Tabernacle Township Committee
Executive Session Minutes of March 26, 2018

In attendance: Governing Body
Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee (Absent)
Richard J. Fransen, Township Committee
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee (Absent)
Joseph W. Barton, Mayor

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

Members of the Township Committee met in executive session to discuss shared services with neighboring communities for Municipal Court.

Mr. Lange spoke of meeting with the Township Attorney for the Township of Woodland concerning proposed municipal court shared service agreement to share facilities, equipment, office staff and record storage. The idea would be to conserve resources and to provide for a more efficient and economically sound municipal court system, with the Township of Tabernacle being the Lead Municipality.

Woodland Township had a level of concern regarding any possible needed improvements as required by the courts. Mr. Lange indicated that he will put language in the agreement in the event that capital improvements or modifications to the Court Room and/or ancillary areas associated with the Court Room are required by the regulations of the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts. The parties will negotiate how such improvements will be funded by the parties.

Woodland Township had concern regarding the courier service. Tabernacle Township will be responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for the armored service or other service ensuring the safe deposit of all cash and checks received by the Court into the account of the Tabernacle Municipal Court.

Woodland Township plans to introduce a Resolution to approve a shared service agreement on Wednesday. Mr. Lange spoke that approval would be subject to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the Burlington County Superior Court.

There was a general discussion about a stipend salary for Judge Downey position for consolidation of courts and increase level of workload for the courts.

Adjournment. Members of the Township Committee came out of closed session and returned to the open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 04/23/2018

RELEASED DATE: 5/21/2018