Mayor Joseph Barton called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

**Sunshine Notice:** This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of **February 25, 2019** was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times and Courier Post. 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 - Governing Body - Present**
Kimberly A. Brown, Deputy Mayor (Telephone Voice)
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Township Committee
Samuel R. Moore, III, Township Committee
**Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee (Absent)**
Joseph W. Barton, Mayor

**Administrative Team**
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Rodney R. Haines, CMFO, Chief Finance Officer
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer
Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

There were no public comments on agenda items.

**Approval of bills:** On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, the bills were ordered paid.
Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Yates Motion carried.

**Ordinance**

**Ordinances on first reading** – The public hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

**2019-1:** AMENDING CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC SECTION 12 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the interest of the public to increase the maximum permitted gross registered weight of vehicles parked within any residential district from 12,000 pounds gross registered weight to 17,500 pounds gross registered weight; and

WHEREAS, the Township Code enforcement officer has recommended that the Committee increase the maximum permitted gross registered weight for vehicles parked within any residential district; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of amending Chapter 7, Section 7-12 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Tabernacle to raise the maximum permitted gross registered weight for parked vehicles within any residential district from 12,000 pounds to 17,500 pounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section One: Chapter 7, Section 7-12 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Tabernacle is hereby
amended to read as follows:

7-12 PARKING OF VEHICLES WEIGHING IN EXCESS OF 17,500 POUNDS PROHIBITED.

No person shall park any truck, bus, trailer or tractor, the gross registered weight of which exceeds seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) pounds, out of doors within any residential district of a regional growth area, Pinelands Village, and approved major subdivisions wherever located in the Township. This requirement shall not pertain to farms wherever located.

Section Two: All other provisions of the Township Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from repeal, and shall remain in full force and effect;

Section Three: If any provision of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

Section Four: The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and in accordance with the law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2019, by the Tabernacle Township Committee.

- Motion adopt Ordinance 2019-1, on first reading, was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore. Public hearing date is set for March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:  Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-42

APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE AND COASTLINE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE 2018 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2018, the Township Committee awarded the contract for the 2018 Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of $252,696.00 to Coastline Construction, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Change Orders are regulated by Local Finance Board regulation N.J.A.C. 5:34-4; and

WHEREAS, approval by the Mayor and Committee is required for all Change Orders; and

WHEREAS, The Township Administrator and Dante Guzzi Engineering Associates, LLC have recommended that the Mayor and Committee approve Change Order No.1 as described below:

Change Order #1

Description of change in scope of work:

- Amount of Original Contract: $252,696.00
- Total Change Order No. 1 Amount: $19,620.00
- Revised Contract Total: $272,316.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Tabernacle in the County of Burlington as follows:

1. Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the Township of Tabernacle and Coastline Construction, LLC is hereby authorized by the Township; and
2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1.
• Motion adopt Resolution 2019-42, Approving Change Order No. 1 for 2018 Drainage Improvements: Coastline Construction, was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Brown.

Roll Call:  Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-43
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION of PROPERTY TAXES for PARCELS OWNED by NJ DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

WHEREAS, Block 1302, Lot 65 QFARM, Block 1302, Lot 69 QFARM and Block 1601, Lot 7 QFARM have been acquired by the State of New Jersey on June 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, such land is exempt from property tax; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been notified in writing the exemption is effective beginning January 1, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to CANCEL 2019 PROPERTY TAXES on the following three parcels of land:

Block 1302, Lot 65 QFARM
Block 1302, Lot 69 QFARM
Block 1601, Lot 7 QFARM

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.

• Motion adopt Resolution 2019-43, Authorize cancellation of property taxes for parcels owned by NJDEP, was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call:  Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-44
GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Burlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Tabernacle Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Tabernacle Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:

   DEDR $12,212.00
   Cash Match $ 3,053.00
   In-Kind $ 9,159.00

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.
- Motion adopt Resolution 2019-44, Authorize submission of a strategic plan for Tabernacle Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2020, was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-45
APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NJ, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management, Township of Tabernacle, New Jersey has applied for the FY 18 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMMA) – FY18-EMPG-EMMA-0335 for the subaward period 7/1/18 – 6/30/19; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the project is $21,646.34, the Federal Award is $4,767.62 with a $16,878.72 match in kind or cash from the Township of Tabernacle (Tabernacle match includes fringe benefits of 7.65%); and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for salary, wages and fringe benefits as required under the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management is an agency of the Township and is “authorized to accept” and “does accept” this Subaward.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington State of New Jersey hereby accepts the grant funds for the purposes described in the application, primarily, the EMC is directed to develop and maintain the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan including conducting such meetings as required to coordinate the various emergency responders of the Township. Expected duties include chairing the LEPC and attending Township Committee meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other duties and responsibilities of the EMC and the deputies are on a volunteer “in-kind” bases and absolutely essential to the emergency management program of the Township of the community’s emergency preparedness and response. These responsibilities include the activation and operation of the Township Emergency Operations Center, training and exercising in and with the community and the planning for and execution of major planned public events such as the Tabernacle Memorial Day Parade. The Township Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for the organizing, training and equipping as well as deploying the 100+ Pinelands Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) within the Township, region and county/state.

- Motion adopt Resolution 2019-45, Authorize acceptance of award money from the FY18 EMMA Grant, was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-46
AUTHORIZE REFUND PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Brian Hires, owner and resident of 17 Anne Drive (Block 309, Lot 23) was granted an exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced November 21, 2018 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Lereta, LLC, the mortgage company, paid the Quarter 1 2019 taxes, after the Totally Disabled Veteran status was declared but before the change took place in their books; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund $1,855.54 to Lereta, LLC, Attn: Central Refunds, 1123 Parkview Drive, Covina, CA 91724, mortgage company for Brian Hires, owner and resident of 17 Anne Drive, Tabernacle (Block 309, Lot 23).

(Calculation: 2019 Quarter 1 Taxes $1,855.54)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.
• Motion adopt Resolution 2019-46, Authorize refund pursuant to a one hundred percent totally disabled veteran exemption, was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Moore.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

Motions
a) Authorization to conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control Activities
• Motion to approve Authorize to conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control activities was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Brown.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

b) Parade Permit: South Jersey Enduro Riders, Inc. – Curly Fern Enduro: March 24, 2019
• Motion to approve South Jersey Enduro Riders, Inc. – Curly Fern Enduro for March 24, 2019 was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Brown.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

c) Parade Permit: Pine Barons Enduro Riders – PBER Clock Run: April 14, 2019
• Motion to approve Pine Barons Enduro Riders – PBER Clock Run for April 14, 2019 was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Brown.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton  Ayes: 4  Nays: 0  Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

Members of the governing body expressed both parade permit applicants provide better detail maps with their application.

Agenda for next workshop meeting

Committeeman Lee spoke of wanting to know the progress for the projects of the municipal court shared service with Woodland Township and Irick’s Causeway.

Irick’s Causeway – the next step will be to go out to bid for professional services of an Appraiser; listed for next agenda.

Municipal Court Shared Service - the advertisement for Deputy Court Administrator is closed; we are in the process of setting interview times. The county court office has to be part of the interview process.

Committeeman Lee spoke of adding to the 2019 agenda; traffic issues at the four-way stop in-front of Town Hall and Seneca High School. Spoke of receiving public comment over the years regarding concerns when he was Mayor in 2013; met with members of Lenape Regional and County Engineer Office. Lenape put together a study for that intersection.

Mayor Barton agreed to add traffic issues to the 2019 agenda; added that he and Administrator Cramer met with County Engineer Joe Brickley last year; the County has a plan for a round about at the intersection. The County Engineer is working with Lenape for realigning the driveways with Hawkin Road which can be a federal grant from the Delaware Valley Planning Commission. The Freeholders did not commit to fully fund.

Report of Township Engineer

Stormwater Management Plan – Engineer Guzzi spoke that he is addressing the state’s comments regarding their inspection last month.

Report of Township Administrator

Road Program – funding received; we need to move forward to assigning the roads and give engineer approval to move forward.

Room and Boarding Houses – future discussions regarding suspected boarding houses in the Township will be held with the Township Solicitor and Code Enforcement.
**Report of Township Solicitor**

Stormwater Management Inspection and Enforcement – spoke with Engineer Guzzi’s office to address concerns regarding stormwater basin inspection and maintenance. Township has a stormwater ordinance on the books heavily tied to the approval process of site plan or subdivision; the enforcement is through the agreements conditioned with those approvals.

Commercial Gross Weight Limit Vehicles – looking to have a meaningful discussion regarding the weight limit associated with commercial GWV to be parking in residential zones; the introduced ordinance will raise the GVW from 12,000 to 17,500.

Special Events Ordinance – looking to have a meaningful discussion aimed at listing first reading at regular meeting.

**Report of Township Committee**

Committeeman Moore spoke of attending the newly elected seminars and learning a lot; attended sheltering seminar with Emergency Management Coordinator Sunbury and Administrator Cramer; spoke of working with emergency management coordinator and both fire and rescue volunteer chiefs regarding working on rescue training.

Mayor Barton spoke of attending the 200 Club Dinner in support of police, fire and ems which provides benefits to families of the deceased. Attended the fire company annual dinner.

Committeeman Lee thanked the fire company for dinner invitation; questioned the game plan for budget introduction.

Chief Financial Officer Haines spoke of the start of development of the municipal budget process would be held at the next workshop meeting. State Aid numbers may be received mid-March; if possible, introduce the budget at your next regular meeting in March. The Committee as a whole should be on board with what is in the budget; as opposed to at the public hearing of the budget after it has been introduced. This will reduce amount of time that it takes to adopt the budget. Develop your questions as a Committee.

Committeeman Lee provided an update on Verizon. A letter was sent out to update the public on discussions we are having with Verizon; met with member representatives of BPU, staff, Verizon and rate council. Future discussions regarding the plan for Tabernacle will be forthcoming. Fios is coming to Tabernacle.

**Public comment**

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, request to have larger copies of the municipal budget.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, spoke of being happy with the TRS Contract Agreement as it recognizes the value, qualities and service of the rescue squad; cautioned Township publicizing the first responder’s rosters of both fire and ems members.

Mike Callaghan, Moore Road West, questioned the reason for flag road mark outs on the road on his road.

No further public comments.

**Closed session**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION CS 02 252019**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting, (7:39 P.M)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after executive session we will reopen the meeting in which action may or may not be taken.
• Motion adopt Resolution CS 02 252019, Closed Session was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore. Township Committee may or may not take action after returning form executive session.

Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton   Ayes: 4       Nays: 0   Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

Reopen. Members of the Township Committee returned from closed session at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Brown the meeting was adjourned at 8:49p.m.
Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Barton   Ayes: 4       Nays: 0   Absent: Yates  Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 04/29/2019