TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2018

In attendance - Governing Body Members - Present
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 - Present
Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Peter C. Lange, Esq., Township Solicitor
Arch Liston, Public Safety Director
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Members of the Township Committee met in closed session to discuss matters relating to contract negotiation with respect to TRS; matters relating to contract negotiation with respect to RFPs and Professional Services and matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds (building / land acquisition).

Contract Negotiations: Matters with Respect to TRS (Douglas Cramer was not in attendance)

Mr. Liston spoke about the meeting with TRS for dialog; speaking from financial standpoint, TRS agreed to pay for insurance and fuel heating plus $12,000 for Township. TRS is not interested in paying the Township for use of building and refuses to mark vehicles. Mr. Liston request that TRS provide financial reports monthly; however, TRS refused. TRS are the only ones with all key access to the emergency building and they approve outside use. Mr. Liston suggest that negotiations should continue with Township Solicitor and TRS Attorney.

Ms. Brown spoke about the amount of money Township Committee gives TFC#1 and the equality with the squad not being the same.

Mr. Yates spoke of TRS are the Township’s biggest lessee of the building.

Deputy Mayor Lee spoke of wanting an in-kind contribution use of the building; obtaining and OIG opinion for that use.

Mayor Barton spoke that transparency is needed for both organizations; all equipment should be in the name of Township not TRS; Township should be reimbursed when public works employees respond to TRS calls; if we can not agree on a contract the Township should take over the third-party billing and provide TRS all resources needed to operate.

Deputy Mayor Lee spoke of TRS wanting to know the number of fire and rescue squads are outside of the community.

Mr. Liston spoke that if the Township wants to do balance billing; the Township would need to bill those other towns.

Mr. Franzen spoke that he likes the idea of doing an in-kind contribution.

Ms. Brown spoke about the TRS have paid the Architect fees for the emergency services building on New Road.
Deputy Mayor Lee spoke of wanting to separate the public money from TRS and wanting a simple contract where they provide service.

There was a level of concern of TRS driving unmarked vehicles and having the Township give them everything needed to operate.

There was brief discussion regarding the TFC #1 being unable to do rescue; wanting better transparency; wanting to have a firetruck in the EMS building; wanting to have all TRS vehicles lettered or removed from Township insurance and being able to negotiate in good faith.

Members of the Township Committee express having no objections for Mr. Lange to work with TRS Attorney with respect to contract negotiations for the following: have a fire truck in the building; letter all TRS vehicles; $1,000 month, plus $12,000 totaling $24,000; provide access of building through public safety director; modify use and occupancy with fire company / amend ordinance for rescue.

Contract Negotiations: Matters RFPs and Professional Services

Mayor Barton briefly acknowledged receipt of all the professionals RFPs and asked for further review among the members of the Township Committee.

Contract Negotiations: Matters With Respect to Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds (Building / Land Acquisition (Mr. Cramer was in attendance)

Discussion was held with respect to a proposal from the school board for the purchase of the wastewater management plan and Sequoia property. Deputy Mayor wants to have a better handle on the desires of the Township Committee; whether they want the Township to acquire the wastewater treatment plant and the school.

Members of the Township Committee held discussion as there was a consensus to not pay for the building moreover having any interest in the sewage treatment facility.

At this time, Committeewoman Brown left the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

There was discussion to explore the cost to move Township offices and pick up the maintenance; however, it was clear that Mayor Barton is not willing to give a dime for the building, since Township already paid.

Members of the Township Committee spoke about finding out if the board of education are in agreement to lease the building for operational cost.

The Deputy Mayor Lee spoke of attending the next board of education meeting and communicating the consensus of the Township Committee of not willing to pay for the building and having no interest for the sewage treatment facility to the Township.

Members of the Township Committee came out of closed session at 10:52 p.m. and returned to the open meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 12/27/2018  RELEASED