

Appreciation was given to Stephen Lee, III and Stephen Lee, IV for their efforts.

Members of the Township Committee came out of closed session and returned to the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Township Clerk

APPROVED: 07/22/2019

RELEASED: 12/04/2019