

Tabernacle Township Committee  
Workshop Meeting of January 4, 2016  
Following Reorganization Meeting

---

Mayor Kimberly A. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m. followed by the Flag Salute.

**Sunshine Notice:** This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of January 4, 2016 was 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

**Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee - Absent**

Richard J. Franzen, Township Committee

Joseph Yates, IV, Deputy Mayor

Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor

**Administrative Team**

Douglas Cramer, CPWM, Administrator

Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer

Peter C. Lange, Jr., Esq. Solicitor

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**Public Comment.** Mayor Lee opened the meeting up to the public regarding agenda items.

- ✓ Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, congratulated everyone on their appointment and questioned if the executive session is for the same lawsuit regarding the farmland assessment lawsuit, or a new lawsuit.
- ✓ Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, congratulated everyone on their appointment and questioned the Township Committee By-Laws in terms of order business and no comments on first reading ordinances.
- ✓ Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, congratulated everyone on their appointment and questioned if the Township Committee plans to reconvene for business after executive session.

No further comments.

**Approval of Bills.** On a motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton, the bills were ordered paid. Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1  
Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2016-28: Extending Tax Quarter Payment Grace Period.**

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton Resolution 2016-28 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Lee  
Motion carried.

Ayes: 4    Nays: 0    Absent: 1

### **Old Business**

- ✓ The owners of Garden State Removal Company, Jeff and Melissa Hagarty met with members of the governing body to discuss their contract requests for a change in Thursday's collection schedule to Friday in order to service the Township better. This would allow them to have more personnel to cover the route. Hagarty insured that if any collection is missed, they offered a Saturday collection. Committeeman Barton was not in favor of the change and addressed his concern of cans left out all weekend when a family is away at their shore house. Mr. Barton said this request was not submitted in the proposal when bid. Mayor Lee spoke of his only concern was answered regarding a missed Friday collection, and added that it was helpful Hagarty provided their cell phone number and offered the Saturday collection.
- Motion to amend the Thursday collection contract schedule for a change to Friday collection. Mr. Franzen made the motion, seconded by Mr. Yates. Roll Call: Ayes: Franzen, Yates, Lee    Nays: Barton    Absent: 1    Motion carried.

Garden State Removal Company will handle all notifications to residents affected by the change.

### **Public Comment**

- ✓ Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned if JIF insurance coverage for Tabernacle Rescue Squad is the coverage that the Township buys for them is bought with the understanding that the squad is a quasi municipal entity. What types of insurance does the TRS have with the JIF; are the TRS members still considered volunteer since they receive money for transport. Volunteers to be approved by members of the governing body and unsure why they are not willing to provide their roster.
- ✓ Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about website postings and if any other business would be taken after executive session.
- ✓ Jim Jones, Wimbledon Way, believes the Township Committee fully sports TRS and commented on some of the pop shots taken based on Brooks' questions. He feels it to be a waste of time and nonsense, especially when the volunteers show up; we do not ask them for the EMT card or fire credentials, we just want the fire out. The volunteers would not be there unless they were certified. He does not have an issue on how the meetings are run.
- ✓ Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court, questioned the status of the subcommittee meeting and spoke of his disappointment of how the trash collection process played out regarding Thursday's collection. The vendor bid the contract and should remain the same.

Closed to the public.

- ✓ Mr. Yates spoke of the fact-finding mission of the sub-committee, indicating that it is still in its process and looks forward to having a report. We want to include several people in the process; then we will meet with the balance of the Township Committee and public. The report will available to the public. Mr. Yates spoke positively of the trash company trying to accommodate us with some of the concerns addressed this evening.
- ✓ Mr. Barton announced that all regular and work session meetings are now scheduled for 7:30 PM, no longer 8:00 PM.

- ✓ Committeeman Franzen congratulated Mayor Lee and Deputy Joseph Yates on their appointment and spoke favorably to having a good 2016 year.
- ✓ Administrator Cramer reported that John Holroy, our Plumbing Inspector has resigned at the end of 2015 year. DCA was notified that our Construction Official, Thomas Byod, would take on the responsibility until a successor is made. There were no objections by the Governing Body. It is nice that he has more than one certification.

**Executive Session Resolution**

- ✓ Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to discuss litigation matters related to Brooks vs. Tabernacle Township. Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(B) (7) this matter will be discussed in a closed session from which the public shall be excluded. Closed to the public.
- Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates; members went into executive session. Roll Call: Ayes: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Lee Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Mayor Lee reconvened to the workshop meeting.

**Adjournment.**

- Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Roll Call: Barton, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

Respectfully submitted:

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Approve: 01/25/2016