

**TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2017**

**In Attendance: Governing Body**

Joseph W. Barton, Township Committee  
 Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee  
 Richard J. Franzen, Township Committee  
 Joseph Yates, IV, Deputy Mayor  
 Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor

**Professionals**

Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor  
 Thomas Boyd, Construction Official  
 Douglas A. Cramer, Township Administrator  
 La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

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Members of the Township Committee met in executive session to discuss the following potential litigation matters:

**9 Worrell Road / Longstreet Property**

Mr. Lange provided the Township Committee with an update on the dilapidated property which has been an issue since 2010, as was brought up by Mr. Boyd and Mr. Cramer. The property is in the Estate of Verna Longstreet who passed away. The Estate has done a lot of work and the neighbors seem pleased. Longstreet's Attorney, Mr. Philip Muldoon has made an offer on behalf of the Estate for the Township to purchase the property at "fair market in which they equate to the current assessment of \$113,900.00; however, Mr. Lange spoke of the need for the property to be brought up to code or demolished. In its present condition it is likely worth less than the current taxes owed which are around \$60k. Mr. Lange suggests the Township take deed in lieu of foreclosure, and not spend money on the property because of the lack of worth. It is suspected that the Estate will not expend the resources necessary to clean up the property and will either accept the Township's offer in lieu of foreclosure or try and sell it in its present condition. The Township Committee does not want to make an offer to purchase the property. Mr. Boyd spoke of the property is not structurally to be torn down. The Township will withdraw complaint for unsafe structures.

**14 Moore Road / Persson Property**

Mr. Lange spoke about the property that suffered fire in 2014; as a result the house was condemned as an unsafe structure. The volunteer groups helped rebuild however the progress came to a halt. Mr. Boyd spoke of debris is visual throughout the property and the son (Mr. Persson) is living on the property with illegal wiring. In January 2017, there was an administrative hearing which spelled out the deadline dates which were not adhered. Mr. Persson has failed to meet the dates. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Township has the administrative ability to demolish the property. It was suggested that Mr. Persson be provided with the contact information for the department of social service to help the gentleman before Township will go out to bid.

There being no further discussion, members of the Township Committee came out of executive session at 9:01 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting to pursue adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC  
 Municipal Clerk

Approved: 04/24/2017

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