

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JULY 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 July 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
Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee (**Absent**)
Kimberly A. Brown, Mayor (**Absent**)

PROFESSIONALS

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



PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. Being no further comment, Deputy Mayor Franzen closed the Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 26, 2015 (Regular). ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Minutes of June 8, 2015 (Workshop & Executive). TABLE - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Minutes of June 22, 2015 (Regular & Executive). ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

ORDINANCE (First Reading)

2015-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$2,300,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,185,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME. PUBLIC HEARING DATE: 8/24/2015 * 8:00 P.M.

ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee Resolution 2015-101 was offered for adoption on first reading. Public Hearing date set for August 24, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2015-101 RE: AMENDING 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle deems it necessary and desirable to amend the 2015 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon or correcting the items therein as shown in such budget for the following reason: Additional construction costs not originally anticipated in the 2015 Road program and a reduction of cost in the 2015 Township Building Improvements

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4B provides that the Capital Budget of a governing body shall be amended to reflect any provisions, changes or inconsistencies with said Capital Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tabernacle Township Committee, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, the 2015 Capital Budget is hereby amended according to the following schedule:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>General Bonds</u>
2015 Road Program	1,230,000	61,500	1,168,500
2015 Township Building Improvements	750,000	37,500	712,500

ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee **Resolution 2015-101** was offered for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-102

RE: TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP FINAL APPROVAL OF FARMLAND APPLICATION ON THE GRACE ABRAMS FARM COMPRISED OF 1141 OLD INDIAN MILLS ROAD, BLOCK 1002, LOT 6

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle is committed to preserving, to the extent possible, farmland within the Township for the benefit of the citizens of the Township of Tabernacle as well as for the County of Burlington and for the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board is proceeding with the preservation of the following farm: Grace Abrams Farm, 1141 Old Indian Mills Road, Block 1002, Lot 6 through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program; and

WHEREAS, the County requests that the Township recognize that in this instance, the 20% municipal cost share is not required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Tabernacle to give final approval on the County's acquisition of development easements for the above farm through the Farmland Preservation Easement Purchase Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey that they grant final approval for the acquisition of development easements on the Grace Abrams Farm, 1141 Old Indian Mills Road, Block 1002, Lot 6 property through the Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program.

ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee Resolution 2015-102 was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Lee, Franzen Ayes: 3 Absent: 2 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-103
GRANTING RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, TABERNACLE COUNCIL 8733**

WHEREAS, the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, TABERNACLE COUNCIL 8733 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:

RA: 2015-13	CHINESE AUCTION (ON-PREMISE)	OCTOBER 23, 2015-6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
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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.

ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee **Resolution 2015-103** was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Lee, Franzen Ayes: 3 Absent: 2 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2015-104
APPOINTMENT OF PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL / INSPECTOR**

WHEREAS, John Holroyd has been serving a (30) thirty day appointment as Acting Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector since June 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, recommendation is made for John Holroyd to be appointed to a four (4) year term as Plumbing Subcode Official/Plumbing Inspector as of August 8, 2015, with a bi-weekly salary starting at \$404.16.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that John Holroyd is appointed to a four (4) year term in accordance with UCC Act Section 52:27D-126, b., as Tabernacle Township Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector at a bi-weekly salary of \$404.16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is effective as of August 8, 2015.

ADOPTION - Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Lee **Resolution 2015-104** was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Lee, Franzen Ayes: 3 Absent: 2 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Office of Emergency Management Report

Col. Lowe reported on the after action review of the June 23, 2015 storm and Atlantic City Electric.

John Lyons, Pinelands CERT Team Leader gave a presentation regarding Memorial Day Parade, Burlington County CERT Program Awards, Atlantic City Electric ON/OFF, Challenge Atlantic City, ARRL and Burlington County Radio Club Field Day, Medford Fireworks at Freedom Park Fireworks, and the Chatsworth Fire-wise Community and CERT interest.

Township Committee Comments:

Committeeman Barton commented that Pinelands CERT Team, the Fire Company and Emergency Squad were fortunate to attend the Atlantic City Electric demonstration/training to avoid fatality and injuries because of awareness. He suggested that this demonstration/training become annual for refresher when storm is upon us. Committeeman Barton commended the Pinelands CERT Team and the Emergency Rescue Squad.

Committeeman Lee said it is a great idea and appropriate that there be station keepers at 431 and 439. CERT Team Leader responded that it is appropriate and reasonable for the volunteers to assist and utilize their basic training for the rest of the CERT Team members and first responders to perform their primary mission.

Committeeman Lee asked Col. Lowe's if he had an "action plan" for the Contingency Operations Plan regarding the Conclusions/Lessons Learned/Recommendation. Col. Lowe commented that he does not have an action plan; however the Township Administration conducted business out of the ESB seamlessly; in that Township Administration along with ESB assistance we all were able set up telephones, access to computers, and conduct regular Township business. At the same time, we were able to accommodate residents to sit, charge cell phones, computers and be able to just listen to residents to be able to vent.

Committeeman Lee asked Col. Lowe if he would like for him to reach out to Col. Lowe in the event we have another storm. Col. Lowe said it would be appropriate and appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Franzen thanked and commended Col. Lowe and Pinelands CERT Team for all efforts set forth.

Township Engineer Report

Frank S. Morris reported that we are in the process of finishing Medford Lakes Road Project and are looking forward to getting phase II completed. The Township received \$196,000.00 grant so we are trying to expedite that project; and send the plans to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for approval.

Township Administrator Report

Mr. Cramer reports that the VAC truck was delivered and we have two operators fully trained; two men from the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department has continued to work on brush removal on main roads; presently they are working on the side streets of Medford Lakes Road. A contractor was hired and began working on Summit Drive. The brush removal is going much slower than regular brush removal because of the volume and still having to complete chain saw work before being able to chip. Residents have helped; however some pieces are larger than usual. We are working in Section III and Section IV which were the hardest hit during the storm. We are going through the interview process for temporary laborers to add to the Public Works Team. We plan to rent an additional chipper for an additional crew. It is noted that it is less expensive to hire and rent equipment rather than going out to bid which would cause more time. We hope to have all storm and regular brush

completely cleaned up by October 2015. We tried to combine with Medford Lake Borough however; they have not received approval from DEP for a yard to grind the brush.

Township Solicitor Report

Mr. Lange is on vacation and will return in August 2015.

Township Committee Report

Committeeman Barton welcomed the newest member of the Litowitz family. The review of the ordinances with Deputy Mayor Franzen has been going well and will be introduced to the Township Committee for review and adoption

Committeeman Lee thanked and commended Col. Lowe and Pinelands CERT Team for all efforts set forth. Rudy Saldan was recognized at the Pine Barrens Festival as the "Resident of the Year" and well deserved. Committeeman Lee will be having lunch with Congressman McArthur and House Speaking John Baynor.

Deputy Mayor Franzen attended the Pine Barrens Festival and was happy to attend the recognition of Rudy Saldan as resident of the year and to have all of his family in attendance for a well-deserved honor. Township received a plaque for honor and dedication. Deputy Mayor Franzen agrees that the review of the ordinances have been going well.

Executive Session Resolution

Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to discuss ongoing litigation matters involving Fran Brooks v. Township of Tabernacle/OPRA demand for personal financial records. Pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(B) (7) this matter will be discussed in a closed session from which the public shall be excluded. Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public. **Closed to the public at 9:15 p.m..**

Reopen meeting.

Adjournment

No further business before the Township Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Lee. Mr. Barton seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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

Approved: 08/10/2015