

Tabernacle Township Committee
Minutes of March 13, 2017

Deputy Mayor Joseph Yates, IV called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This special meeting of March 13, 2017 was sent to the Central Record and Burlington County Times. 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

Joseph W. Barton, Township Committee
Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee
Richard J. Franzen, Township Committee
Joseph Yates, IV, Deputy Mayor
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor (Absent)

Administrative Team

Douglas Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Public Comment.

Deputy Mayor Yates opened the meeting to the public regarding agenda items.

- ✓ Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road. Spoke of wanting to see the lower end of Carranza Road be placed on the road improvement list because there are numerous potholes that have been repaired and feels they are dangerous because there is a lot of volume on Carranza Road. Pleased to hear that the sale of Township properties to are being offered for sale. Would like a better explained budget chart. Interested in information on the public works facility.
- ✓ Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road. Questioned the budget regarding salary increase. Reiterated the same comments as Stuart Brooks for adding Carranza Road being added to the list for road improvement.

Public comment closed.



Approval of Bills

On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton, the bills were ordered paid.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.



Old Business **A LOOK at the BUDGET**
Discussion: 2017 Municipal Budget

Mr. Barton spoke of when did the Township took over the Fire Company; when it was dissolved; questioned if their needs are being met; how is a determination made when a vehicle no longer becomes an asset; 2% salary; office furniture and computer maintenance; insurances; legal; would like a list of Township properties for sale; insurance; emergency management; training; clothing; what are the heavy/small equipment purchases and building improvements; legal.

Mr. Cramer explained the process of vehicle determination, such as life expectancy, mileage and mileage vs. hours, repairs, etc. Fire Company will receive what is needed and not necessarily what is wanted. There is an intended use for the vehicle, not to sell it but to use it for the Fire Chief vehicle. Mr. Cramer spoke of wanting to enclose the Deputy Clerk and Office Clerk area and purchase furniture; and computer maintenance/server; legal, possible purchases and sale of properties; litigation on abandoned properties. Health insurances have relatively stayed the same and may have employees transferring from single coverage to family. Emergency Management is in the need for approximately 6 sets of gear. Public Works has miscellaneous and various equipment repairs such as the grader. Repairs to all buildings and electrical repairs at the Fire House with the generator. LOSAP anticipates on having more. Amounts are not earmarked specifically.

Deputy Mayor Yates also asked about the salary increase; recommend reducing the contribution to TRS.

Mr. Cramer explained that residents would be responsible for the charity care and balance billing if TRS contribution is reduced. Ms. Brown spoke of the rescue squad had a building and the Township took possession over their building and it would essentially mean they would be homeless. Mr. Barton is in favor of having a discussion regarding the services and making an agreement with TRS.

Mr. Franzen and Ms. Brown did not have comments regarding the budget.

There were no further budget discussions.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2017-43: INTRODUCTION OF 2017 TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Municipal Budget of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington for the fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget be published in Tabernacle Township's official newspapers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Tabernacle does hereby approve the following Budget for the year 2017.

- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-43, Introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget was approved on FIRST READING.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-44: GRANTING RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WHEREAS, the Church of the Holy Eucharist has filed applications with the Township Committee for raffle licenses to conduct raffles, and the applicant has paid the proper fees for said licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle believes that said applicant is qualified to conduct the raffles are bona fide active members of said organization and that the raffle will be conducted in accordance with the New Jersey administrative Code 13:47; and

WHEREAS, the following raffle licenses are requested on the dates and during the hours listed:

- a) **RA: 2017-09: (Off-Premise – Quilt)**
Drawing: July 29, 2017Hours: 10:30 p.m.
- b) **RA: 2017-10: (Off-Premise Draw – Super 50/50)**
Drawing: May 15, 2017.....Hours: 11:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follow:

1. That the Township Committee hereby approves the issuance of the aforementioned raffle license.
2. That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license on behalf of the Township of Tabernacle.

- Doctrine of necessity was invoked allowing all members of the governing body to vote.
- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-44 was approved.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-45: A RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR TABERNACLE PTA

WHEREAS, a request has been made for permission to place temporary signage on the public right of way associated with certain Township roads for the week of **March 11-24th, 2017**; and

WHEREAS, this late request has been made by Tabernacle PTA in order to promote their Designer Bag Bingo **on Friday, March 24, 2017**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of assisting the Tabernacle PTA in promoting this beneficial activity; and

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 Tabernacle PTA and/or its representatives to place temporary signage on the public right of way and along Tabernacle public roads to promote this event under the following conditions:

1. All signs shall be placed at least 6 feet off of any paved road surface and shall be placed on 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 and Tabernacle PTA.

- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-45 was approved.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

New Business

There were preliminary discussion concerning proposed Public Works Facility locations on Route 532, Prickett's Mill, Oak Shade Road, and existing Township owned buildings. Community Center side: three bay garage with an office. Fire Company side: Shed, TV recycling container, recycling dumpsters, and salt dome. Concerns are parking and a polling place. There are discussions that will have to be had with Pinelands Commission regarding buffers.

Report of Emergency Management

As a result of impending Storm Stella on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, the Public Works, TFC/TRS/CERT will be available beginning midnight. Global Connect message was sent to all residents. Atlantic City Electric is in place with their plan. The 2016 Safety Incentive Program Award was read into record. Committee was asked to save the date for the Employee, Volunteer & Spouse Health & Wellness Fair on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Union Company Fire Department, 1 Firehouse Lane, Medford, NJ 08055.

Report of Township Engineer

No report at this time.

Report of Township Administrator

Mr. Cramer received a copy of a letter from the Burlington County Engineer regarding possible changes such as a traffic light as a result of motor vehicle accident which happened at the entrance of Seneca High School in 2016. Burlington County Engineer would like to meet in the near future with the school district and director of public works. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Report of Township Solicitor

No report at this time.

Report of Township Committee

Mr. Barton. No report at this time.

Ms. Brown thanked Committee and Staff for their patience regarding her family issues.

Mr. Franzen. No report at this time.

Deputy Mayor Yates. No report at this time.

Public Comment

Col. Lowe, Lenape School District and Tabernacle School District will be closed due to Storm Stella expected March 14, 2017.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road. Commented that she would like to know how the proposals will affect the budget; asked if the plans and the discussion regarding the public works facility would be available to the public; spoke of other Township that do not contribute to their rescue squads.

Don Shearer. 218 Sooy Place Road. Thanked Committee for the NJ Sustainability and spoke of being interested in seeing the public works facility.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road. Thank Committeeman Barton and Deputy Mayor Yates regarding the TRS payment; asked if there will be a needs assessment for public work facility; feels it to be premature to discuss sites without doing an assessment; asked if staff is compensated for attending meetings; and asked if any committee members are giving up their salaries; asked about the contribution to the Fire Company.

Ms. Brown stated that she will not be talking a salary this year.

Kathy Burger, 18 Woodside Drive. Spoke of not being in favor of balance billing for TRS and spoke of a contribution in lieu of monetary there is insurance, gasoline, etc., is worth exploring; agrees with Mr. Barton that the salary and wage are 3%. In favor of Clerk's Office to approve the bingo and raffle by ordinance and report to Committee regarding approved applications; spoke of the fire budget being reduced when the Township took over.

- There were no discussions concerning executive Session for potential litigation matters related to the Persson property located at 14 Moore Road and Longstreet property located at 9 Worrell Road.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

- Approved: 03/27/2017