

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017

Deputy Mayor Joseph Yates, IV called the regular meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This special meeting of February 27, 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

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

Administrative Team

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

Public comment regarding agenda items

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of submitting an opra request for monthly invoices of Solicitor Lange's billing submitted to Township not timely.

Approval of Bills

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

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Approval of Minutes

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the minutes of January 23, 2017 was offered for approval.

Roll call: Ayes: Barton, Franzen Nays: 0 Abstain: Yates Absent: 2

Ordinances on first reading

2017-3: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

- Public Hearing Date & Time: 03/27/2017 * 7:30 P.M.

The fees for house of worship were briefly discussed. Mr. Franzen is in agreement to give them a break. Mr. Barton spoke about his feelings of it being reasonable for them to cover their fair share of the cost to do inspections. Further discussion will be held at the second reading of the ordinance.

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

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

2017-4: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL FEE SCHEDULE.

- Public Hearing Date & Time: 03/27/2017 * 7:30 P.M.
- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton, the bills were ordered paid.

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Resolutions

**RESOLUTION 2017-38
AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE TO REFUND PERMIT FEES TO SUNRUN, INC.**

WHEREAS, Sunrun Installation Services has applied for construction permits to install a roof mounted solar panel systems at the following locations and the homeowners has decided not to move forward with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Office requests approval of the following refunds to be made for Sunrun Inc., not including the Township's nonrefundable 20% plan review and State Training Fee pursuant to NJAC 5:23, 4.23:

BLOCK, LOT	PERMIT #	CHECK #	AMOUNT OF REFUND
311, 19	20160040	2020516	\$433.00
1301.01, 10.03	20160019	2020592	\$598.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the request for refunds be made **payable to Sunrun Inc., 20 West Stow Road, Suite 2, Marlton, NJ 08053.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forward to the Construction Official.

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the Resolution 2017-38 was approved.
Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

**RESOLUTION 2017-39
AUTHORIZE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND HOMESTEAD BENEFIT**

WHEREAS, the following Homeowner sold his home after filing for the Homestead Benefit; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey sent Tabernacle Township the Homestead Benefit for the following Homeowner:

Block/Lot	Homeowner	Homestead Benefit Refund
1101, 51	Peter Connet	\$939.80

and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector deems that the homeowners should receive a refund for their Homestead Benefit as they are totally exempt and have no billing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is hereby directed to refund Peter Connect \$939.80 and the Tax Collector to adjust her records.

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton, Resolution 2017-39 was approved.
Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

**RESOLUTION 2017-40
AUTHORIZING FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO REFUND VACANT / ABANDONED PROPERTY REGISTRATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle accepted initial registration fee for Vacant / Abandoned Property for Block 509, Lot 5 (23 Waltham Drive); and

WHEREAS, this registration was paid twice in year 2016 in the amount of \$500.00 on Block 509, Lot 5.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Finance Dept. be directed to refund the initial registration fee paid to:

Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC
8742 Lucent Blvd, 3rd Floor
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, Burlington County, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer be directed to draft a check totaling the amount of **\$500.00** to the person named above.

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2017-40 was approved.
Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

RESOLUTION 2017-41
APPROVE CANCELLATION OF AGED OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, the following outstanding checks listed below for the designated accounts have been outstanding for a period of over six months; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court request it to be necessary to formally cancel said checks by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the checks as reflected herein shall be cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby instructed to amend General Account #221272031 as follows:

CHECK NUMBER	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMOUNT
108	5/27/2015	\$2.00
149	1/21/2016	\$4.00
160	4/27/2016	\$1.00
162	4/28/2016	\$1.00
163	5/09/2016	\$2.00

GRAND TOTAL \$10.00

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton, Resolution 2017-41 was approved.
Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

RESOLUTION 2017-42
COMMEMORATING AND CONGRATULATING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND ON 25 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the **Township of Tabernacle** is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund commenced operations on January 1, 1991 with ten charter members who, when challenged with an unfavorable market for their insurance, decided to join together to avoid the high costs and limited coverage associated with traditional insurance for fire and property, liability and workers compensation risks; and

WHEREAS, over the past 25 years the Fund has grown to 27 members and stands today as one of the greatest examples of an inter-local service agreement in the State of New Jersey's history; and

WHEREAS, municipalities participating in the BURLCO JIF have saved their local taxpayers millions of dollars in the form of lower premiums and the return of more than \$7 million dollars in surplus distributions; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials and the municipal employees covered by the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund are the foundation of the Fund's success and without whose dedication to the Fund Safety and Risk Management programs the Fund would not have achieved the status it enjoys today; and

WHEREAS, the **Township of Tabernacle** wishes to recognize and commemorate the Fund on its 25 years of successful operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the **Township of Tabernacle** assembled in a public session on **February 27, 2017**, that this body does hereby recognize and congratulate the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund on 25 years of successful operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Township of Tabernacle** wishes to acknowledge this Anniversary as a milestone event in the history of the Fund and wishes the Fund continued success for many years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Executive Director of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for his information and distribution to the membership.

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2017-42 was approved.
Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

MOTIONS

Municipal authorization to conduct aerial larval/adult mosquito control activities.

- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton, authorization was approved.

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Parade Permit: Curly Furn Enduro Riders – 03/19/2017 - Representative Jack Cutts was in attendance for questions.

- Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, this Parade Permit was approved.

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Parade Permit: Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree – 03/23-25/2017 – Representative Jim Justnes was in attendance for questions.

- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton, this Parade Permit was approved.

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Parade Permit: Pine Barrens Enduro Riders – 4/9/2017 – Joe Springer was in attendance for questions.

- Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Franzen, this Parade Permit was approved **contingent** upon the Municipal Clerk receiving adequate insurance timely.

Roll call: Barton, Franzen, Yates Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Old Business

2017 Municipal Budget and Capital Expenditure - Mr. Cramer spoke of the only changes requested by Mayor Lee for money to be put in for salary in the emergency management line item for Township Committee's option to use for public safety. The Township Committee tabled discussion of until majority members of the governing body are present. There were no objections.

Report of the Emergency Management

Col. Lowe spoke about putting on the United States Army uniform in 1965 in which he wore it until 2002; started working for the State; subsequently the Township. Spoke of being an employee of the Township and probably the most qualified person to be in the emergency management. Col. Lowe spoke of his experiences and concludes that emergencies happen at the worst time and conditions (rain, snow, dark, power outages and storms); consequently the fear of the dark in emergency situations allows him to give out glow sticks and emergency flashlights. Col. Lowe spoke of the Township being fortunate to have the volunteer fire company, rescue squad, CERT and public works.

Report of the Township Engineer

Mr. Guzzi spoke of working with Administrator Cramer on the road assessment and options for public works facility.

Report of the Township Administrator

USDA Community Connect Grants / Stainable NJ – Mr. Cramer spoke of the last meeting when Ms. Shearer inquired about these grants for the Township; research lead to a couple of issues not making Township eligible because our population is over 5,000 and portion of our Township is considered urban. We are looking at broad band and suggestion was made for Comcast to apply for a grant in which Mr. Cramer will look into on our behalf. Stainable NJ Grant is an interesting program that is strictly, volunteer and three levels of participation and 15 different programs. Mr. Cramer will put an informational packet together for Committee consideration.

Elected Official's Seminar – Mr. Cramer reported that all the members of the Township Committee are registered for March 29th. There will be a \$250 credits towards our MEL assessment for each that attend.

Report of the Township Solicitor

Mr. Lange spoke of having the executive session discussion when the full committee is present.

Report of the Township Committee

Mr. Barton thanked Col. Lowe for years of services and flashlights and spoke of working in the utility business for many years in public relations, pocket flashlights came in handy going into senior houses throughout the County and spoke that our Township is glad to have you. Mr. Barton spoke of being a sitting member at the last Land

Development Board meeting listening to the Seneca Woods development for the 49 lot subdivision on Route 206. There was conversation at that meeting of concern of egress and ingress off of Route 206. The LDB indicated they were going to send a letter to Township Committee to address safety concerns. NJDOT has jurisdiction of that intersection and LDB has not jurisdiction over the NJDOT. It will be wise for this Committee to discuss with NJDOT to find out what their traffic plan would be for that intersection. Anticipating the letter Mr. Cramer put a meeting together with Chief Jackson of EMS, Col. Lowe of OEM, Chief Smith of TFC #1 and Tabernacle Transportation for schools to talk about their safety concerns about that intersection. We will put a letter together to NJDOT to address all the safety concerns about that future intersection.

Mr. Franzen thanked Col. Lowe for his services, all that he does for this community is appreciated and spoke about the having a joint training meeting with Shamong Township and questioned if there was an issue with the Open Public Meeting Act having all members. Solicitor Lange indicated that no advertisement is necessary if this is strictly for training, no deliberation, policy issues and members are consuming information being presented in a seminar concept. It is not a decision making forum to understand emergency response. Township Clerk Barber was asked to get some dates with Shamong Township for training.

Public comment

Jim Jones, 16 Wimbledon Way, spoke about not being in agreement with the SJ Gas Resolution recently passed by this Township Committee and will wait for his comments until Mayor Lee is present.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, thanked Col. Lowe who spirit discussion about the pens/flashlights and pointed out that it took a long time receiving an explanation that Col. Lowe provided.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about the budget process for 2017 and spoke about the pen issue has been in irritant issue which could have been easily dealt with as explained by Mr. Brooks many weeks ago if it was addressed earlier. Spoke of receiving records of the vacant abandoned property registration and spoke of the money collected since the adoption of the ordinance questions how the money is being used.

Mr. Cramer spoke about Ms. Brooks' request that shows fees for 2014-2017, 98k was collected. Mr. Lange explains that hopefully it will make up for cost of enforcement, monitoring of properties and reimbursement of Mr. Boyd's involvement in those properties. Chief Finance Officer explains the line item is part of our fees and permits; it does not affect the budget but ultimately ends up as surplus.

- Members of the Township Committee decided to not to have executive session discussion related to Persson property (14 Moore Road) and Longstreet Property (9 Worrell Road) until all members present.

Adjournment

- Seeing no further business before the Township Committee, the meeting was adjourn at 8:58 p.m.
Motion made by Mr. Franzen seconded by Mr. Barton

Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

- Approved: 3/27/2017