Mayor Joseph Barton called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act"

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. This special meeting of June 4, 2018 was sent to the Burlington County Times and Central Record on May 23, 2018. 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
Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee
Richard J. Franzen, Township Committee
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Deputy Mayor
Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee
Joseph W. Barton, Mayor

Administrative Team
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Terry W. Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer
Peter C. Lange, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

The purpose of the liquor licenses, amend municipal budget, appoint Chief Finance Officer, appoint Public Safety Director and discuss any other Tabernacle Township business. This meeting is open to the public and formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Public Comment - There were no comments; closed public comment.

RESOLUTION 2018-63
RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE FOR MURPHYS IN THE PINES, LLC

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township has received an application for renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution License for the 2018-2019 term for the following license premise:

1. 0335-44-004-001 * Murphy’s in the Pines / Murphy’s in the Pines, LLC, 381 Medford Lakes Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

WHEREAS, the law requires that an Alcoholic Beverage License Retail Clearance Certificate must be granted by the Division of Taxation prior to renewal; and

WHEREAS, all fees have been deposited and required paper work filed with the Township Clerk having no written objections filed opposing the renewal application.

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

2. The Township Committee does hereby find that the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory, and local governing ABC laws and regulations.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as per Title 33, the Township Clerk is authorized to issue said licenses for the year 2018-2019 and files a certified copy of this Resolution with the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2018-63 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Brown, Franzen, Lee, Yates, Barton  Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Carried

Resolution 2018-64: The appointment of Chief Finance Officer was tabled. Committeeewoman Brown requested the position is re-advertised; there were three applicants. Ms. Brown suggested using a temporary service until the end of June because the resumes that were received did not have the required certification.

Mr. Lange spoke about the statute for appointment and having the Township Administrator explore a contract with Jersey Professionals. Madam Clerk Barber will re-advertise the position for a Chief Finance Officer.

- There were no objections to table the appointment for Resolution 2018-64. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates.

Roll Call: Brown, Franzen, Lee, Yates, Barton  Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Carried

RESOLUTION 2018-65
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE
APPOINTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township Ordinance 2017-9 creates the department of public safety and the position of public safety director; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides that the Township Committee will appoint the public safety director who will serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is aware of the need to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of appointing Arthur M. Liston as Public Safety Director; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Public Safety Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey this 4th day of June 2018, as follows:

1. Arthur M. Liston is hereby appointed as the Public Safety Director and serves at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

2. Yearly compensation for the Public Safety Director will be in accordance with the Township’s Salary Ordinance with a base salary of twelve thousand ($12,000.00) per year.

3. The appointment is effective on June 7, 2018.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to Chief Finance Officer upon adoption.

- On a motion made by Deputy Mayor Lee, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2018-65 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Brown, Franzen, Lee, Yates, Barton  Ayes: 5  Nays: 0  Carried
Budget Amendment Resolution 2018-66

Ms. Brown made motion to make contribution to the first aid squad in the amount of $22,000, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Mr. Franzen spoke of wanting to make contribution to the first aid squad in the amount of $22,000.

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Franzen Nays: Lee, Yates, Barton Defeated

- Mayor Barton asked for another motion for the amount of $12,000. Mr. Yates made motion, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Ms. Brown spoke of the amount of $12,000 is under the amount of what was extended prior to the squad; if there is a shortfall we will have to make up the difference of what was not budgeted.

Mr. Yates spoke of the squad not needing as much and not returning money to the Township.

Mayor Barton spoke of prior years giving the squad $70,000 and not knowing their surplus; now having a public safety director will have authority over all public safety in Tabernacle will look at the numbers to guide us in the future.

Mr. Cramer spoke of wanting the Township to put $10,000 in for unanticipated reserve for balance billing.

- Mr. Yates amended his motion to $22,000; the amount of $12,000 for first aid contribution and $10,000 for reserve. Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

- Public Hearing Date on Budget Amendment: June 25, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Roll Call: Ayes: Lee, Yates, Barton Nays: Brown, Franzen Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2018 was approved on the 26th day of March 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire to amend said approved budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2018 be made:

RECORDED VOTE: AYES __3___ NAYS __2___ ABSTAINED __0___ ABSENT __0___

CURRENT FUND: GENERAL REVENUES:
1. Surplus Anticipated $672,101 $656,498

Total Surplus Anticipated 672,101 656,498

3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A:
   Local Revenues:
Summary of Revenues:

1. Surplus Anticipated (Sheet 4, #1)  
2. Miscellaneous Revenues:
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A: Local Revenues
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset with Appropriations (N.J.S.40A:4-36 & N.J.A.C.5:23-4.17)
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section D: Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements Offset with Appropriations:
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section E: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services
   - Additional Revenues:
   - Total Miscellaneous Revenues

3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes
4. Subtotal General Revenues
5. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:
   - (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 2,861,926 2,798,089

7. Total General Revenues $ 4,377,562 $ 4,298,122

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

(A) Operations - Within "CAPS"

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Detail:

- Salaries & Wages
- Other Expenses (Including Contingent) 2,204,986 2,165,986
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes
Within "CAPS" 3,284,609 3,245,609

(C) Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS":
Capital Improvement Fund 75,000 35,000

Total Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS" 147,500 107,500

(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS" 961,674 921,674

(L) Subtotal General Appropriations Items (H-1) & (O) 4,246,283 4,167,283

(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes 131,279 130,839


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for his certification of the Local Municipal budget so amended.

RESOLUTION 2018-67
AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, c. 72

WHEREAS, due to the anticipated late adoption of the County of Burlington’s budget, the County Board of Taxation is unable to certify the tax rate throughout the County, and the Municipal Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, there may be insufficient cash flow to support municipal operations in late August 2018 unless third quarter revenue is received in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A.54:4-66.3.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2018 taxes, as permitted and required by P.L.1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 & 54:4-66.3).

2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2018 is hereby set at $18,944,250.08.

3. In accordance with applicable law, the third installment of 2018 shall not be subject to interest charges until the later of the end of the grace period, or 25 calendar days after the estimated bills were mailed. Bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2018-67 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call:  Brown, Franzen, Lee, Yates, Barton  Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried
**Report of the Chief Financial Officer**
Terry W. Henry’s retirement date is June 29, 2018.

**Report of the Township Administrator**
Sale of Township Owned Properties – Mr. Cramer reported that he is having continued discussions, research and efforts with Mr. Lange and Mr. Guzzi; recommendations will be provided at the June 25, 2018 meeting.

Carranza Road – Mr. Cramer spoke of there being continued efforts with the office of District 8 and District 9 and has provided them with the information they requested.

**Report of the Township Solicitor**
Tuckerton Road – Mr. Lange was given direction to reach out to Shamong Township regarding Tuckerton Road.

**Report of the Township Clerk**
Primary Election – Madam Clerk Barber spoke that she will have an early morning for the Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - Polls Open - 6am - 8pm

**Report of the Township Committee**
Committeeman Franzen and Committeeman Yates advised of having no reports for this meeting.

Committeewoman Brown requested Township Committee look into a telephone / speaker device which members of the Committee would be able to call into electronically or telephonically remote and attend Committee meetings.

Mayor Barton expressed his personal opinion of being in favor for a Committee member to have the ability to call in and listen, but not be an active participant for that meeting; concern that every Committee member is elected to attend meetings.

Committeewoman Brown read a prepared explanation as to why she is requesting an electronic device to call into meeting. Ms. Brown explained that her husband of 35 years has been recently diagnosed with ALS and is currently bed ridden. She has not been able to attend certain meetings within the past two years as a result of his rapid ailing health and Mr. Brown cannot be left alone. Currently, Mr. Brown is in the hospital and this is the reason that Ms. Brown has been able to attend the past few meetings. Therefore, being actively committed as a Committee member this is the reason for this request. Ms. Brown is wishing to publically inform the residents and is respectfully requested that Committee take consideration and look into a telephone / speaker device which members of the Committee would be able to call into electronically or telephonically remote and attend Committee meetings.

Deputy Mayor Lee thanked Township Auditor Kevin Frenia regarding the CFO selection process.

Deputy Mayor Lee apologized for not attending the Memorial Day Parade and thanked everyone for their participation with the Memorial Day Parade.

Deputy Mayor Lee spoke of meeting with Mr. Cramer and liaison members of the school board regarding Sequoia Building and discussed needs within the township and a possible field trip to look at the building.

Mayor Barton spoke of the appointment of Public Safety Director and wanting to move forward with his duties. The Ordinance indicates the PSD will report to the Township Committee, which means that majority of the Committee gives PSD direction along with the Township Administrator. The PSD will be able to sit with persons to interview and take grievances from either side and make recommendations as to how to have better continuity between all organizations. We will ask that the PSD attend all public meetings.

Mr. Lange explained that although the Ordinance indicates that the Public Safety Director (PSD) gives a direct report; under the Township’s form of government, all of the executive power is delegated to the Township Administrator. Ultimately the management, direction and supervision are delegated through the Township Administrator. The Township Committee does have a role in which way the PSD is operates because ultimately the
Administrator reports to the Township Committee. Ultimately, the executive authority is vested in the Administrator. The Township Committee can participate in a “hands on” role. The Committee does not have the ability to direct except through the Administrator. Now that a PSD has been appointed, we would like to move forward regarding and the Ordinance which indicates that the PSD reports to the Township Committee, which means that the majority of the Committee gives PSD direction along with the Township Administrator. The Township Committee will ask PSD to attend public meetings and give reports, decisions, issues and preferences which can be explained simultaneously to the Township Administrator and PSD; having constant communication is the key element.

Mr. Cramer clarified his understanding that he is given direction by Township Committee as a majority to set the course of actions.

Mayor Barton thanked all participants who helped during the Memorial Day Parade; provided a special thanks to Recreation Chairman Mark LeMire, Col. William Lowe and Rocco Negris who participated as the Grand Marshal.

**Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator**

Mr. Sunbury thanked all participants in the Memorial Day Parade and reported the radio towers are coming along nicely.

**Public Comment:**

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented and wanted verification on Mr. Langes’ invoice for SSA and spoke of it not being close to attorney client privilege; spoke that his billings are not detailed.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of her video recording and posting Township meetings on line; thanked the Township Committee for respecting her 1st amendment rights; spoke of an incident that happened when a resident stood in front of her camera and blocked the recording. Claims it was clearly intentional and a violation of her 1st amendments rights.

Mayor Barton requested that Ms. Brooks bring this type of matter to his attention so it can be addressed immediately.

Col. William Lowe, Hidden Acres Drive, spoke that he understands the position of Committeewoman Brown and stated that her courage is incredible and stated that if the US DOD can figure out how to run and see what is going on everywhere, it seems that Township would be able to suit up for electronic devices and to think that if Township could not figure out of how to do that, shames him.

Col. Lowe indicated that he is glad to hear discussions about Sequoia School and that Deputy Mayor Lee is looking at how to make this building to use by the public, instead of trying to rehab the Community Center. Col. Lowe would like to see a library and volunteered to help and donate 1,000 books. Feels that this is an opportunity to do something positive and not constantly discussing lawsuits and balance billing.

Mayor Barton spoke of the possibility that Tabernacle Schools stand to lose close to $260,000.00 per year, which would need to be made up in a budget. If the State cuts funding to the schools, we have to make up the difference through property taxes. If we receive less funding from the State designated to the municipalities, we have to raise property taxes; which is counterproductive.

Public Comment was closed.

**Executive Session:**

Solicitor Lange indicated there was no need for the governing body to go into closed session at this time; waiting on conference with the Judge regarding Brooks’ litigation.

Members of the Township Committee decided to not go into executive session.
Adjournment.
On a motion to adjourn the special meeting of June 4, 2018 was made by Mayor Barton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 23, 2018