CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kimberly A. Brown followed by the Flag Salute at 9:00 a.m. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Municipal Clerk La Shawn R. Barber.

Sunshine Notice: This special meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of May 4, 2020 was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times and Courier Post on April 29, 2020. Posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL


PROFESSIONALS IN ATTENDANCE


PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minutes) - None

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 65

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020 FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, said Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency continue to exist; and
WHEREAS, property taxpayers may be suffering from financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, loss or drop of income or unexpected expenses due to necessary health care; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), a municipality may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for the second-quarter property taxes, as to Tabernacle’s budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 130 (2020) was issued on April 28, 2020, which authorized municipalities to establish a grace period extension no later than June 1, 2020 for payment of second-quarter property taxes and that any provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1(a) and N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a) inconsistent with Executive Order 130 (2020) were suspended for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period of June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes, to help the property taxpayers of the Township of Tabernacle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby institute a grace period of June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes for properties in the Township, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 130 (2020).

2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within three (3) business days of the adoption of this Resolution.

3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer, and the Township Administrator.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, and unanimously carried. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: June 15, 2020