TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 - 7:30 PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq: (and in consideration of Executive Order #103 which was issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020 by declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey occasion by the COVID-19 Virus), the Township of Tabernacle Committee does hereby notify that meetings will be conducted electronically to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued operations of Government. Members of the public who wish to participate in the public portion of the meeting may do so by visiting the agenda on the website for information on the use of computer audio or telephone.

TOWNSHIP OFFERS (3) THREE PLATFORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING
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Call the phone number on your email, enter the meeting ID and then your Audio PIN when prompted followed by the # sign. When asked for Public Comment you can use the key sequence of #6 to unmute and mute your phone.

OPTION 3    MASK UP / SOCIAL DISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CLERK:
Town Hall - 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088   (no registration required)

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

SUNSHINE NOTICE
Municipal Clerk Barber read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as follows:
“The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting is pursuant to Resolution 2020-24 was transmitted to the legal newspapers on January 6, 2020. This meeting of September 28, 2020 is being held electronically, due to Executive Order #103. It has been transmitted to the Burlington County Times, Courier Post, and the Central Record. Posted on the official bulletin board in Town Hall and remained continuously posted as required notices of the statute.”

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
ORDINANCE ON THE FIRST READING - INTRODUCTION

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 $175,750.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

MOTION
On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Ordinance 2020-3 on first reading, was offered for approval.

A public hearing on this Ordinance will be held on October 26, 2020 7:30 p.m. meeting.

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

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2020-2
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-5 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED “ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND CREATING A PAYROLL ACCOUNT”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.  The following annual salary ranges are set for the respective offices and positions listed below:

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<th>TITLE</th>
<th>Salary Range Minimum</th>
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<td>7,000.00</td>
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<td>15,000.00</td>
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<td>50,000.00</td>
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### Deputy Tax Collector 3,000.00 41,000.00
### Tax Search Officer 800.00 3,000.00
### Municipal Improvement Search Officer 800.00 3,000.00
### Registrar of Vital Statistics 1,500.00 13,000.00
### Deputy Registrar 500.00 6,000.00
### Tax Assessor 17,300.00 50,000.00
### Tax Assessor Secretary 4,000.00 12,000.00
### Construction Official 10,000.00 52,000.00
### Zoning Officer 5,000.00 26,000.00
### Technical Assistant to Construction 8,000.00 45,000.00
### Code Enforcement Officer 4,000.00 25,000.00
### Plumbing Sub Code Official 4,000.00 14,000.00
### Electrical Sub Code Official 4,000.00 14,000.00
### Fire Sub Code Official 3,000.00 6,500.00
### Fire Protection Inspector 1,500.00 3,500.00
### Fire Sub Code Official/Fire Marshal 3,000.00 15,000.00
### Office Clerk 17,000.00 45,000.00
### Clerk Typist 7,500.00 35,000.00
### Municipal Court Judge 7,900.00 26,000.00
### Municipal Court Administrator 10,000.00 75,000.00
### Deputy Court Administrator 2,000.00 30,000.00
### Municipal Court Sound Recorder 1,000.00 5,000.00
### Municipal Court Attendant 1,000.00 5,000.00
### Emergency Management/Safety Coordinator 4,000.00 14,000.00
### Public Safety Director/Coordinator 4,000.00 12,000.00

**Section 2.** Eight steps will be determined by resolution each year.

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<th>PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>$21.00 hour</td>
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<td>Laborer</td>
<td>$14.00 hour</td>
<td>$24.00 hour</td>
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**Section 3.** On Call Sub Code Official employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

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<td>Building</td>
<td>$20.00 hour</td>
<td>$28.00 hour</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electrical</td>
<td>$20.00 hour</td>
<td>$28.00 hour</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire</td>
<td>$20.00 hour</td>
<td>$28.00 hour</td>
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Section 4. Part-Time / Temporary employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

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<th>TEMPORARY / PART TIME EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>MINIMUM</th>
<th>MAXIMUM</th>
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<tr>
<td>Office Clerk</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>22.00</td>
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<td>Seasonal Snowplow Driver</td>
<td>19.00</td>
<td>29.00</td>
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<td>DPW Laborer</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>23.00</td>
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<td>Equipment Operator</td>
<td>17.00</td>
<td>34.00</td>
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<td>Deputy Court Administrator</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>LDB Secretary / Records Manager</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>30.00</td>
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Section 5. Compensation: All officers, positions and employees will be paid biweekly. All increases shall be retroactive and/or effective to January 1st, 2020 for those employed as of January 1st, 2020. All others will be retroactively compensated to date of hire.

Section 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordinance 2020-3, on second reading, was offered for adoption.

COMMENTS: Mayor Brown opened a public hearing, there were no comments.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2020-86
RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR LEISURE TIME INNS, INC.

WHEREAS, Tabernacle Township has received an application for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for the 2020-2021 term for the following license premise:

- 0335-33-001-004 *Leisure Time Inns, Inc./Tabernacle Inn - 1488 Route 206, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

WHEREAS, the law requires that an Alcoholic Beverage Licensee 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 Municipal 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:
• The Township Committee does hereby find that the applicant is 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 Municipal Clerk is authorized to issue said licenses for the year 2020-2021 and files a certified copy of this Resolution with the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, Resolution 2020-86 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call:

Nays: 1 Sunbury Abstain: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-88
APPROVE SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee has adopted a salary ordinance setting a salary range for various positions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer has recommended increases in consultation with other supervisory personnel and members of the Township Committee for certain positions within said salary range for the year 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby sets the following salaries with the guidelines of the 2020 Salary Ordinance:

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<th>TITLE</th>
<th>2020 BI-WEEKLY SALARY</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Mayor</td>
<td>192.31</td>
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<td>2. Township Committee</td>
<td>192.31</td>
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<td>3. Township Administrator</td>
<td>948.60</td>
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<td>4. Municipal Clerk</td>
<td>2,236.15</td>
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<td>5. Deputy Municipal Clerk</td>
<td>266.65</td>
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<td>6. Director of Public Works</td>
<td>3,288.40</td>
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<td>7. Chief Finance Officer</td>
<td>948.60</td>
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<td>8. Deputy Treasurer</td>
<td>261.45</td>
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<td>9. Qualified Purchasing Agent</td>
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<td>10. Tax Collector</td>
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<td>15. Construction Official</td>
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<td>16. Zoning Officer</td>
<td>693.45</td>
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<td>17. Technical Assistant to Construction</td>
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<td>18. Code Enforcement Officer</td>
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<td>19. Plumbing Subcode Official</td>
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<td>20. Electrical Subcode Official</td>
<td>339.65</td>
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<td>22. Office Clerk</td>
<td>1,349.45</td>
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MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolution 2020-88 was offered for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-89
APPROVING SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR 2020-2021 SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Tabernacle Township to receive sealed bids for Snow Removal Service in Tabernacle Township; and

<p>| PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES                     | SPECIFIED HOURLY |</p>
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<th>CLASSIFICATION</th>
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<td>5. Laborer</td>
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<td>31.20 hour</td>
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<td>5. Land Development Board Secretary (part-time)</td>
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<td>6. Deputy Court Administrator (part-time)</td>
<td>20.00 hour</td>
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<td>7. Tax Assessor Secretary (part-time)</td>
<td>198.15 Bi-Weekly</td>
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<td>3. Municipal Court Administrator, Deputy</td>
<td>20.00 hour</td>
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<td>4. Municipal Court Sound Recorder</td>
<td>108.15</td>
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<td>5. Municipal Court Attendant</td>
<td>159.65</td>
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WHEREAS, specifications have been prepared and reviewed by the Township Administrator and sealed proposals will be received by the Municipal Clerk’s Office on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 no later than 10:00 AM at Tabernacle Town Hall, 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that said specifications are hereby approved and the Township Administrator is hereby authorized pursuant to 40A:11-23 to advertise for and solicit bids for the 2020-2021 Snow Removal Service in Tabernacle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon advertised notice that sealed proposals are to be delivered or mailed to the Municipal Clerk at Tabernacle Town Hall, 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

MOTION
On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Sunbury, Resolution 2020-89 was offered for adoption.

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

MAYOR’S CONSENT AGENDA ANNOUNCEMENT
These items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Tabernacle and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately. There were no items removed from consent agenda.

RESOLUTION 2020-90
APPROVING BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2020

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: November 23, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Tabernacle Board of Health Meeting of November 23, 2020 shall be incorporated within the Township Committee Meetings at Tabernacle Town Hall, 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.

RESOLUTION 2020-91
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Luis Amaya, owner, and resident of 21 Carranza Road (Block 321, Lot 4.02) has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced February 12, 2020 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2020 Final/2021 Preliminary Property Taxes and refund $2,614.28, the amount of overpayment of the prorated 2020
RESOLUTION 2020-92
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Alvin Crain, owner, and resident of 54 North Drive (Block 802.01, Lot 32.08) has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced January 8, 2020 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the 2020 Final/2021 Preliminary Property Taxes and refund $2,041.96, the prorated portion of the 2020 taxes paid, pursuant to Totally Disabled Veteran status, to Alvin Crain, owner and resident of 54 North Drive, Tabernacle NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-93
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Julio Figueroa, owner and resident of 6 Eldorado Drive (Block 504, Lot 27.14) has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced June 17, 2020 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2020 Final/2021 Preliminary Property Taxes and refund $310.33, the amount of overpayment of the prorated 2020 taxes, pursuant to Totally Disabled Veteran status, to Lereta, LLC, Attn: Central Refunds, 1123 Parkview Drive, Covina, CA 91724 on behalf of Julio Figueroa, owner and resident of 6 Eldorado Drive, Tabernacle, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-94
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION
WHEREAS, Andrew Nemeth, owner, and resident of 9 Foxchase Road (Block 502.02, Lot 6.03) has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced February 13, 2020 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel 2020 Final/2021 Preliminary Property Taxes and refund $1,017.16, the amount of overpayment of the prorated 2020 taxes, pursuant to Totally Disabled Veteran status, to Andrew Nemeth, owner and resident of 9 Foxchase Road, Tabernacle, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-95
AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Richard Cameron, owner, and resident of 12 Eldorado Drive (Block 504, Lot 27.11) has applied for exemption from property taxes as a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS, said application has been received by the Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has reviewed the application and requisite proofs, and finding them to be in order, recommends approval of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, the exemption commenced June 23, 2020 in accord with certification of 100% disability granted by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Tabernacle Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the 2020 Final/2021 Preliminary Property Taxes and refund $2,146.46, the amount of overpayment of the prorated 2020 taxes, pursuant to Totally Disabled Veteran status, to Andrew Nemeth, owner and resident of 12 Foxchase Road, Tabernacle, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Assessor.

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Moore, Resolutions 2020-90, 2020-91, 2020-92, 2020-93, 2020-94 and 2020-95 were offered for adoption.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, the bills were ordered paid.

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

On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Barton, the Township Committee minutes of August 24, 2020 regular meeting were offered for adoption.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public. Not by audio, not by telephone and not at Town Hall.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Guzzi reported that paving on Oak Shade Road will begin week of October 5, 2020. The school districts and residents will be notified. There will not be road closures but there will be periodic lane closures.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Cramer reported that we received information from the Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program regarding the acquisition list. Deadline for additions or deletions must be submitted by October 16, 2020. This Program is through County and State.


REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Peter Lange, Esquire reminded Committee that he would like to discuss the housing ordinance regarding age restriction (Allenwood Estates) at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. McGinnis asked if Mr. Cramer had the cost-effective report for having employees to work having the recycling center open once a month. Mayor Brown reminded Ms. McGinnis this will be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

Mr. Barton asked Mr. Cramer to draft a letter to the Chairman of the Land Development Board regarding the sign ordinance (lighted signs) for the LDB to review and provide comment back to Township Committee of their decisions.

No report from Mr. Moore.

Mr. Sunbury reported that Burlington County Health Department will sponsor a drive thru clinic “Flu Shot on Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. at the Fire Station 76 Hawkins Rd & Route 206, Tabernacle at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Sunbury shared that COVID-19 numbers are rising.

No report from Mayor Brown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION CS 09 282020

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 Public Body means a commission, authority, board, council, committee or any other group of two or more persons organized under the laws of this State, and collectively empowered as a voting body to perform a public governmental function affecting the rights, duties, obligations, privileges, benefits, or other legal relations of any
person, or collectively authorized to spend public funds including the Legislature, but does not mean or include the judicial branch of the government, any grand or petit jury, any parole board or any agency or body acting in a parole capacity, the State Commission of Investigation, the Apportionment Commission established under Article IV, Section III, of the Constitution, or any political party committee organized under Title 19 of the Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee is a public body; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting of a public body in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) permits the exclusion of the public from a portion of a public meeting at which the public body discusses, "pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b.(4) herein in which the public body is, or may become, a party, or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer" N.J.S.A. 110:4-12-(b)7; and

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee wishes to discuss contract negotiation regarding the fire company and matters falling within the attorney-client privilege; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires exist, 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.

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Ms. McGinnis, Resolution CS 09 282020 was offered for adoption.

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

REOPENING OF MEETING

MOTION
On a motion made by Mr. Sunbury, seconded by Mr. Moore to return to regular meeting to discuss the fire contract.

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

Mr. Moore stated that Township Committee may want to explore the delivery of fire services and made the following statement:

Mrs. Brown and I, as the duly appointed sub-committee on emergency services have completed an exhaustive review of the fire protection services, structure and operations of Tabernacle in an effort to open new negotiations and to arrive at a new contract with the TFC #1.

We started by performing a comprehensive review of the current structure contracts, resources, and responsibilities as they are unique to Tabernacle. We spent many hours speaking to the stakeholders and valued volunteers. We opened a dialog with many representatives including the TFC representatives, past TFC volunteers who were either removed from the fire company or left of their own free will, currently active volunteers of the TFC, representatives from Burlington County Emergencies Services and Volunteer Fire Chiefs from surrounding area towns. Again, all with the stated purpose of arriving at a new, well developed contract that provided the township with the oversight it needs, and which also deferred to the
valued volunteers on methods and operational issues. We also studied the finances and economics associated with the delivery of firefighting services.

Certainly, volunteer public safety organizations are a very important and necessary part of Tabernacle's emergency response readiness. Without the TRS and TFC #1 public safety in Tabernacle would be threatened and the cost of providing services and local tax rates would rise.

These organizations are private corporations whose members feel they should not be interfered with or over regulated by municipal government. They wish to have minimal oversight by elected officials or appointees of the governing body. In part, this is, because these organizations enjoy proud traditions.

This conflict is most often confronted when dealing with two principle issues:

a) Financial support and the private companies desire for privacy of its finances; and
b) General issues of oversight of firefighting and rescue operations

The TFC#1 is a volunteer fire company that is completely supported by the tax payers and contributors from Tabernacle. Any municipality understands that any possible conflict between the governing body and firefighting or rescue forces is potentially a situation for disaster.

The paramount point to be made is that these agencies, notwithstanding their private incorporation are public agencies.

It is, at the end of the day, the township and the elected officials that are charged with the responsibility to ensure that efficient and most of all, effective emergency services are delivered for the people. It is about safety of the people of Tabernacle. Let me repeat myself, it is about the safety of the people of Tabernacle. Given that it is the undisputed responsibility of the local government to provide these services, it is also the local government that is liable when things go wrong! Those of us sitting up here are the ones ultimately responsible as the township representatives.

Therefore, again, it is absolutely essential that the committee ensure that professional, effective, efficient and, to the best of our ability, exemplary services are rendered to the people of Tabernacle and all who come to Tabernacle. Given that responsibility and potential liability it is the township that has authority and the oversight of such services.

For far too long, at times, there has been conflict and dysfunction in spite of the terrific spirit of volunteerism enjoyed here in our wonderful piece of the pines. These conflicts and the decentralized nature of the way Tabernacle has managed the delivery of these services docs do not promote efficient, effective, and exemplary service. In order to appropriately handle our responsibly to committeewomen and committeemen we must modernize and centralize the supervision and operation of fire protection services in Tabernacle.

There are concerns that decisions are being made based on personal relationships rather than merit. Furthermore, there are concerns that there is not sufficient financial transparency.

Our review of the facts and circumstances has led us to the conclusion that the township must take immediate action on establishing a fire department by ordinance rather than entering a contract for services. In that way, the township committee and the administrator will be able to ensure that there is appropriate readiness and appropriate coordination with the TRS and the OEM. The committee will also in that way be able to ensure complete financial transparency; and by that, we mean be able to understand exactly how the tax payers and donated funds are expended. The committee will then also have direct
oversight of the utilization of township resources and property and an ability to apply directly for government grants and other funding sources. We have to be fiscally responsible in the delivery of these services. These are township committee responsibilities.

That is not to say that the township does not need its volunteers. That is not the case. The township committee needs our volunteers. We have to be able to capture the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that has existed in the township for generations and still have the oversight necessary to discharge our responsibility to the people. We cannot cede that responsibility to the volunteer organization. We are ultimately responsible.

So, we are proposing the creation of a township fire department to be led by a chief appointed by the committee. We are asking our valued volunteers to serve this township department under the direction of our Tabernacle Fire Chief. We are proposing that we form a seven (7) member panel of experts to assist the committee in searching for and appointing a fire chief from among our township residents.

We are proposing that the chief then appoint his or her officers with the approval of the township committee and that they welcome all qualified persons to volunteer and serve the department. The panel should include:

1) An out of County Fire Chief
2) A Burlington County Volunteer Fire Chief
3) A Burlington County Professional paid Fire Chief
4) The Burlington County Fire Marshal’s Office
5) A Representative of the New Jersey Forest Fire Service
6) The Township Sub-Committee members

In order to advance our proposal, I am asking the committee to direct our solicitor to prepare an ordinance which modifies our existing public safety department ordinance to designate and officially create a township fire department and the position of Tabernacle Fire Chief as a township officer.

It is time to modernize the delivery of fire protection services in the township. Thank you.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Sunbury stated that he is in full support of the volunteers and this does not reflect on the volunteers and their capabilities. However, in moving forward he recommends that we begin to open to receiving resumes. Agrees with the findings of the sub-committee.

Mr. Lange stated for the record that members of the Committee were discussing their options under a contract and the potential terms and conditions about control and authority over the fire company. Some of the members wanted to discuss a potential ordinance rather than a contract. Mr. Moore proposed that Mr. Lange recirculate some of the ordinances that have been prepared in the past and based on similar circumstances in nearby communities. When the discussion began to focus other than the contract; the members of the Committee came out of the Executive Session to facilitate a discussion, and he is confirming that he will prepare an ordinance which will modify our existing public safety ordinance to designate and officially create a Township fire department and the position of a Township officer being a Tabernacle Fire Chief.

Mr. Barton stated that he appreciates the findings of the sub-committee and asked that the Mayor appoint a sub-committee to review the contract with aspects such as full accountability and present it to the Committee. This may be the opportunity to revisit the position of a Public Safety Director.
Ms. McGinnis stated that she appreciates the findings of the sub-committee and also agrees that there should be a re-structure of the fire company for the benefit and safety of the public.

**MOTION**
On a motion made by Ms. McGinnis, seconded by Mr. Moore to have Mr. Lange prepare a proposed Ordinance.

Roll Call:  
Nays: 1 – Barton  
Abstain: 0  
**Motion carried.**

**MOTION**
Mr. Barton made a motion appoint a sub-committee that would review contract with aspects such as full accountability and have oversight for all public safety, meaning the fire, ems, rescue, OEM and the CERT.

Seeing there was no second to the motion; this motion was not carried.

There were no comments from the Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**
On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. McGinnis the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Those in favor:  Ayes: 5  Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown.  
Those opposed:  Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Approved:  October 26, 2020