Mayor Joseph Barton called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of November 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 (Arrived at 7:34 PM)
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

RECESS: Members of the Township Committee recessed to go into the Board of Health Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-117
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

WHEREAS, pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 10:4 ET. Seq. of the "Open Public Meetings Act requires the advance notice of all meetings of the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-12, there shall be at least one (1) regular meeting conducted per year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Tabernacle Board of Health Meetings shall be incorporated within the Township Committee Meetings at Tabernacle Town Hall, 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-117 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. None.

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

Reports: Burlington County Health Department: Holly Funkhouser covered activities in Tabernacle for year 2019 which consisted of a few complaints. It was also stated that NJ Department of Health and NJDEP are working together to send out letters to various homeowners to do gross alpha testing of wells within Tabernacle; it is found in drinking water and takes a long-life exposure and high level to cause health concerns. The study will be done through the private well testing act. Some of the homes that have high elevated gross alpha levels will be notified for free testing through that program.

Township Committeeman Yates arrived.

Committeeman Yates asked if a homeowner had their well tested and replaced if they are still eligible for the free testing; Ms. Funkhouser spoke that she believes they would be still eligible.

Public Comment.
Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned if the Board of Health has an estimate on the number of wells that might be tested in Tabernacle; Ms. Funkhouser spoke of NJDEP plan to send out 26 letters to the neighbors of Private Well Testing Act for wells that tested high for gross alpha.
Colleen Domingo, Lee Drive, questions if every house is required to do well testing or voluntary; Ms. Funkhouser spoke of it being a requirement for selling a home.

Committeeman Yates questions if the 26 letters to be sent out is a broad spectrum; Ms. Funkhouser spoke that it depends on it being based upon previous private testing act results. Tabernacle Township’s Environmental Consultant, Doug Stuart is aware.

Closed to the public.
Seeing no further comments, Mayor Barton adjourned the Board of Health Meeting and reconvene to the Township Committee meeting. Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates. All in favor:  5 Ayes:  0 Nays  Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
The Township Committee intends to submit a request to the Burlington County Office of Community Development Block Grant. Prior to submitting an application for funds, Tabernacle Township will conduct this public hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity to comment on the activities in which the Township will include in its application for replacement of wheelchair lift and renovations of bathrooms for ADA compliance in Town Hall Municipal Building.

Mayor Barton opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the estimate cost for the handicapped lift and Township’s responsible grant portion.

Township Engineer Guzzi explained the lift will be similar to the existing one; however, a bit more capable with respect to the newer wheelchairs. The approximate cost is between $35-$40k. The grant application is for the entire project which includes the wheel chairlift and renovations for the two restrooms downstairs. Depending on bid numbers, the Township would have the option, if the grant did not cover the entire amounts, to expend some local funds to make up the difference. The total project will be an approximate amount of $100,000.00.

Seeing no further public comments, Mayor Barton closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Mayor Barton opened this portion of the meeting to the public for comments and/or questions. Comments are limited to and will enforce a “hard stop” at three minutes.

Lorraine Copeland from the NJ Census Bureau, spoke about an employment opportunity ($20-$25 per hour), as it relates to grant money available for municipalities for 2020 Census assistance. The Township will provide this information on the website for those that are interested.

Sean Colton, 438 Medford Lakes Road, spoke of the LOSAP Resolution. He felt there were some discrepancies in members and money. Mr. Colton was advised to contact the Public Safety Subcommittee (Deputy Mayor Brown and Committeeman Moore).

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of not being in agreement with Resolution 2019-119 and questioned the abuse and misuse of OPRA.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about not being in agreement with Resolution 2019-119 and disagrees with having a study commission for OPRA.

Solicitor Lange spoke in contrary to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks’ assertion, the Township Committee and Municipal Clerk has demonstrated a desire to provide transparent and open government. Resolution 2019-119 addresses the volume and resources of OPRA; it is not related necessarily to Ms. Brooks’ OPRA requests, but in general, the volume of OPRA request and resources.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor Barton closed public comments.
RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2019-118
AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR SENECA BAND PARENTS

WHEREAS, a request has been made from Seneca Band Parents for permission to place temporary signage in the public right of way associated with certain Township roads for the week of November 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the Seneca Band Parents Craft Fair on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Seneca High School, request is being made to post signs in various places around the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of assisting Seneca Band Parents in promoting this beneficial activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tabernacle Township Committee, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby temporarily suspend the zoning regulations prohibiting such signage included in Tabernacle revised Ordinances Chapter 17 Section 22.12 “Off Site Commercial Advertising Signs.”

The Township Committee further hereby authorizes the Seneca Band Parents and/or its representatives to place temporary signage in the public right of way and along Tabernacle public roads to promote this event as aforementioned under the following conditions:

1. All signs shall be placed at least 6 feet off of any paved road surface and shall be placed in the public right of way with adult supervision.
2. All temporary signs shall be removed within 5 days after conclusion of the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tabernacle Construction Official.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-118 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. None.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-119
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDY COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle strongly believes in and supports open transparent government, and that citizens and residents have the right to be informed about the workings of government in order to best participate in a democracy; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002 then Acting Governor DiFrancesco signed into law the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) which mandates that government records shall be available, with limited exceptions, for public access and simplifying the procedures for requesting such specific records; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the law was to provide the public with easy access to government records with an uncomplicated process for obtaining the records and eliminating bureaucratic red tape; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) has promoted more transparency in government. The public can readily obtain government records which are permitted by law to be provided as Government Records to the public; and

WHEREAS, the purposes and intent of the law serve an important public interest, many public entities have found that OPRA compliance is a significant burden on municipal resources. There is a nominal charge of 5 cents per copy for a letter size page and 7 cents a copy for legal-size pages when applicable. Electronic documents are free. The cost for copies is fair. However, there are substantial indirect costs associated with locating the documents and responding to requests that may seek documents over a time period that may span several years. Many times, a request will take a Municipal Clerk several hours to complete. Municipal Clerks are responding to a rising frequency of OPRA requests as the public avails themselves of the right to know. This process is often very time consuming. Sometimes a Municipal Clerk must search for documents that are no longer available under State Law which allows for certain records to be destroyed after a certain time period; and
WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk is the hub of government and the direct link between the taxpayers and the governing body and are primarily charged with the responsibility of ensuring OPRA compliance; and

WHEREAS, Tabernacle’s Municipal Clerk’s office is staffed with (2) two full-time employees and depending on vacation, training, and the attendance of other departments, the office may only have (1) one employee available to perform these functions; and

WHEREAS, the relatively short response times under OPRA often mandate the diversion of manpower; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 18 years OPRA has been a positive light, but it has also been fraught with abuse and misuse, and has become an unanticipated financial cost to the taxpayers of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Township of Tabernacle has labored under a well-intended law that has spiraled out of control, due to the volume and nature of requests, the cost to taxpayers in responding to the requests, and the potential liability in having to pay disproportionate prevailing party attorney’s fees should the requests turn into litigated matters, as well as the liability in determining which documents shall be released, with or without redaction, while attempting to maintain individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the volume of OPRA requests that challenge our resources, but it is also the cost associated with reviewing, retrieving, and processing the OPRA request(s) by public entity personnel and counsel and possibly defending our action(s) before the Government Records Council or in Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle received and responded to multiple items contained within a single submitted OPRA request; there were 205 OPRA requests in 2017, 251 OPRA requests in 2018, and to date has received and responded to 282 OPRA requests as of November 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle municipal staff has spent approximately 846 hours responding to OPRA requests received in 2019 to date, and a yearly average of approximately 1,950 hours for 2017 & 2018; and

WHEREAS, due to the often conflicting case law and Government Record Council decisions, as well as the unique characteristics of OPRA requests, the Township of Tabernacle must often times rely on the municipal attorney to review certain OPRA requests, resulting in additional fees of approximately $765.00 in response to OPRA requests in 2017, $2,930.00 in response to OPRA requests in 2018, and currently has spent approximately $3,157.00 in response to OPRA requests in 2019; and

WHEREAS, with limited exceptions OPRA has not been amended to address the clear and apparent advancement in technology that has changed the way government records are created, stored, and/or transmitted; the various interpretive decisions; privacy concerns; abuse for commercial gain; and/or the ever-increasing cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, as the current law approaches its twentieth (20th) anniversary it has outgrown its original intended use and has become ripe for comprehensive review and reform.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Tabernacle appeals to the legislature to form a Commission comprised of Mayors, Municipal Clerks, Municipal Managers, Attorneys, Police Chiefs, privacy experts, members of the media, citizens and other appropriate stakeholders, to review and examine the effects of OPRA on local government and the needs to be fulfilled by the law, and use the Commission’s findings to perform a comprehensive reform of OPRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Assemblywoman Dianne C. Gove, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, Senator Christopher J. Connors, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Weinberg, Executive Director of the Government Records Council, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

• On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2019-119 was offered for adoption
• Committee discussion. Mr. Lee spoke that he felt this being an important thing to do and this is about economically being able to survive while having to fulfill the needs of the public. We are not the only municipality that are dealing with this.
• Solicitor Lange spoke that being in support of this Resolution is not being against OPRA; you want the legislature to take a look at a statue that affects principle how you operate a local government.
• Deputy Mayor asked Municipal Clerk to address the number accuracy; Municipal Clerk Barber stated the numbers are correct, the numbers include multiple requested items contained within (1) one single OPRA request.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-120
BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last 2 months of the fiscal year, to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this resolution to be adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to the appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle that the following transfers be made:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

• On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-120 was offered for adoption.
• Committee discussion. Mayor Barton asked Chief Finance Officer Haines to explain the Resolution.
• Mr. Haines spoke of review of the municipal budget to make it to the end of the year; it is necessary to do budget transfers.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-121
A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REDUCTION NO 2
RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 16, SECTION 13.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP’S REVISED ORDINANCE – GRAND AT TABERNACLE - (SECTION 1)

WHEREAS, the Developer of the Grande at Tabernacle – Section 1, a major subdivision, located in Tabernacle Township on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11, has posted a Performance Bond (#BX20249) pursuant to the requirements of the Tabernacle Township Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Engineer, Dante Guzzi has inspected the improvements to date on November 7, 2019 and certified the amount of the completed construction pursuant to his report dated November 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended reducing the Performance guarantee consisted consistent with the inspection conducted thereon; and
WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Committee finds that the required improvements have been installed, inspected and approved as detailed in the November 7, 2019 inspection report of Dante Guzzi, PE, CME, Principal Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Tabernacle Township Committee that the Performance Bond for Grande at Tabernacle – Section 1 on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11 shall be and is hereby reduced to a total amount of $245,785.20.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Tabernacle held on the 25th day of November 2019.

- On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-121 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. Mayor Barton asked for clarification on the following bond reductions and motions for all three resolutions.
- Mr. Guzzi spoke of his recommendations for all the bond reductions and shoulder work for road widening Resolution. The other two resolutions 2019-121 is for Section 1 is the initial section when you come into the development, it is for completed work. Resolution 2019-122 is for Section 2 in same development. Haas is doing all of the site work for the developer, selling the lots to a builder who is building the houses.
- Ms. Brown spoke about possible resident complaints regarding road paving in certain sections.
- Solicitor Lange spoke that statutorily they are entitled to the reduction if in the opinion of the engineer, the work in place has been performed and therefore that exposure is reduced.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-122
RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 16, SECTION 13.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP’S REVISED ORDINANCE – GRANDE AT TABERNACLE - (SECTION 2)

WHEREAS, the Developer of the Grande at Tabernacle – Section 2, a major subdivision, located in Tabernacle Township on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11, has posted a Performance Bond (#BX20701) pursuant to the requirements of the Tabernacle Township Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Engineer, Dante Guzzi has inspected the improvements to date on November 7, 2019 and certified the amount of the completed construction pursuant to his report dated November 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended reducing the Performance guarantee consisted consistent with the inspection conducted thereon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Committee finds that the required improvements have been installed, inspected and approved as detailed in the November 7, 2019 inspection report of Dante Guzzi, PE, CME, Principal Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Tabernacle Township Committee that the Performance Bond for Grande at Tabernacle – Section 2 on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11 shall be and is hereby reduced to a total amount of $584,563.20.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Tabernacle held on the 25th day of November 2019.

- On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-122 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. Comments addressed during Resolution 2019-121

Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Moore, Barton Nays: Lee, Yates Carried.
RESOLUTION 2019-123
A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REDUCTION NO 1
RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 16, SECTION 13.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP’S
REVISED ORDINANCE GRAND AT TABERNACLE - (ROAD WIDENING)

WHEREAS, the Developer of the Grande at Tabernacle – Road Widening, a major subdivision, located in Tabernacle Township on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11, has posted a Performance Bond (#BX05783) pursuant to the requirements of the Tabernacle Township Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Engineer, Dante Guzzi has inspected the improvements to date on November 7, 2019 and certified the amount of the completed construction pursuant to his report dated November 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended reducing the Performance guarantee consistent with the inspection conducted thereon; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the Committee finds that the required improvements have been installed, inspected and approved as detailed in the November 7, 2019 inspection report of Dante Guzzi, PE, CME, Principal Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Tabernacle Township Committee that the Performance Bond for Grande at Tabernacle – Road Widening on Block 202.02, Lots 10 & 11 shall be and is hereby reduced to a total amount of $49,398.00.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township of Tabernacle held on the 25th day of November 2019.

- On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2019-123 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. Comments addressed during Resolution 2019-121

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

RESOLUTION 2019-124
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT - LOSAP CONTRIBUTION 2018
TABERNACLE FIRE COMPANY #1 - $21,896.00

WHEREAS, Resolution 2015-26, adopted by the Township Committee on January 2, 2015, authorized the continuation of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and authorized Lincoln National Life Insurance Company as the provider for said LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that 2018 contributions for qualified participants from the Township in the amount of $17,343.00 are due to the provider; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Township, Burlington County that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to authorize payment in the amount of $21,896.00 to Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for its contributions to the Township’s Length of Service Award Program.

- Committee discussion. Ms. Brown spoke of wanting to make a motion to table the resolution because of prior comments. Mr. Cramer spoke that the Township can do another Resolution next month to add members rather than hold the contribution to the existing members.
- On a motion to approve made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2019-124 was offered for adoption.

RESOLUTION 2019-125
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG FUNDING FOR
REPLACEMENT OF WHEELCHAIR LIFT AND RENOVATIONS OF BATHROOMS FOR
ADA COMPLIANCE IN TOWN HALL MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the replacement of the wheelchair lift and renovations of bathrooms for ADA compliance in Town Hall Municipal Building.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Township Engineer to submit the 2020 Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of Tabernacle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Township Engineer.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2019-125 was offered for adoption.
- Committee discussion. Mr. Lee questions the current bathroom situation
- Mr. Guzzi spoke of the bathrooms are functioning; however, not compliant. The Township has no areas in town that would be eligible for grant funding. The second tier would be removal of architectural barriers or ADA improvements on municipal property.
- Mr. Lee spoke that he felt spending $100k is a lot to spend on bathroom renovations and a chair lift when no decision has been made by this Township Committee regarding the building on Hawkin Road.
- Mayor Barton spoke to Mr. Lee’s point, this Township Committee did take a vote to put on the market the Hawkin Road facility and Administrator Cramer asked that he have time to look at the flooding on Hawkin Road with the fire company. Administrator Cramer thought that part of that parcel would be needed for drainage. Mr. Cramer continued with an explanation of the high-water table on Hawkin Road.
- Ms. Brown spoke of the need for this Committee to be proactive moving forward to bring Town Hall building in ADA compliant which will also protect the Township against possible ADA non-compliant lawsuits. This is the hub of our Township

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS
- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore, the bills were ordered paid.
- Committee discussion. Ms. Brown questioned if pets are allowed in the parks; Mr. Cramer spoke that they are not allowed on athletic fields.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, the minutes of October 28, 2019 (regular & closed session) were offered for approval.

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

Report of the Township Administrator
- The speeding radar is on Lee Drive
- Flyatt Road is completed and opened
- Drainage at Richter / Moore / Old Indian Mills are progressing
- Pipe work on Carranza Road began November 25, 2019
- Gazebo is completed. Eagle Scout, Evan Folk was thanked for landscaping around the gazebo for his Eagle Scout Project
Report of the Township Engineer

- Pipe work on Carranza Road began November 25, 2019 from money left over from the NIDOT Grant portion of the 2018 Road Program
- Drainage at Richter / Moore / Old Indian Mills are progressing and paving is proposed to be completed within the week
- Flyatt Road is complete and opened
- Old Indian Mills pipe collapse; working on replacement and are scheduling for repair

Report of the Township Solicitor

- New Jersey Firefighter Association (NJFA) - Responded to Committeeman Lee questioned if there is necessity action by the Township Committee to admit a firefighter to the New Jersey Firefighter Association (NJFA). The Township Committee does not have to take further action for admission to the fire company, they are automatically a member of the NJFA

- Allenwood Estates – Ordinance Modifications - Explained the specific changes and recommendations made by the Land Development Board (LDB) submitted to Township Committee.
  - Based on the report given on behalf of the LDB, the Township Committee decided to table this matter until 2020 to review all of the recommendations of the LDB

Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator

- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Revising the Emergency Operations Plan
- Hosted a Free Flu Shot Clinic - November 2, 2019 at Seneca High School. Approximately 75 attendees in which it was turned out successful

Report of the Township Committee

Committeeman Yates

- Committeeman Yates asked which Township Committee members were part of the subcommittee regarding the TFC#1; Mayor Barton stated that Deputy Mayor Brown and Committeeman Moore are the Subcommittee members.
- Committeeman Yates questioned the status of the resume of Emergency Management Coordinator; Mayor Barton stated the Emergency Management Coordinator has been in contact with the State of New Jersey and he has not received a final decision regarding holding dual positions.

Committeeman Lee

- Committeeman Lee agreed with the statements made by Committeeman Yates regarding the Emergency Management Coordinator and spoke about the advertisement for the position; Mr. Cramer spoke of the advertisement was made for an Emergency Management Coordinator; resumes were received. There were only applicants three fit the requirements.
- Mayor Barton stated that the Emergency Management Coordinator has been in contact with the State of New Jersey and he has not received a final decision. If the State of New Jersey mandates a change, we will conduct interviews and select a new EMC.
- Congratulations was given to Nancy McGinnis and Bob Sunbury for their upcoming service on Township Committee.
- Spoke about his attended the League of Municipalities.
- Reported that Glen Robbins, Superintendent of Schools will be leaving Tabernacle Board of Education.
- Verizon – FIOS all four phases are open for sale.

Committeeman Moore

- Reported on his plan to meet up with the TFC#1 in the week coming.

Deputy Mayor Brown

- Spoke of wanting to change the meeting date for December 23, 2019; all members of the Township Committee agreed that the 2019 close out meeting will be Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Mayor Barton
- Spoke about the Christmas Tree decorating on December 3, 2019 and Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6, 2019.
- The TFC#1 is hosting the senior citizen holiday dinner, Sunday December 8, 2019 and breakfast with Santa on December 14, 2019.

Public comment
Mayor Barton opened this portion of the meeting to the public for comments and/or questions. Comments are limited to and will enforce a “hard stop” at three minutes.

- Thanks everyone for their assistance and efforts
- Thank you to Russo’s for donating the tree
- New gazebo is great addition
- Join us for the Tree Lighting on December 6, 2019

Stuart Brooks. Moores Meadow Road.
- Commented that the rosters for Emergency Operation Program should be available. Volunteers vs. police rosters
- Stated that Township Committee is putting the “squeeze” on the TFC#1 for a contract
- Disagrees with Resolution 2019-119
- Disagrees with wording of the consent order

Resident Grimes. Lee Drive
- Thanked for the radar sign on Lee Drive
- Clarification on the radar placement and signage
- Mayor Barton asked the resident to call Mr. Cramer regarding the placement of the radar signs

Wendy Reilley, Stevens Lane.
- Suggest signs to be placed out for Sean Doolittle who is a 2019 World Series Winner; Mayor Barton spoke of the TAA Director has been in contact with the Mother of Sean Doolittle. Resident were asked to call the TAA Director regarding further information

Rudy Saldan. Summit Drive.
- Questioned if the LOSAP amount is correct in the Resolution

Fran Brooks. Moores Meadow Road.
- Spoke of not being in agreement with Mr. Lange’s explanation regarding OPRA matters; Mr. Lange defended the position and spoke of Brooks’ baseless innuendos
- Mr. Yates stated the only reason why Brooks prevailed is because the Township Committee has settled to save the tax payers money
- Spoke of her opposition regarding Resolution 2019-119

Closed public comment at 9:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION
CS 11 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:

1. Litigation matter with respect to Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle (BUR-L-002065-19)
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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after executive session we will reopen the meeting in which action may or may not be taken.

- On a motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Ms. Brown, Committee members elect McGinnis and Sunbury were invited to Executive Session. All in favor: 5  Nays: 0

Reopen. Members of the Township Committee returned from executive session at 10:27 p.m.

At the request of Chief Finance Officer Haines, members of the Township Committee made a motion to amend Resolution 2019-124, amount of LOSAP $21,896.00. **Motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore. Ayes: 5/0**

Adjournment. On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Moore the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

- Approved: 12/16/2019