

**TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWN HALL AGENDA OF MARCH 25, 2019**

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Mayor Joseph Barton called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

**Sunshine Notice:** This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of **March 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  
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  
Rodney R. Haines, CMFO, Chief Finance Officer  
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer  
Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor  
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Glenn Robbins, Superintendent of Schools, met with members of the Township Committee to express concerns regarding school funding for the State of New Jersey; explained that State of New Jersey is promoting less funding, which means less in education for our schools and reduced in staff.

Mayor Barton spoke of the statewide organizations in which Tabernacle Township are members of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and members of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors; suggest Township Committee ask for passage of a Resolution in support for Tabernacle Township schools. The Resolution would be shared with the NJLM and NJCM to see if they would weigh in as they do have legislative committees. Mayor Barton asked for other ideas to advance forward.

Committeeman Lee spoke of an informal group, Save Our School (SOS), that was put together because of this issue and desires Township Committee to recognize the distribution of funds. The Township will provide a letter and Resolution in support to fully support state funding for Tabernacle Schools.

- On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2019-54 was adopted.

**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton      Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Carried.**

**Public comment.**

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow questions the availability of the school's draft budget.

Public Safety Liaison – Committeeman Sam Moore reached out to the state police requesting their attendance at the Township Committee meeting.

Red Lion Station State Police – Trooper Setmyre and Trooper Delmar provided a brief summary on Tabernacle as there was nothing that would raise alarm; increased patrolling high speed areas such as Carranza Road; near schools; Hawkin Road and Oakshade Road to maintain safety; there are school resource officers throughout the schools in Tabernacle. A lot of the concerns have been brought to the Station Commander and it is encouraged that more people reach out to the station.

Public Safety Liaison Moore spoke of receiving comments about speed control near Seneca High School and Hawkin Road between Route 206 corridor and Carranza Road.

Committeeman Yates spoke Hawkin Road being a major speeding problem; commented on seeing a school bus traveling 60 mph in a 25-mph zone about 4am.

Mayor Barton spoke about the Township municipal budget plan to purchase portable speed limits signs.

#### Public comment on agenda items

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the executive session subject being negotiated for Irick's Causeway and contract award for the appraisal; commented on wanting to hear discussion regarding revenues for existing fee ordinance; the anticipated amounts of the proposed fee ordinance and cost for fees.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on the Resolution for the road program ant that does not include Carranza Road or Moore's Meadow Road; spoke of the quality of the road resurfacing it are not rated as well as Carranza Road and spoke of the engineer's study for all of the Tabernacle roads.

No further comments from the public on agenda items.

#### 2019 Municipal Budget: Mayor Barton allowing three-minutes public comment

Mayor Barton provided a copy of the budget operations from the fire company to the Municipal Clerk; copies are available for committee.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on the proposed tax increase levy to be between 2-cents and 3.8 cents, Township should have negotiated a revenue contract with TRS. Commented on the allocated legal services for litigation largely for OPRA. Commented that investment for effective training and compliance is much more efficient than litigation; litigation is a bad result because it is costly and Township's record in litigation is 0-8.

Kathy Burger, Woodside Drive, commented on money allocated in the budget. No intention of replacing the Public Safety Director. Commented on the anticipated revenue increase for the shared service with Woodland Township for Municipal Court. Ms. Burger indicated that she will provide by email a list of questions.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about it being unfair to the tax paying residents to constantly increase 2% to the employees, even though they work hard.

No further public comments.

## ORDINANCES

### **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE: ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 7 "TRAFFIC" REVISING SECTION 7-12."**

#### **Public Comment.**

Lyle Manheimer, Log Road, spoke in opposition of this ordinance and believes this is unwarranted and unreasonable; the increased burden would be placed on the back roads of Tabernacle; spoke that 12,000 should be more than sufficient.

Michael Ruggiano, Old Indian Mills Road, spoke in opposition of this ordinance and submitted GVR truck documentation to the Township Committee; encourages Township Committee to reject this proposed Ordinance.



**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

- On a motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordinance 2019-2 on first reading was offered for adoption. Motion carried. The second reading and public hearing will be April 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2019-3: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER IX, BUILDING AND HOUSING FEE SCHEDULE IN APPENDIX A**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs has adopted amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.20 in accordance with its authority under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-124; and

**WHEREAS**, these amendments deal with, in pertinent part, revised fees for certain inspections and corresponding fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Tabernacle wishes to modify its Township Ordinance to conform to the above- referenced Administrative Code amendments.

Now, Therefore, **BE IT ORDAINED** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Schedule E Building and Housing Fee in Appendix A is amended so as to update the applicable fee schedule in accordance with Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion.

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

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordinance 2019-3 on first reading was offered for adoption. Motion carried. The second reading and public hearing will be April 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2019-4: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE 8 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND SIMILAR USES OF PUBLIC PLACES”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that improved coordination of public events is desirable; and

**WHEREAS**, a requirement for a Special Events permit would ensure the protection of public safety and the full preparedness of the Township Public Works and Emergency Services Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Events particularly require a plan and coordination with the Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds the purposes of such a permit requirement to be in accord with its statutory authority and in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the Township and its residents.

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

Article 8 of the Township Code entitled “**PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND SIMILAR USES OF PUBLIC PLACES**” is hereby repealed and replaced with “**PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AND SIMILAR USES OF PUBLIC PLACES - SPECIAL EVENTS**”

Section 1.

## **Special Events.**

### **A. Purpose.**

It is recognized that Special Events enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Township. Therefore, without unduly burdening event planners and sponsors, a permit shall be required to be obtained in advance for all Special Events, as defined herein, to ensure notice to the Township and to ensure planning and coordination of such events with the Township Office of Emergency Management.

### **B. Definitions.**

**Special Event** shall be defined as follows: Any protest, service, fair, carnival, festival, show, exhibition, celebration, assembly, pageant, or other similar public event to be conducted within or partly within the Township of Tabernacle where attendance by participants, spectators and/or patrons is expected to be greater than 250 persons and where the event or any part of the event is to be held on public ground, a public park, in a public right-of-way or on private ground when the public is invited and/or the event is advertised.

In addition, **Special Event** shall also include any walkathon, march, parade, automobile road rally, motorcycle race or enduro, bicycle race, rally or tour, foot race, marathon, hike, or trail ride of any kind or similar function, procession, or any similar display conducted in or upon any street, road, park, or other public place within Tabernacle Township.

**Special Event** does not include any funerals, weddings, or processions sponsored by houses of religious worship, educational activities under the direction and supervision of school authorities, normal camp activities occurring at an accredited camp, processions sanctioned or approved by a government agency including but not limited to the Township and its subdivisions, the Fire Company or the EMS while acting within the scope of their duties and/or functions, or processions arising out of labor disputes..

### **C. Permit Required.**

Any individual, partnership, corporation or entity conducting a Special Event shall submit an application for a Special Event Permit. An application fee of \$75.00 shall accompany any submitted application for a Special Event Permit. Applications shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Special Event on a form to be supplied by the Township Clerk.

The Township OEM and/or Administrator shall have the authority to revoke a Special Event Permit issued hereunder in the event that standards for issuance are not met and/or it is determined that the Special Event poses any risk to public safety.

### **D. Event Management Plan Required.**

An Event Management Plan shall be submitted with each application for a Special Event Permit. The Event Management Plan shall include proposed planning and actions to address public health and safety issues including, but not limited to, emergency vehicle access, traffic and pedestrian management and trash, refuse and sanitary sewer management. This plan shall be approved by the Township Office of Emergency Management prior to the issuance of any permit and shall include:

- i. The name, address, email address and telephone numbers of all persons and any organization or corporate entity involved and the person(s) representing such an organization seeking to conduct the Special Event.
- ii. The Type of function and the proposed dates when the Special Event is to be conducted. The route to be utilized for any procession if any and the many of travel including the spacing of participants. The approximate number of persons to be expected to participate in the Special Event. The hours when the Special Event will start and terminate. The proposed location of assembly areas if any.
- iii. Written permission evidencing a license to use any private property associated with the Special Event.
- iv. Emergency vehicle access management shall include establishing the location(s) and manner in which emergency vehicles may access the event and ancillary property if necessary.
- v. Traffic and pedestrian management includes:
  1. Providing safe ingress and egress, vehicular traffic flow, and pedestrian traffic flow;
  2. Utilizing parking attendants, signs, or other parking-related instructions to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow onto, off of, and within the event. Special service providers may be required to assist with traffic management;
  3. Establishing areas temporarily devoted to parking based on the volume of visitors expected; and
  4. Establishing overflow parking areas in the event the planned-for parking capacity is exceeded.
- vi. Public health management includes:
  1. Providing sanitary facilities sufficient to accommodate, without causing long queues, the volume of visitors expected; and
  2. Providing hand-sanitizing facilities for visitors to wash or sanitize their hands after the use of the sanitary facilities; and

3. Locating sanitary facilities and managing them with an appropriate cleaning schedule, so as to prevent adverse impacts on health and adjacent properties, such as odors; and
  4. Providing trash and recycling receptacles to accommodate the volume of visitors expected in order to prevent the accumulation of trash and debris on the ground; and
  5. Properly training and equipping event staff on how to handle emergencies that may occur during the event including, but not limited to, the preparation of a protocol for contacting and deploying police, fire, and/or another emergency service in the event of an actual emergency.
- vii. If a Special Event occurs periodically or more than once per year and occurs under the same basic conditions, an applicant may satisfy the provisions of this Chapter for the multiple events by submitting a single event management plan that notes the multiple occurrences and the future dates of the event.
- viii. If the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator requests or requires any additional information or changes to the Special Event Management Plan, the Applicant shall provide the additional information and comply with the required changes.

**E. Insurance and Indemnification.**

Special Event Permits shall be conditioned upon the provision of insurance in the name of the applicant and/or property owner and indemnification to the Township in accord with the following:

**A. Insurance.**

The applicant shall furnish evidence of a liability insurance policy insuring against loss in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit per occurrence and in the aggregate covering personal injury and property damage issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. The insurance policy shall be endorsed to the Township with the Township, its elected and appointed boards, officers, agents, officials and employees named as additional insured and shall provide that any other insurance maintained by the Township shall be in excess of and not contributing to the insurance coverage provided to the Township under the applicant's policy.

**B. Indemnification.**

The applicant shall also be required to sign an indemnity agreement in a form approved by the Township Attorney which shall expressly provide that the applicant agrees to defend, protect, indemnify and hold the Township, its officers, employees and agents free and harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, expenses, loss or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or resulting from, the alleged acts or omissions of applicant, participants, its officers, agents or employees in connection with the permitted event or activity; and the Permit shall expressly provide that the applicant shall, at applicant's own cost, risk and expense, defend any and all claims or legal actions that may be commenced or filed against the Township, its officers, agents, participants or employees, and that the applicant shall pay any settlement entered into and shall satisfy any judgment that may be rendered against the Township, its officers, agents or employees as a result of the alleged acts or omissions of applicant or applicant's officers, agents, participants or employees in connection with the uses, events or activities under the Permit. This indemnification shall specifically include the provision of legal counsel for defense, including payment thereof, and any costs incurred by the Township in seeking enforcement of the indemnification.

**F. Violations and Penalties**

Any person, firm, corporation, association, legal party or other entity whatsoever who or which shall violate, or authorize or procure a violation, or cause to be violated, any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable as provided under the General Penalty provisions found in this Code.

Section 2. Repealer. Any Ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is deemed to be contrary to law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be of no force or effect; but the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

- On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordinance 2019-4 on first reading was offered for adoption. Motion carried. The second reading and public hearing will be April 22, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

Emergency Management Coordinator Sunbury spoke about the recent changes made to the ordinance in which he indicated that he streamlined the definitions for clarity addressed everything for the benefit of Tabernacle Township.

## RESOLUTIONS

### **RESOLUTION 2019-48 AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR 2019 ROAD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of Tabernacle Township to receive sealed proposals for the 2019 Road Program for various Township Roadways including, but not limited to the following roads in Tabernacle Township:

- Hawkins Road – Route 206 to Carranza Road
- Cramer Road – Route 206 to Old Indian Mills Road
- Holly Park Drive – Sooy Place Road to Sooy Place Road
- Sylvan Court – Holly Park Drive to end
- Lee Drive – Traffic calming measures only; and

**WHEREAS**, plans and specifications will be prepared by the Township Engineer and sealed proposals will be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office at 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Township Engineer to prepare plans and specifications to solicit bids for the 2019 Road Program in Tabernacle Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** upon advertised notice that sealed proposals is to be delivered or mailed to the Municipal Clerk in Tabernacle Township, where **sealed bids will be opened publicly**.

- On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2019-48 was offered for adoption and to add speed bumps on Hawkins Road.

**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

Road Flooding - Mayor Barton spoke of receiving calls from residents concerning Moore Road and Richter Road being closed several times because of flooding; Mayor Barton gave full disclosure that his son Barton lives on Richter Road. Engineer Guzzi stated that Moore Road and Richter Road are included on the list for the *2019 Drainage Improvements Project - Richter & Moore* – The site has been scheduled for survey; Administrator Cramer spoke of fighting the ground water issue in that particular area because of the high water table which has generated on extra 25 inches of rain, and it being the wettest season of the year. Public Works removed approximately 13 loads of water out of that area.

Carranza and Hawkin Road - Committeeman Yates questioned Engineer Guzzi if we are addressing (at any time) the difficulties at the yield (intersection) of Carranza Road and Hawkin Road. Engineer Guzzi spoke there are no plans to reconfigure the intersection but will look at setlines. Administrator Cramer explained the County established the yield instead of a stop. The County of Burlington maintains that interstation since the building of Seneca High School.

Carranza Road - Committeeman Moore spoke of the desire to get Carranza Road complete and work with Shamong Township; Mayor Barton spoke of the challenge of one side belonging to Tabernacle, while the other side belongs to Shamong Township. Tabernacle will revisit the matter with Shamong Township.

Speeding - Committeeman Lee spoke of traffic calming on Hawkin Road and speeding issues; does not support road surface improvements until traffic and speeding calming matters have been addressed, however would support if there would be something built in the road program. Mayor Barton expressed his concern regarding the liability, the added cost of when the roads are repaired / paved / speed humps are installed, it will become contagious that every street in Township would want speed humps installed. Engineer Guzzi explained the added cost of speed humps is minimal and an approximate cost of no more than \$1,500.00 each installed. Rumble strips are not recommended.

Consensus of Committee is that speed humps are needed on Hawkin Road.

### **RESOLUTION 2019-49 APPOINTING PUBLIC WORKS LABORER TO THE CLASSIFICATION POSITION OF UTILITY II**

**W**hereas, **Thomas R. Montgomery** has worked part-time for the Township of Tabernacle since February 8, 2012 and was appointed permanent Public Works Laborer to serve in the Department of Public Works by virtue of Resolution 2016-132; and

**Whereas**, the Director of Public Works Department recommends that **Thomas R. Montgomery** be promoted to the classification position of Utility II in Tabernacle Township.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, **hereby approve appointment of Thomas R. Montgomery to serve the classification as Utility II employee (2019 rate of \$24.00 per hour)** in the Public Works Department for Tabernacle Township, effective immediately.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2019-49 was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-50  
AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT  
NJ STATE CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF TOWN HALL GAZEBO**

**Whereas**, the Township of Tabernacle, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**Whereas**, the Township of Tabernacle intends to enter into a contract with referenced vendor, Ben Shaffer Recreation under State Contract Vendor through this resolution and properly executed contracts, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current State contracts.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Township of Tabernacle authorizes the Township Administrator to purchase certain goods or services from approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor #16-FLEET-00135, pursuant to all conditions of the individual State contracts; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the governing body of the Township of Tabernacle pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore Resolution 2019-50 was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-51  
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES AND REFUND PURSUANT TO A  
ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS, Brian S. Welsh, Jr. owner and resident of 174 Patty Bowker Road (Block 1302, Lot 32.02)** has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

**WHEREAS**, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the exemption commenced December 31, 2018, in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to CANCEL THE 2019 PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN STATUS TO BRIAN S. WELSH, JR., OWNER AND RESIDENT OF 174 PATTY BOWKER ROAD, TABERNACLE, NJ 08088.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund \$2,659.13 to **CoreLogic Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760, mortgage servicer for Brian S. Welsh, Jr., owner and resident of 174 Patty Bowker Road, Tabernacle (Block 1302, Lot 32.02).** (Calculation: 2019 Quarter 1 paid by CoreLogic. Refund total amount of \$2,659.13

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

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2019-51 was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-52  
AUTHORIZE REFUND PURSUANT TO A  
ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS, Travis Burton, owner and resident of 125 Sooy Place Road (Block 703.01, Lot 5)** 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 June 13, 2018 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, CoreLogic, the mortgage servicing company, paid the Quarter 3 2018 taxes after the Totally Disabled Veteran status was declared but before the change took place in their books; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund \$2,453.39 to **CoreLogic Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760, mortgage servicer for Travis Burton, owner and resident of 125 Sooy Place Road, Tabernacle (Block 703.01, Lot 5).**

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

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates Resolution 2019-52 was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-53  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE  
AND OFFER EMPLOYMENT TO A P/T FIRE INSPECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Tabernacle desires to continue excellent services to persons residing in the community and beyond who are in need of serving the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to solicit applications for the position of a part-time Fire Inspector; and

**WHEREAS**, based on availability of funds as certified by the CFO and the need for someone to provide high level of customer service to work independently and under the direction of the Fire Inspector.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized to hire a part-time Fire Inspector.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore Resolution 2019-53 was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

Parade Permit: Urban Promise Ministries, Inc. – Pedal for Promise 2019: May 11, 2019

- On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Moore the Parade Permit application was offered for adoption.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of January 2, 2019 (Reorganization) was tabled until next meeting. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0                      Motion carried.**

- The minutes of January 22, 2019 (Regular and Closed Session) were tabled until next meeting. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0   Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee, the bills were ordered paid.  
**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton                      Ayes: 5                      Nays: 0   Motion carried.**

Report of the Township Engineer

*2018 Road Program* - Arawak Paving is scheduled to begin the inlet work on Powell Place Road the week of April 1, 2019. Paving work for Powell Place road and Carranza Roads should begin shortly after that.

*2018 Park Project* - Sussman Enterprises has completed the installation of all footings, concrete and pavilion & dugout structures. Fence work should begin this week. All work should be completed during the week of April 1, 2019.

Report of the Township Administrator

Tree Trimming - Public Works continues to work on road trimming, section one is completed.

Report of the Township Solicitor

Irick’s Causeway - The intent of executive session to discuss the proposals for Irick’s Causeway and hopefully enter into a contract for appraisal services. The Mayor has requested that Township Committee consider tabling for a more specific information.

Commercial Tag - There are no restrictions on tags but there are restrictions regarding the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW).

Release of Closed Session Minutes - The (MRC) Minutes Review Committee released the following closed session minutes for release to the public as they are no longer sensitive: May 21, 2018, September 24, 2018, November 26, 2018 and December 27, 2018.

Report of the Township Committee

Zoning - Committeeman Yates addressed a concern that was brought to his attention that Township is not business friendly and a business being is hindered from doing certain things which are directly related to their business; recommendation was made to reach out to Township Administrator. Mayor Barton questioned if the issue is because of our zoning or rules and regulations enforced by our Code Enforcement.

School - Committeeman Lee is pleased that Township made the decision to support the Tabernacle School District.

Forestry – Committeeman Lee reported on the Forest Fire Service management being a fine organization and would like to support forest management and fuel management because we are always threatened with forest fires.

Public Safety Liaison - Committeeman Moore reported on his meeting with TFC#1 to review budgetary items for the proposed Township Committee’s consideration.

Mayor Barton Committeeman Moore attended the first successful joint training with TFC#1 and TRS; both are looking forward to future training sessions, network and teambuilding event.

Mayor Barton asked the Township Committee to table closed session for the Contract Appraisal Service. The RFQ was received without an RFP fee schedule. No action will be taken this evening regarding Irick’s Causeway.

- Motion made to table closed session discussions was made by Mayor Barton and seconded by Ms. Brown.  
 Motion carried.

**Roll Call:    Those in favor: 5                      Opposed: 0                      Carried.**

## Report of the Chief Finance Officer



Budget - Chief Finance Officer Haines asked Township Committee for guidance for the next meeting work session regarding the municipal budget. Mayor Barton anticipates changes received from the fire company could be made to the budget.

TAA - Volunteer Baseball Director Haines reported, volunteers will be at Patty Bowker Park on Saturday morning, April 13, 2019 for clean-up day making the park presentable for the year. Opening day for baseball will also April 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. Volunteers put leaves in big piles; Public Works handles the rest.



### Public comment

Michael Callaghan, 18 Moore Road West, commented on the proposed ordinance that would increase the GVW limit and listening to the comments people made back and forth and wants people to use common sense; have a grain of salt with commercial vehicles when people have to leave at 6-7 in the morning; do not make these stringent rules.

Mark Lemire, 32 Washington Way, spoke of being the Vice-Chair on the LDB and wants Township Committee to understand people are leaving from work and not running commercial businesses from residential property; spoke that he is not in favor of any rumble strips for traffic and speed control. Spoke of the difference between taking a commercial vehicle to work and running a business out of your residential house.



Boy Scout - Nathaniel Zane, 14 Richter Road, spoke that he is working on his Community Merit Badge and questioned if Township Committee has any plans based on the current condition of the community center for all the groups actively using it.

Mayor Barton spoke that Township Committee has looked at the building and received an appraisal for that building, and possibility selling the building. Mayor Barton assured Scout Zane that if Township does sell the building, there will be enough locations in the town for the Boys Scouts to meet.

Llye Manheimer, Log Road, questioned the vacancy position of the Public Safety Director. Mayor Barton explained our PSD resigned last year; Township Committee has not brought up any need to have a PSD.

439 Scout Master Keith Zane, Richter Road, requested Mayor Barton to prepare an Eagle Scout Proclamation for Mika Litwornia who is receiving his court of honor.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the uses of permanent markers during a parade permit event.

Committeeman Lee spoke of this type of event is for that conversation to be held during the public hearing of the ordinance. Emergency Management Coordinator Sunbury commented this comes up frequently with these bike tours; we are asking them to use biodegradable (orange, red, or blue) directional stickers placed at intersections for bikes; cars and rain will dissolve and go away. Any permanent markers use would jeopardize future approvals and they will be responsible for cleaning up the roadway.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke that Carranza Road being the worst road; wants a commitment to residents on Moores Meadow Road for pavement; spoke of wanting answers regarding the proposed fee schedule.

Adam Goldy, Moore Road West, spoke about the fire Inspection ordinance if Township plans to create a local enforcement authority and collect hazard and permit fee. Mayor Barton spoke about the fee ordinance Township Committee advised that it was already done

Public comments closed.

Goal - Mayor Barton spoke about Carranza Road; the end goal is to get the grant to pave both sides of Carranza Road. If we do not get the grant our goal will be to share the cost with Shamong Township and get a commitment. Tabernacle would pay for fifty percent of Carranza Road.

**Adjournment:** Seeing no further business members of the Township Committee adjourned. Tabernacle Township March 25, 2019 meeting at 9:41 p.m. The motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates.

**Roll Call: Brown, Lee, Moore, Yates, Barton      Ayes: 5      Nays: 0      Absent: 1      Carried**

Respectfully submitted,  
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Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: 04/29/2019