TOWNSHIP OFFERED (3) THREE PLATFORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING USING GOTOWEBINAR MEETING. OPTION 1 – AUDIO: 1; OPTION 2 – TELEPHONE AND OPTION 3 – MASK UP / SOCIAL DISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK AT TOWN HALL, 163 CARRANZA ROAD, TABERNACLE, NJ

MINUTES OF TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. which was followed by the flag salute.

Municipal Clerk Barber read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of October 26, 2020 was sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 14, 2020. 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
Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor Present
Joseph W. Barton, Deputy Mayor Present
Nancy K. McGinnis, Committeewoman Present
Samuel R. Moore, III, Committeeman Present
Robert C. Sunbury, Jr., Committeeman Present

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, wanted to know if the original comments that he gave will be revised to reflect what he disputed regarding the TRS.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, wanted to know when will the application for reimbursement for expenses related to COVID-19 pandemic be submitted and asked when the August 24, 2020 minutes will be posted to the website.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 2020-3: BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY;
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $185,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $175,750; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

Section 2. It is hereby found, determined, and declared as follows:

(a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is $185,000;

(b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is $175,750; and

(c) a down payment in the amount of $9,250 for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11.

Section 3. The sum of $175,750, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, together with the sum of $9,250, which amount represents the required down payment, are hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

Section 4. The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed $175,750 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. To temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed $175,750 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of $40,000.

Section 7. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the amount of available grants for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

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Section 8. Grants or other monies received from any governmental entity, if any, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance, the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

Section 9. The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by $175,750 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

Section 11. The applicable Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 12. The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

Section 13. The Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be “federally guaranteed” within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

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<td>A. Acquisition of Various Heavy Equipment for the Public Works Department including, but not limited to, a Wheel Loader and Attachments, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto</td>
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Total Cost: $185,000
Down Payment: $9,250
Amount of Obligations: $175,750
Period of Usefulness: 15 years
Section 14. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 15. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 16. In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication after final passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, Ms. Brooks wanted to know what the total amount of Tabernacle’s outstanding bond is and how much of Tabernacle’s revenue is in percentages.

Chief Financial Officer Rodney Haines to Ms. Brooks question in that the part of the capital budget is to authorize the expenditure to replace the heavy loader, funding it over a 10-year period.

MOTION

Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-3, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.  
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.


Whereas, The Township Committee recognizes a compelling public safety interest in coordinating the use of emergency personnel, assets, resources, and equipment in the Township of Tabernacle; and

Whereas, the Committee finds that the efficient, proficient, and effective delivery of emergency services require cooperation and coordination by and between the volunteer fireman and volunteer emergency medical and rescue service entities operating within the Township and the Tabernacle Office of Emergency Management; and

Whereas, NJSA 40:48-2, Other necessary and proper ordinances, provides that any municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

Whereas, The Township Committee hereby desires to fully designate and officially create a Township Fire Department and the position of Fire Chief within the Township of Tabernacle; and

Whereas, the Township Committee is granted the authority to recognize and authorize the creation of a Township Fire Department within the Township of Tabernacle by New Jersey Statute;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle as follows:

Tabernacle Township Revised Ordinances Chapter 2, Article 7 entitled DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
Established. There shall be a Department of Public Safety in and for the Township. The Department of Public Safety shall include the Tabernacle Township Fire Department, the Division of Emergency Medical and Rescue Services and the Division of Emergency Management.

Chapter 2, Section 7.2.1 Tabernacle Township Fire Department.

a. Establishment. There is hereby established in and for the Township of Tabernacle a Municipal Fire Department to be known as the "Tabernacle Fire Company." No other fire-fighting organization is to be formed within the Township without the consent of the Township Committee. The Fire Department hereby created must comply with all the requirements of this chapter and any rules or regulations promulgated hereunder.

b. Officers. The officers of the Fire Department shall consist of a Chief who shall be appointed by the Township Committee and such other Assistant Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, and other line officers and members as shall be appointed by the Chief with the consent of the Township Committee.

c. Reports to Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief of the Fire Department to make all reports to the Township Committee as hereafter required by this chapter.

d. Ownership of quarters. The Township of Tabernacle shall retain ownership and control over all quarters entrusted to the Fire Department.

e. Expenses. All expenses for the operation and maintenance of the Department shall be paid by the Township in accordance with applicable state statutes.

f. Purchasing and title of equipment. The Township of Tabernacle shall retain title to all equipment purchased with funds supplied by the Township Committee for the purpose of purchasing such equipment. However, nothing shall preclude donations of equipment or property to the Fire Department with approval of acceptance of the donated item from the Township Committee.

Chapter 2, Section 7.2.2 Tabernacle Township Fire Department. Duties of Fire Chief.

a. The Chief shall be in full command and complete control at all fires and during the period of all alarms and shall be held accountable for his/her actions to the Township Administrator and Committee and shall make written and verbal reports as the Committee may require. All other line officers shall be accountable to the Chief except when any of said officers are acting as Chief in his/her absence.

b. The Chief shall formulate rules and regulations to govern the operation of the Fire Department, such rules and regulations being subject to review and approval by the Township Committee and shall be responsible to the Township Administrator and Committee for the morale and general efficiency of the Fire Department.

c. The Chief or line officer designated by him/her shall, at least once a month, conduct suitable drills or instructions in the operation of fire-fighting apparatus and equipment and study buildings presenting unusual fire problems, water supply and other matters generally considered essential to good firefighting and safety of life and property from fire.

d. The Chief or any line officer designated by him/her is hereby required to report to the Township Administrator any suspected crime of arson and shall render all possible assistance to the Township Administrator and the State Police in investigating the cause, origin, and circumstances of all fires of questionable origin.

e. The Chief shall cause to be kept complete records of all fires, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel, and other information about the work of the Fire Department.
f. The Chief shall report monthly to the Township Administrator the number and type of fires during the month, the number and purpose of all other runs made, the number of members and man hours involved in responding to each fire or other run, and the estimated loss involved in all building fires.

g. The Chief shall make a complete annual report to the Township Administrator, such report to include information as specified in Subsection f of this section, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Fire Department.

h. The Chief shall be responsible to transmit to the Township Administrator, on or before October 31 of each year, a proposed annual budget.

Chapter 2, Section 7.2.3 Recognized standards, and practices.
The recognized standards and practices for the prevention of fire shall be held to mean the standard practices and requirements as set forth in the Fire Prevention Code currently in effect in the Township.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.2.4 Membership.
a. Every person seeking to join the Fire Department shall make application to the Fire Department in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Fire Department. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must pass a physical examination by a practicing physician in the State of New Jersey. All applicants must submit to a background check. All appointments are subject to the approval of the Township Committee. Members of the Fire Department are subject to the Township of Tabernacle Personnel Policies and Procedures.
b. It shall be the duty of the active members to participate in drills and instructions and to aid the Chief and the other line officers to the best of their ability in the prevention and control of fire and the protection of life and property within the Township of Tabernacle and wherever the Fire Department may have cause to conduct operations.

c. All members of the Fire Department shall serve without compensation.

d. An exempt firemen's certificate shall be issued by the Township Committee, in the form and manner provided by law, to all members of the Fire Department lawfully entitled to receive the same.

e. Members may not use any tobacco products while on duty or at any time when in Township vehicles, public buildings or during training. "Tobacco product" means smoking and smokeless tobacco.

f. All of the present Tabernacle Fire Co. No. 1 members, at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance shall automatically be probationary members of the new Township Fire Department and shall have ninety (90) days to apply for permanent membership in the Township department as volunteer after the appointment of a Chief.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.2.5 Equipment.
a. Recommendations for the purchase of apparatus and equipment needed to maintain the effectiveness of the Fire Department and properly protect life and property from fire shall be made by the Chief to the Township Administrator.

b. All Township equipment of the Fire Department shall be safely and conveniently housed by the Fire Department.

c. Suitable arrangements shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for notifying members of the Fire Department so that they may promptly respond. It shall be the duty of the Chief to notify the Township Administrator of any condition that would interfere with the proper functioning of the fire alarm system.

d. Except as may be authorized by the Township Administrator, no person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment of the Township for any private purpose. No person shall willfully and without authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Fire Department.
e. No person except authorized employees of the Township of Tabernacle shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any equipment belonging to the Township unless accompanied by or having the special permission of an officer or authorized member of the Fire Department.

f. The Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to extend aid to neighboring communities upon request for fire protection or to establish a mutual aid system.

g. No apparatus of the Township shall be hired out or permitted to leave the Township of Tabernacle without consent of the Township Committee, except in response to a call for aid in a neighboring community or on official business. No apparatus is to leave the Township on official business without the consent of the Chief or highest-ranking line officer available. The line officer in charge of the Fire Department shall have power to assign equipment for response to calls for outside aid in accordance with Subsection f of this section, and in other cases, only when the absence of such equipment in his/her judgment will not jeopardize fire protection in the Township of Tabernacle.

§ 2-7.3 Division of Emergency Medical Services.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.3
Head of Division. The Division of Emergency Medical Services shall be headed by the Chief of the volunteer company providing emergency medical services in the Township. The Chief shall report to and be responsible to the Township Committee Emergency and rescue services shall be provided in accordance with applicable law and pursuant to a contract between the parties as modified from time to time.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.3.1
Members. In addition to such other qualifications as heretofore established by ordinance or by general law, all members of the emergency squads and rescue services providing emergency services in the Township shall be limited to those individuals who meet and maintain those qualifications to provide prehospital emergency care and/or rescue services as established by ordinance or by general law.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.3.2
The objective of any squad delivering emergency services in the Township is the protection and preservation of life through providing emergency medical and rescue services in cooperation with the Tabernacle Fire Co. in accordance with any contract in existence from time to time. The age of active members hereafter joining the squad shall be above the age of 18 except for junior members who shall not be deemed fully active members but shall serve at the discretion and direction of the chief of the volunteer emergency squad. The Township Administrator shall have the right to require a doctor's certificate from any current or prospective member at any time as to their physical fitness and ability to fulfill emergency medical service responsibilities. Further, all members must comply with all federal, state, or other rules and regulations pertaining to technical emergency medical service qualifications for membership.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.3.3
Members, volunteers, and employees may not use any tobacco products while on duty or at any time when in Township vehicles, public buildings or during training. "Tobacco product" means smoking and smokeless tobacco.

§ 2-7.4 Office of Emergency Management.
Created; Director of Emergency Management. Within the Department of Public Safety there shall be a Division of Civil Defense, known as the "Office of Emergency Management," the head of which shall be the Director of Emergency Management, who shall be appointed by the Township Committee from among the residents of the municipality, pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1. The Office of Emergency Management and the Director of Emergency Management shall perform all the functions, powers and duties prescribed by general law, executive order, ordinance, or resolution. The Director of Emergency Management shall provide a written report to the Township Administrator on a quarterly basis.

§ Chapter 2, Section 7.4.1
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Within the Office of Emergency Management, there shall be a volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) consisting of citizens who have completed basic CERT
training as recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be appointed by the Township Administrator. All individuals seeking to volunteer for the Team shall be required to submit to a mandatory background check. The objective of the Team is to train community members to be able to support emergency services personnel during disasters, emergency events, and special community events. Members of the Team must be 18 years of age or older. Three Team leaders shall be chosen from its members and shall report to the Director of Emergency Management or his designee.

§ 2-7.5 General Provisions.
The Tabernacle Township Department of Public Safety, in order to support the provision of emergency services and the volunteer companies serving the Township, may bill for ambulance, transportation, fire, rescue, response and other services provided by the emergency service entities operating within the Township in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law and regulation. The rates of such services shall be determined and modified from time to time by the Township Administrator. These charges shall be billed to the insurance company of the resident or party receiving assistance from the Department of Public Safety. The Township Administrator shall administrate and ensure the accurate and timely billing for services by the Department.

The Township Administrator may also act as the Director of Emergency Management and in such case shall provide a written report to the Township Committee on a quarterly basis.

Unless otherwise required by law and then in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulation, Tabernacle Township, in the case of the Township Administrator, and the various volunteer companies delivering firefighting and emergency services in the Township, and in the case of volunteers, shall conduct a background check on any applicant once an applicant's credentials have been reviewed, it has been determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified for a position, and the applicant has been recommended for hire or membership.

§ 2-7A TABERNACLE RESCUE SQUAD,
Tabernacle Rescue Squad, Inc. is hereby designated, endorsed and authorized as the official emergency medical and rescue service for the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

Effective date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of his opposition to the adoption of the ordinance.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of her opposition to the adoption of the ordinance.

John Horn, Lakeview Drive, stated he is current member of TFC #1 and believes that this change will be beneficial to the firefighters in the company and the community. Mr. Horn read a statement from Catherine Holden which in brief stated: There has been nepotism and favoritism; dealing with the harassment and segregation and believes the Township is 100% correct in their decision.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, questioned the transition plan and asked if the community would be without fire coverage for any length of time and asked if fire fighter members transition would be continuity of LOSAP or are there any other programs. Mr. Litowitz commented that the language in Chapter 2, Section 7.2.1 is overly broad.

Al Freeman, Washington Way, spoke of his support of the adoption of the ordinance and support and returning members.
Seeing no further comments from the public, not by audio, telephone nor at Town Hall, Mayor Brown closed public comment.

**MOTION**
Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-4, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.

             Nays:    Barton     Abstain:  0    **Motion carried.**

Mr. Barton expressed his opposition to adopt the ordinance specifying the document needs more work and that the Administrator is mentioned 13 times which, in his opinion, is a tremendous amount of additional work for the Township Administrator. Mr. Barton would like to see a transition plan for the fire department and knowledge of the transition of the probationary members, background checks, etc., and thought they should advertise for a Public Safety Director,

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-96
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND (CRF) GRANT PROGRAM AND AFFIRMING ITS INTENTION TO CONFORM TO THE APPLICABLE PROGRAM AND CARES ACT EXPENSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, as the public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the most significant negative financial impacts faced by county and municipal governments throughout New Jersey result from extreme economic contraction, deficits in tax and fee revenues, and extraordinary increases in public safety and health and human services expenditures; and

WHEREAS, severe fiscal stress limits the ability of counties and municipalities to maintain essential services and take the steps necessary to fight COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, without substantial federal assistance, residential taxpayers would absorb the primary impact of meeting these extraordinary needs and closing any associated operating deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”), through the Division of Local Government Services (“DLGS” or “Division”), has been deemed the lead agency for the distribution of the Local Government Emergency Fund (the “LGEF” or “Program”), provided through an allocation of the State of New Jersey’s CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF Funds); and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities excluded from the federal government’s direct CRF allocation plan, as well as those counties and municipalities that are currently the most impacted by COVID-19 in comparison to their available resources, are eligible for LGEF funds pursuant to a maximum distribution determined by formula; and

WHEREAS, a total of $60 million is currently being made available under the Program, with a potential $60 million more to be allocated; and

WHEREAS, LGEF Grants exist to support costs incurred as part of a local unit’s response to COVID-19.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tabernacle Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Tabernacle will apply for a LGEF Grant in the amount of $64,604.00.

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-96, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-97
GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts, and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

MOTION
Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-97, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-98
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State may enter a contract with any other municipality or authority for the joint provision of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, by prior Resolution 2017-25, Tabernacle Township and Shamong Township entered into an agreement dated January 23, 2017 for Certified Recycling Coordinator, to achieve cost savings and benefits for both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Township of Tabernacle and the Township of Shamong found the Agreement to be successful and mutually beneficial in carrying out the municipalities’ obligations under the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146, 26 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to extend the Agreement for an additional four-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement attached hereto and made part of this resolution.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG AND THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT by and between the Township of Shamong, a municipal body politic having its offices located at 105 Willow Grove Road, Shamong NJ 08088, and the Township of Tabernacle, a municipal body politic having its offices located at 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle NJ 08088, is dated this 26th day of October, 2020

WHEREAS, the Township of Shamong, by ordinance, has duly enacted a recycling plan for all recyclable materials as designated by the Burlington County Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Shamong is desirous of retaining Certified Recycling Professional (hereinafter “CRP”) services for the Township of Shamong pursuant to the requirements of said recycling program; and
WHEREAS, the award of this agreement to the Township of Shamong pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 13:1E-99.14 is an exception to the bidding requirements as set forth in the “Local Public Contracts Law” pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-5(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, mutual benefits, and covenants hereinafter set forth, the Township of Shamong and the Township of Tabernacle make this agreement.

1. The Township of Shamong shall retain the services of the Township of Tabernacle CRP who will be responsible for coordinating municipal recycling requirements as required in the Burlington County Solid Waste Management Plan, and by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regulations covering mandatory annual municipal recycling tonnage reporting.

2. The Township of Shamong CRP shall notify the Township of Tabernacle of any future changes in the qualifications applicable to the CRP position and future compliance with same.

3. In accordance with applicable State Law, this agreement shall be for a term of four (4) years. The Township of Shamong reserves the right to terminate the agreement or reasonably amend the terms of this Agreement by giving thirty (30) days written notification to the Township of Tabernacle of any changes required by Shamong Township.

4. The Township of Shamong shall pay a $200.00 fee annually to the Township of Tabernacle for the CRP’s services.

5. The Township of Shamong will pay all invoices within thirty (30) days.

6. This agreement is the entire agreement between the Township of Shamong and the Township of Tabernacle and supersedes all previous agreements and discussions regarding CRP services. Any amendments hereto must be in writing and must be duly executed by the Township of Shamong and the Township of Tabernacle prior to becoming effective.

7. This Agreement will be entirely performed within the State of New Jersey and it shall be construed in accordance with the laws thereof.

8. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, ultra-rarest, or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set the hands of the proper public official as of the date and year first above written.

TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG

__________________________________________  __________________________
Susan D. Onorato, RMC  Michael Di’Croce, Mayor
Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE

__________________________________________  __________________________
LaShawn R. Barber, RMC  Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor
Municipal Clerk
MOTION
Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-98, seconded by Mr. Sunbury.
Roll Call:  
Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-99
A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FROM TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS FOR THE 2019/2020 SEASON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1

WHEREAS, sealed public bids for the removal of snow and ice from the Township roadways from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 were received by the Tabernacle Township Municipal Clerk on October 20, 2020 at 10:00 am.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation made by the Township Administrator and Township Solicitor on said bids; and

WHEREAS, B & B Landscaping, Inc. was the lowest, qualified, and only bidder and submitted a conforming bid; and

WHEREAS, specifications were drawn to promote maximum competition for the public contract; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Director has determined that sufficient funds are available in accordance with the bid and the costs of the contract for year the 2020/2021 snow removal season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the contract for snow and ice removal from Township roadways for the period commencing on November 1, 2020, be and the same is hereby awarded to B & B Landscaping, Inc. with a bid of $200.00 per hour.

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-96, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call:  
Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-100
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A VIOLATIONS CLERK

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township Committee recognizes the need to fill the position of Violations Clerk established pursuant to Ordinance 2007-8; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Township Administrator, the Court Administrator and Municipal Court Judge wishes to appoint Rebecca M. Calp as the Violations Clerk; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for payment of her compensation in the 2020 Tabernacle Township budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tabernacle Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the appointment of Rebecca M. Calp to the position of Violations Clerk (15) hours per week at a compensation rate of $18.00 per hour, effective immediately.
MOTION
Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-100, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.
Roll Call:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
           Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-101
AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township Committee recognizes the need to fill the position of an Acting Deputy Court Administrator after Kyle Godfrey submitted his resignation from the Township of Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Township Administrator, the Court Administrator and Municipal Court Judge wishes to appoint Catherine M. Iezzi as the Acting Deputy Court Administrator based on her qualifications, experience, and certification as a Municipal Court Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the appointment for Catherine M. Iezzi as Acting Deputy Court Administrator for a salary of $25.00 per hour, effective immediately.

MOTION
Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-101, seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
           Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made a motion to approve the bills of October 26, 2020 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Barton.
Roll Call:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
           Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION
Mr. Barton made a motion to table the executive session minutes of September 14, 2020 and September 28, 2020 seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
           Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made a motion to approve the work session minutes of September 14, 2020 and regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2020, seconded by Mr. Sunbury.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on the existing contract for services provided with respect to Ordinance 2020-4 and asked if TFC#1 is authorized to provide rescue services if TRS is absent.

Fran Brooks, Moores, Meadow Road, wanted to know if the correction to bill list made would be posted to the website and spoke that she had difficulty making public comment and suggested that Township use another platform for electronic meeting.

Sean Colton, Medford Lake Road, commented that he has never had a problem logging onto the electronic meetings and stated that he is happy that the Township Committee is moving forward for a better fire department. He stated that it is a great move for the Township to make and good transition.

Seeing no further comments from the public, not by audio, telephone, nor at Town Hall, Mayor Brown closed public comment.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. GuZZi confirmed that Oakshade Road was not paved last week. The base repairs, shoulders and driveway repairs will be done, weather permitting.

The grant application for Carranza Road was submitted but has not been awarded.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Cramer reported that Public Works is with finishing brush collection, weather permitting and reported that tire collection is going well and invited the residents to call for tire collection, if needed.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Lange announced to remind Township Committee that the Land Development Board needs to reconsider the Ordinance on the age restricted housing so that it can be discussed at the next workshop meeting.
REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph Barton, Deputy Mayor, requested that the Mayor appoint a sub-committee to the school board as a liaison, as he feels that there is an opportunity to purchase the Sequoia school to perhaps develop the property into a park.

Mr. Barton requested Mayor Brown appoint a liaison to TAA to deal with insurance issues so that we can have children playing sports in Tabernacle Township in the future.

Mayor Brown appointed Mr. Barton to assume the role of liaison for the school board. Mayor Brown stated that a liaison for TAA will be discussed at a workshop meeting.

Nancy McGinnis, Committee Member, asked if Mr. Barton’s questions were answered by the vendor for CEP.

Mr. Cramer advised that correspondence was sent to CEP and we are waiting on a response.

Ms. McGinnis spoke of having an issue using the telephone system for Town Hall and felt they should have a receptionist.

Mr. Cramer explained in detail the mechanical issues with Verizon regarding the telephone line issues and explained that the vendor (Comcast) has a ticket submitted to resolve the looping issues.

Ms. McGinnis spoke of having issues with the email notifications on the current website and explained in detail that technology is in transition and partly because of COVID; that the website is approximately five years old and that we are in the process of updating the in which the problem should be corrected. There is a problem as they are working with less employees.

Mr. Sunbury felt a live person should be answering the phones. Mayor Brown concurred.

Ms. McGinnis said people are having trouble getting e-mails and asked who our IT company was, to which Mr. Cramer responded it is Managed Tech.

Mr. Lange advised the Committee that all executive powers rests with the Administrator. Ms. McGinnis asked for a performance evaluation of the Administrator. Mr. Cramer advised her he must be Riced. Mr. Lange concurred that if she wanted to discuss the Administrator’s performance, he must be Riced and explained that Mr. Cramer is appointed by Committee to run the day-to-day operations of the Township.

Robert Sunbury, Committee Member, spoke with Shawn Bannon about sheltering needs. There will be further discussions as he is working on obtaining the churches and creating a list of available facilities in time of need.

Samuel Moore, Committee Member, reported there being no delay for fire services and have been working with Mr. Freeman to have a roll out plan for direction and transition team for
current members for the fire department and emergency medical with the Tabernacle Fire Company.

Mayor Brown spoke of working with all the professionals, fire chief and collectively working together and wanting to give notice to authorize was the Township Administrator to advertise for a fire chief as a no paid position.

Mr. Barton questioned the membership of the fire department and spoke of wanting the transition plan schedule.

Mr. Moore and Mayor Brown spoke of adopting the following transition plan: 90-Day Notice to TFC#1; Job description of Fire Chief; Position of Fire Chief advertised immediately; Panel of experts to work with two members of the Township Committee to interview applicants; Reach out regarding grant completion. The current members become probationary members; however, they will not need a physical and background check. Mayor Brown explained the LOSAP will roll over. Mr. Cramer will advertise for the chief and send the 90-day notice to the fire company. Mr. Moore advised they have a panel of experts to sit with two committee members for the interviews. Mayor Brown said she will let someone else sit in her place for the interviews.

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made the motion, Mr. Moore second the motion to approve the transition plan.
            Nays: 1  Barton   Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION
Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Moore.
Roll Call:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.
            Nays: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

•  Approved: 12/14/2020