

## TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Richard Franzen at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Flag salute.

**Sunshine Notice:** This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of April 27, 2015 was included in a list of notices sent to the Central Record, Burlington County Times and Courier Post. 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** Those in attendance were:

#### **Governing Body**

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

#### **Professionals**

Douglas Cramer, CPWM, Administrator  
Frank S. Morris, Engineer  
Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer  
JoAnne O'Connor, Esq. Solicitor  
La Shawn R. Barber, Municipal Clerk



### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, questioned the general fee on the bill list regarding the software reporting for the fire company.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, wanted to know if the Township Committee received her email regarding the Clerk's posting of the agenda and questioned if an application fee is attached to the fireman's association application. Mr. Cramer said there is no fee and the Township is approving it the same as the fire district.

There were no further public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen                      Ayes: 3    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of February 9, 2015 (Workshop & Executive).

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates.

Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen                      Ayes: 3    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

Minutes of February 23, 2015 (Regular & Executive).

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates.

Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen                      Ayes: 3    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

Minutes of March 9, 2015 (Workshop).

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen.

Roll Call:    Ayes: Barton, Franzen    Abstain: Yates    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-67**

#### **APPROVING STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, South Jersey Gas Company, Rt. 54 Folsom, New Jersey 08034 has applied for a street opening permit for installing gas main at the following location of Tabernacle Township:

- 87 Richter Road, Block 325, Lot 13;and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer reviewed said application and schematic for approval of this installation and recommends that a permit be issued with these following stipulations and this permit will be contingent upon all fees and permits paid and bonds posted as required in Tabernacle Township General Code Ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution and the street opening authorized herein are specifically conditioned upon the applicant meeting the following requirements.

1. The Township Engineer shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance on any construction.
2. All asphalt paving openings must be restored with the following specification:
  - a. Two inch (2") thick, Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA) 9.5M64, which replaces the Marshall mix design, top course. All top course paving must be completed 48 hours after installing stabilized base paving.
  - b. Six inch (6") thick, HMA 19M64, stabilized base course.
  - c. 20:1 sand/cement subbase.
  - d. Provide tack coat on all surfaces before paving.
3. All non-asphalt pavement restorations (i.e. lawns, etc.) shall be completed within 30 days. All lawns shall be restored with sod. The Township Engineer shall approve all other restorations.
4. Inspection escrow must be posted with the Township before start of construction.
5. The applicant must provide all outside agency approvals, as required.
6. SJG contractor will notify all residents along proposed pipeline path prior to construction start. Along with this notification, homeowners will be asked to notify the contractor of any items of concern that relate to their property (underground private structures such as sprinklers, property markers, septic and wells, etc.) along with landscaped areas.
7. SJG Contractor will attempt to meet with residents during the construction project to address concerns they might have.
8. SJG contractor will videotape area where pipeline is to be installed prior to construction start for documentation purposes.
9. Proposed pipeline will be installed by a combination of bore, plow and open-cut methods. Bore and plow are the preferred means of construction, but when open cutting of trenches occurs during construction project, the contractor will make every effort to keep disturbance to a minimum.
10. SJG contractor will restore all areas disturbed to same conditions and all non-vegetated areas must be reseeded.
11. All Township roads and paved driveways must use bore method of installation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approves said application of a street opening permit for installation of gas services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution and the street opening authorized herein is specifically conditioned upon the applicant installing all pipelines under private paved driveways and public streets by boring under the private paved driveways and public streets. The applicant is not authorized to install pipeline by openly trenching through paved private driveways located in the right of way and/or public utility easement nor through public streets.

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates **Resolution 2015-67** was offered for adoption.  
Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen                      Ayes: 3    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2015-68**  
**AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO START DESIGN WORK FOR 2015 NJDOT MEDFORD LAKES ROAD PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Tabernacle Township has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for Medford Lakes Road in the amount of \$196,000.00.

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Township Engineer to start design work for NJDOT Grant for the 2015 Medford Lakes Road Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, authorize the Township Engineer to start design work and prepare bid specifications for the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDO) Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for Medford Lake Road in the amount of \$196,000.00.

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton **Resolution 2015-68** was offered for adoption.  
Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen                      Ayes: 3    Absent: 2    Nays: 0    **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2015-69  
REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received full payments for Municipal Tax Sale Certificates held by Tabernacle Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended that the following Municipal Tax Sale Certificate be cancelled:

<b>Certificate Number</b>	<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>
#14-00018	903/14.01	\$2,485.21

AND;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended that this aforementioned Tax Sale Certificates be redeemed as per Township lien placed on the block and lot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the tax sale certificates be cancelled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sign it, and Township Clerk is authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector.

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates **Resolution 2015-69** was offered for adoption.  
Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: Brown, Lee **Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION 2015-70  
REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL TAX LIEN**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received full payments for Municipal Tax Sale Certificates held by Tabernacle Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended that the following Municipal Tax Sale Certificate be cancelled:

<b>Certificate Number</b>	<b>Block/Lot</b>	<b>Payment Received</b>
#14-00019	903/22.01	\$3,367.95

AND;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended that this aforementioned tax sale certificates be redeemed as per Township lien placed on the block and lot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the tax sale certificates be cancelled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sign it, and Township Clerk is authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Collector.

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates **Resolution 2015-70** was offered for adoption.  
Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: Brown, Lee **Motion carried.**

**MOTION**

Municipal Approval was given to the Relief Association / NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application for members of the Tabernacle Fire Company #1: Paul W. Ausburn and Christian D. Hanthorn.

**ADOPTION** - Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call: Barton, Yates, Franzen Ayes: 3 Absent: 2 Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, questioned the Township's contribution for Tabernacle Rescue Squad and the review of their budget financials. He asked if there were documents that created the Pinelands CERT for their rights and obligations for membership, an agreement for Tabernacle to provide all the funding for Pineland CERT without contribution from the others, and if other Townships were asked to contribute to the CERT. Mr. Brooks questioned if the Township intends to bring the TRS under Township management, and how is the fire company \$90,000.00 going to be controlled, monitored and who has the authority to spend.

Besty Piner, 75 Bozarthtown Road, announced this year's Memorial Day parade will be honoring two retired air force majors who are husband and wife, Dr. Sherri Bonn and James Bon. We hope for a good turnout for the ceremony on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am starting at the Seneca High School. We encourage any community group to participate with a patriotic float.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, acknowledged that Mr. Lange is not in attendance and felt compelled to correct the record of a previous meeting where Mr. Lange stated that she repeatedly threatened litigation. It is not true and she wanted to clarify the record regarding his statement.

Ms. Brooks questioned who at the Township is completing the reports for LOSAP.

Mr. Cramer said the staff at the fire company is handling the LOSAP by providing a summary of their reports.

No further comments.

Committeeman Lee arrived.

#### **REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Cramer spoke of there being 72 registered rental properties in the Township. There were a number of TRS questions. The \$90,000.00 for the fire company is turned over for them to spend. An agreement concerning additional bills will be required for them to pay, mainly the upkeep of the building and utilities. We hope to have an agreement by the end of May for review.

Mr. Cramer reported the hazardous waste collection day was highly attended by approximately 70 residences from Tabernacle, Medford Lakes Borough and Shamong Townships.

#### **REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Medford Lakes Road Project received \$196,000 for the Township from NJDOT. An alternate will be added to pave from Oakshade Road to Medford Township line.

The 2015 Local Road Program – The drainage and road improvements are for a number of areas within the town, Zimmerman Road, Lakeview Drive, Spring Drive, Sohn Way, Hill Road and Sooy Place Road. Arawak Paving should start shortly to work on concrete work and piping.

South Jersey Gas Street Openings will continue with restoration work now that the weather is better.

Mr. Yates spoke about an estimated amount of 2000 street openings coming between Tabernacle Township and Southampton Township. He questioned the percentage of street opening permits coming into Tabernacle Township. Mr. Morris said it is estimated to be about 600 street openings that we have logged.

#### **REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

No report.

#### **REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mr. Barton spoke of attending the New Jersey Conference of Mayors for shared service and scheduled to attend conferences in Atlantic City for the New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Conference and New Jersey Association of Counties. Mr. Barton acknowledged the Municipal Clerk will be in attendance of the NJ Municipal Clerk's Association conference this week.

Mr. Yates spoke of addressing Mr. Brooks' questions regarding the payment made to Tabernacle Rescue Squad in that he agrees and his feelings stay the same as last year to give the rescue squad the \$70,000. As far as the CERT application and payment from other Townships, Mr. Lowe already answered those questions at the last meeting. It was understood that Mr. Lowe will train for the CERT program and he will not charge other towns.

Mr. Lee apologized for being late. He spoke about the volunteers are moving forward on the snack stand for completion. Mr. Lee welcomed our new employee hire, Natalie.

Deputy Mayor Franzen acknowledged receipt of Ms. Brooks' email the Municipal Clerk sent out regarding her comments about the agenda. Mr. Franzen spoke of seeing and being pleased with the budget of the rescue squad and had no further comments about it.

#### **ADJOURNMENT.**

No further business before the Township Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Lee. Mr. Barton seconded the motion.

**Roll Call: Barton, Lee, Yates, Franzen**

**Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 Nays: 0 Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

*LaShawn R. Barber*

**La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk**

**Approved: 05/26/2015**