

**Tabernacle Township Committee**  
**Executive Session Minutes of September 24, 2018**

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**In attendance - 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**

Arch Liston, Public Safety Director  
 Peter C. Lange, Township Solicitor  
 La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk

**On Record:** Township Administrator Cramer was not in attendance.

**M**embers of the Township Committee met in closed session to discuss contract negotiation with respect to the volunteer organization of the Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS).

Solicitor Lange addressed the considerations in the last draft contract for the Tabernacle Rescue Squad which was negotiated in July 2016 and spoke of it being time to formalize the terms of the relationship between the TRS and the Township.

Public Safety Director Liston questions his authorization to negotiate a contract with TRS and expressed his desire for taxpayers to receive their fair shake with respect to balance billing and suggest providing an in-kind service for the use of the building. PSD Liston also suggests Township Committee review the impact of the taxpayers' debt service payment and spoke that if there are excess funds; that TRS should consider covering all of the expenses of the Township. PSD Liston spoke of having an operational Task Force to work together for rescue and indicated that the Ordinance in place restricts him on those issues.

Committeeman Franzen spoke that Tabernacle Rescue Squad is contributing payment for some of their services and the Community is happy with their services.

Committeeman Yates spoke of wanting to enter into a contract with the current ordinance and have the responsibility of the Public Safety Director to be able to run efficient operations and recover funds for the taxpayers.

Mayor Barton and Deputy Mayor Lee expressed being in favor of repealing the ordinance and negotiating a contract.

Mayor Barton addressed the TRS equipment as being a benefit to residents of other Townships and wants the Public Safety Director to have the ability to negotiate a contract and would potentially be in favor of an RFP.

Committeeman Yates expressed concern for TRS having a surplus that does not belong to the Township and spoke of his concern if TRS were to disband because the Township would be left with just a building.

Committeewoman Brown pointed out the difference between the squad and fire company; LOSAP comes out of the taxpayers' money the fire company receives.

Committeeman Lee expressed the need for a different contract written than what was drafted and considered in 2016; he is not in favor of an RFP. The desire to abandon the Ordinance is because things have changed and it will put PSD in position to do his job and negotiate a contract with TRS. The current Ordinance 2011-3, Article 2-7 A of the Tabernacle Ordinance hinders the ability and nothing can be done with Task Force 43.

Members of the Township Committee came out of closed session and returned to the open meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC  
 Township Clerk