

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Mayor Stephen V. Lee, 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 February 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.

A roll call taken of governing body members in attendance:

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

Administrative Team in attendance:

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

Moment of Silence

Mayor Lee called for a moment of silence for Jane Branin who passed away on February 4, 2017. Jane gave her heart and soul as she taught Special Education in the Tabernacle School District for 35 years.

Public comment regarding agenda items

Mayor Lee opened the meeting up to the public.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about the TRS Agreement and questioned if there has been any discussion since July 2016. Mr. Brooks spoke of wanting his prior questions answered and suggests that monthly minutes from TRS and TFC#1 be provided and commented that he would like the Township Committee to address the money in the TRS budget for their expense and revenue.

Mark Trosino, 5 Red Oak Drive, spoke about police raid. Mayor Lee advised to hold his comments until the public comment section of the meeting.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, presented an EMS expense memo for their contact and stated she wanted it to be incorporated into the minutes; however it was not read into the record. Ms. Brooks spoke that she feels it is time for Township Committee to manage emergency services and time to switch gears to have a professionally paid squad.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, spoke about the comments made by Ms. Brooks in which he disagreed and commented on the publications for both ordinances in which he opinioned did not meet requirements.

Closed to public.

The Mayor and Committee recognized by proclamation the retirement of William E. Dudley, who retired from the Department of Public Works, from his 26 years of service.

Proclamation



IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE WILLIAM E. DUDLEY

WHEREAS, William E. Dudley, was born in the community of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on September 13, 1955 and was raised with a love and appreciation of agriculture; and at a young age developed the necessary work-ethic that was instilled in him by working in various agricultural operations throughout Burlington County, including the Locust Lane Dairy, owned and operated by the family of United States Congressman Edwin B. Forsythe. William subsequently began proudly serving his fellow residents of the State of New Jersey, in the Township of Hopewell, and finally became a proud team member of the Township of Tabernacle on September 7, 1990; and

WHEREAS, during William’s tenure serving as a dedicated member of Tabernacle Township’s Public Works Team, he has witnessed first-hand the growth and progress of our community; and serving in the position as Utility One, Class A Commercial Driver, and contributing member of the Tabernacle Safety Committee. William has also been able to utilize his true love of agriculture by managing all vegetation maintenance for the entire Township of Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, William has consistently maintained his professionalism and dedication to the residents of Tabernacle, many past and present members of the Tabernacle Township Committee, and proudly served with the support of many past and present colleagues, including, but not limited to Douglas Cramer, Kevin Worrell, Barclay Phillips, Rodger Montgomery, Robert Palfy, Elwood Parks and Charles Poinsett; and

WHEREAS, William is being honored by his friends, family, colleagues and our grateful community of the Township of Tabernacle; and extends our sincere gratitude for his dedicated service on this celebration of his retirement. Therefore, the Tabernacle Township Committee proudly recognizes William E. Dudley for his outstanding public service; and wishes to memorialize his service to all the residents of Tabernacle Township with this proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Governing Body of Tabernacle Township, I, Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor of Tabernacle Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey recognize and express heartfelt appreciation to William E. Dudley for his 26 years of dedicated service to the residents of Tabernacle, New Jersey and extend our best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

Approval of Bills

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

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0



ORDINANCE 2017-1: REPEALING AND READOPTING CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 27 “FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR” OF THE TABERNACLE GENERAL ORDINANCES AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR AND CREATING A NEW POSITION OF FIRE INSPECTOR.

Public Comment:

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned how the numbers work on salary savings; the number of structures will it include and questioned the process is. Mr. Brooks commented on the elimination of the fire inspector removing the salary roughly \$2,025, however adding a fire code official salary roughly at \$12,000; questions the fine generated in the office for years 2016-2017; questions the number of structures and properties they will be responsible for because it excludes nonresidential structures, which seem to be a small universe of property.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, wants to be clear about the inspections that would be undertaken by this sub code official and questions if the cost of those inspections for permits and fines would be covered in the salary because it seems to be significantly different from less than the cost of the inspector. Ms. Brooks spoke that it would be helpful for Township Committee to explain our cost before this (\$13,000) part-time position.

Al Freeman, 29 Washington Way, spoke of being a firefighter for 45 years and spoke of the position of fire inspector being very important. Having state inspectors allow you to have absolutely no feedback; there is disconnect. Having local control is very helpful to the position since they have access to the plans to go into the buildings.

Closed to the public

Mayor Lee invited Tom Boyd, Construction Official to participate in the discussion.

Solicitor Lange explained, Tabernacle Ordinance previously divided the duties of the sub code official; this ordinance will reunite their duties in one person which is customary. In addition, it will add the fire state inspections/enforcement to that position which is currently performed by the State. It is understood that combining those positions, although there will be a substantial increase in the salary associated with the part-time position, the benefits of those inspections including the inspection fees would be a substantial savings to the Township and there will be local control. It will be necessary to put the position out for application within the qualifications that are prescribed.

Administrator Cramer spoke of combining the two positions that are separated for sub code official and inspector. Combining the positions allows for the savings and the salary would be somewhat less than what the current sub code official is making. The fire marshal which is the State's portion, based on research that Mr. Boyd has done, Township will expect to get around \$18,000 worth of fees with commercial entities. The \$18,000 is the minimum amount. We are working on the fee schedule which will be presented to the Township Committee. The revenue that was taken in by the State of New Jersey for the year 2016 was approximately \$14,000, of that amount, local municipality receives eighty percent. We anticipate approximately \$7,000. Depending on the fines, the State would keep or the dedicated penalties would go to the fire department to be utilized for training.

Mr. Boyd spoke of the amount of inspections being performed. It was an estimate to be close to a hundred on the uniformed fire department; it is just the fire marshal aspect. Every commercial occupancy; within the Township will be inspected, with the exception of owner operated farms.

Committeeman Barton questions receiving an estimated amount of man hours it would take to do one hundred inspections a year. Mr. Boyd spoke of the initial inspection would be free only because many of these businesses have never been inspected. The intention would be about 2-3 years to get everyone to one hundred percent compliance.

ORDINANCE 2017-1

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND READOPTING CHAPTER II ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 27 "FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR" OF THE TABERNACLE GENERAL ORDINANCES AND ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR AND CREATING A NEW POSITION OF "FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL/FIRE MARSHAL"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Office and Title. There is hereby created the position of **FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL/FIRE MARSHAL.**

Section 2. CHAPTER II ARTICLE 27 OF THE TABERNACLE GENERAL ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTOR" is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL/FIRE MARSHAL

2-27.1 Creation of Office and Title.

There is hereby created the position of Fire SubCode Official/Fire Marshal.

2-27.2 Appointment.

The **FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL/FIRE MARSHAL** shall be appointed by the Township Committee upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator without term and, subject to any tenure acts of the State of New Jersey, shall be removable at the pleasure of the Administrator or Committee with or without notice or hearing.

by adopting the following Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. That exclusive consent and permission is hereby renewed and granted to South Jersey Gas Company to lay and construct its pipes and mains and related appurtenances and facilities within the streets, alleys, squares and public places within TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP in the manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 48:9-21, and subject to reasonable regulations imposed by ordinance or resolution with respect to the opening of streets and public places, subject to approval of such consent and permission by the Board of Public Utilities.

Section 2. This consent is granted for the entire geographical area of TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP and extend to the boundaries of TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP and shall remain in effect for a period of **ten (10) years** from the date of final adoption of this Ordinance and retroactive to January 1, 2017.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication, final passage in the manner prescribed by law, and acceptance by South Jersey Gas Company.

- Solicitor Lange explained the purpose of this ordinance. The utilities including South Jersey Gas were having municipal consent and permission for South Jersey Gas Company to use the public streets to deliver and maintain gas for light, heat and power. An agreement was given by the Township to South Jersey Gas Company for the purpose of supplying natural gas to the Township. This agreement expired on January 1, 2017. The new agreement will be retroactive to the beginning of the New Year.

Public Comment:

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the agreement time frame with the Township.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, commented that he knows a lot of people throughout town wanting gas service and spoke of wanting language for permits having acceptable measurable metrics in the ordinance; commented on section 1, as to why it was necessary for SJ Gas to get the exclusive percent; commented on section 4, as to why the ordinance is subject to SJ Gas approval.

Committeewoman Brown spoke of wanting to discuss a 5 year term. Deputy Mayor spoke of understanding having the 5 year term; however suggested that 10 years shows “good faith.” Committeeman Barton explained that this was a difference from the process of street opening permit and is comfortable with 10 years. Committeeman Franzen stated that he was concerned that having only a 5 year term. Mayor Lee agreed with 10 years.

Mayor Lee spoke of meeting with South Jersey Gas Company officials and spoke of looking forward to expanding coverage; another meeting is scheduled with South Jersey Gas Company on February 23, 2017.

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Yates, on second reading was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2017-31: APPOINTING THE CLASS III MEMBER OF THE LAND USE BOARD, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, the Class III Member of the Land Use Board shall be a member of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, as per State Statute, the governing Body selects, among its members, the Class III Member to the Land Use Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington that the following individual serves as the Class III member of the Land Use Board for the year 2017:
JOSEPH W. BARTON

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be given to the Tabernacle Township Land Use Board.

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-30 was offered for adoption

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-32: GRANTING RAFFLE LICENSE TO SENECA PARENTS GROUP

WHEREAS, the **SENECA PARENTS GROUP** has filed an application with the Township Committee to conduct bingo and 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 bingo and raffles, are bona fide active members of said organization, and that the bingo and raffles will be conducted in accordance with the licensing law; and

WHEREAS, the following **Bingo and Raffles Licenses** are requested on the dates listed:

BA: 2017-03 Bingo	March 23, 2017	Time: 6:15 pm-9:00 pm
RA: 2017-04 50/50 Cash On – Premise Draw	March 23, 2017	Time: 6:15 pm-9:00 pm
RA: 2017-05 Merchandise Raffle On – Premise Draw	March 23, 2017	Time: 6:15 pm-9:00 pm

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

1. That the Township Committee hereby approves the issuance of the aforementioned Bingo and Raffle Licenses.
2. That the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said licenses on behalf of the Township of Tabernacle.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton Resolution 2017-31 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-32: GRANTING BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSE TO PTA TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP, INC.

WHEREAS, the **PTA Tabernacle Township, Inc.**, has filed an application with the Township Committee to conduct Bingo and Raffles and the applicant has paid the proper fees for the licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, believes that the applicant is qualified to conduct bingo and raffles, who are bona fide active members of the organization, and that the bingo and raffles will be conducted in accordance with the Bingo and Raffle Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following **Bingo and Raffle Licenses** are requested on the dates listed:

RA: 2017-06 On-Premise - Merchandise	March 24, 2017	Time: 6-9 PM
BA: 2017-07 Bingo	March 24, 2017	Time: 6-9 PM
RA: 2017-08 On-Premise - Cash	March 24, 2017	Time: 6-9 PM

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 Bingo and Raffle License.
2. That the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license on behalf of the Township of Tabernacle.

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-32 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-33: APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NJ, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management, Township of Tabernacle, New Jersey has applied for the FY 16 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMMA) – FY16-EMPG-EMAA-0335 for the sub-award period 7/11/16 – 6/30/17; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the project is \$19,054.00, the Federal Award is \$9,400.00 with a \$9,654.00 match in kind or cash from the Township of Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management is an agency of the Township and is “authorized to accept” and “does accept” this Sub-award; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the grant funds for the purposes described in the application, primarily, the EMC is directed to develop and maintain the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan including conducting such meetings as required to coordinate the various emergency responders of the Township. Expected duties include chairing the LEPC and attending Township Committee meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other duties and responsibilities of the EMC and the deputies are on a volunteer “in-kind” bases and absolutely essential to the emergency management program of the Township of the community’s emergency preparedness and response. These responsibilities include the activation and operation of the Township Emergency Operations Center, training and exercising in and with the community and the planning for and execution of major planned public events such as the Tabernacle Memorial Day Parade. The Township Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for the organizing, training and equipping as well as deploying the 100+ Pinelands Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) within the Township, region and county/state.

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-33 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-34: AUTHORIZING TO NAME FIRST ALTERNATE AS MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, the Township Committee passed Resolution 2017-18, authorizing the appointment of first alternate Municipal Prosecutor, as any other Municipal Court Prosecutor in Burlington County in order to discharge the duties of the Municipal Prosecutor in the absence of the Municipal Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to specifically name **Timothy J. McNichols, Esquire** as the First Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor effective immediately through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the funds available for the payment of the first alternate Municipal Prosecutor in the 2017Tabernacle Township budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby appoints **Timothy J. McNichols, Esquire** as First Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor for Tabernacle Township, effective immediately through December 31, 2017.

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- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-34 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-35: APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE CHAIRPERSON

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Municipal Alliance Plan is for community alcohol and drug prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the plan is partially funded through a grant by the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the local administration of the plan requires a chairperson to be appointed by the Governing Body; and **WHEREAS**, **Alfred Grubert** has been a member of the Municipal Alliance Committee and is qualified to fill the duties of this position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey hereby supports the appointment of **Alfred Grubert** as Municipal Alliance Chairperson.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-35 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-36: GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014 - JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Burlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Tabernacle Township Committee does hereby **authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Tabernacle Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2017** in the amount of:

DEDR	\$12,212.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,053.00
In-Kind	\$ 9,159.00

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2017-36 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-37: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:23-13, the Township Committee passed Resolution 2017-4, designating The Central Record and Burlington County Times as its official newspapers to publish all advertisements and notices required by law to be published; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to add the **Courier Post** as an official newspaper for the Township of Tabernacle; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, the following newspapers are hereby designated the official newspapers for all legal advertisements and announcements:

1. **THE CENTRAL RECORD**
2. **THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES**
3. **COURIER POST**

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2017-37 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates and Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Old Business

A discussion regarding a draft agreement with Township Committee and Tabernacle Twp. Rescue Squad was tabled.

New Business

- **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mr. Cramer provided a budget presentation to the Township Committee in which discussions were held regarding the primary budget and capital expenditures. The Chief Finance Officer and Township Administrator discussed the proposed 2017 Municipal Budget. There was a look at the road program, dump trucks, Fire Company SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and purchase of property. It is the desire to move forward on our building projects for a facility and public works. Mr. Cramer reports that Tabernacle did better on surplus than anticipated and suggest a two cent tax increase; and if there are any cuts to please consider offsetting it with a reduction in the surplus used so we can continue to build our surplus for the future. The budget is designed to continue to help support the worst case scenario both weather and unforeseen issues but also, as we have done in the past mother nature looks kindly upon us and it is not spent, that we put it back into surplus. At this point, Mr. Cramer provided the Committee with an overview of the budget indicating the significant changes on what was presented to them for respective departments. We are looking at a two percent salary increase for

employees. Mr. Cramer spoke of increases to line items for administration, computer maintenance, assessment and engineering, buildings & grounds, architect & engineering, Fire Company and public works.

Mr. Cramer spoke of wanting to bring Eileen Baitzel back a few time this year as needed to help us with our records disposal and archival process when approved by the State. Ms. Baitzel has done such an excellent job in her years here maintaining our vault, that with all the other duties that have fallen upon all of our staff, we just have not been able to keep up with it as well as we would like and want our records in good shape.

Mr. Cramer spoke of adding additional money for security through JIF and the anticipated changes both for computer maintenance needs and building.

Engineer Guzzi spoke about the normal process of taking a look at the conditions of roads, giving it our best estimate for construction cost before we would actually go forward with design. The core samples would determine the exact process and needed adjustments. The following roads to be addressed: Hidden Acres Drive, Forest Hill Drive, Laurel Drive, Pine Oak Court, Holly Park Drive, Sylvan Court and South Park Road. These roads that were targeted have received preliminary estimates for the reconstruction has landed in the proposed budget. It is about \$880,000 of the preliminary construction cost estimate if we were to do all of those roads.

Mayor Lee asked Mr. Boyd to provide a list of vacant properties and income by our next meeting.

Mr. Cramer reported on the capital expenditures with respect to liquidating some of equipment this year and plans to sell truck #2. If we move forward with capital items, we will remove truck # 11 & #5; if we choose not to major body repairs will be needed.

Report of the Township Engineer

The Township Engineer reported on the NJDOT grant application for Oak Shade Road was submitted and do not expect to hear anything until June 2017.

Report of the Township Solicitor

Mr. Lange reported on having an executive session discussion.

Office of Emergency Management

Colonel Lowe spoke about the Township will be a command point for the distribution of antibiotics in case of an area-wide pandemic. The Township will be responsible for disseminating antibiotics in "Zone 10" which consists of Bass River, Medford, Medford Lakes, Washington, and Woodland Townships. A table-top exercise is scheduled for April 26, 2017. Col. Lowe suggest it would be training and invited the committee members. Col. Lowe provided an annual report for the CERT for 2016 to members of the Committee. Col. Lowe spoke about his appreciation for Mayor Lee who provided certificates of appreciation to students of Cornel University for saving the life of The Tabernacle Emergency Management Coordinator. Col. Lowe was hiking in a trail, broke his leg and came upon students, who carried him down mountains for 6.5 miles and 9.5 hours.

Office of Township Committee

Mr. Barton made an announcement for an informal outreach meeting for the group home on 53 North Drive at Town Hall at 7p.m. on February 14, 2017.

Mayor Lee reported that he and Administrator Cramer met with Comcast officials to discuss the need for expanded cable services in Tabernacle; Mayor Lee spoke of attending a meeting with Glenn Robins regarding shared libraries, where communities/school libraries share space. He feels that it would be a benefit to Tabernacle Township; South Jersey Gas meeting is scheduled for February 23 at Town Hall; Mayor Lee reports on planning to go to The Pinelands Commission with Administrator Cramer and Engineer Guzzi to talk about land for consideration of Township structures; correspondence received as a draft resolution for an opposition to SJ Gas Pipeline calling for a moratorium and any and all planning proposal surveying work construction SJ Gas Pipeline, so if the Committee desires it can be introduced at another meeting; Township received a letter from Senator Sweeney thanking Tabernacle Township for support of the SJ Gas Pipeline; Mayor Lee publically apologized for not completing Committeeman Barton's appointment timely to the Land Development Board.

Public Comment

Mark Trosino, 5 Red Oak Drive, commented on a recent police raid across the street at a rental house. He has issue with the timing of the raid which was held during the school bus run and the newspapers did not paint a pretty picture; spoke about vacant abandoned properties and enforcement.

Kelly Shearer, 218 Sooy Place Road, spoke of schools receiving \$10,000 grant and would like Township to apply for USDA Community Connects Grants. Mr. Cramer response that he does not believe Township is eligible to qualify however will look further into it.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, comment on wanting a schedule for fire company having a fire truck in the EMS building; commented on agenda standards for website postings; spoke about the lack of Committee efforts to find out about TRS reimbursement program as mentioned by Ms. Brooks; spoke about surplus of Tabernacle pens given out for Wellness Day.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, commented on the decrease transparency of this board and communication regarding agenda posting, the chicken ordinance and pipeline notices.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned the final payment for Alaimo; recommended Township to invest in better audio equipment conference call system for Township Committee members to call into for meeting attendance; spoke of the Ordinance, as proposed and adopted regarding subcode official and questions what constitutes republication because of the amendments; commented that it would serve this Committee and public to discuss the TRS reimbursement program information in a public view.

Closed to the public.

Executive Session - Members of the Township Committee decided not to have executive session discussion this evening.

Adjournment

- Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m. Motion to adjourn February 13, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates.

Roll Call: Brown, Barton, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

- Approved: 03/27/2017