

**TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2016
MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mayor Stephen V. Lee, IV calls the Tabernacle Township Committee special meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag. TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THE MUNICIPAL CLERK READ THE FOLLOWING SUNSHINE NOTICE STATEMENT:

“Notice Of This Meeting Has Been Provided In Accordance With The Open Public Meetings Act. This Special Meeting Of June 1, 2016 Was Sent To The Central Record, Burlington County Times And Courier Post On May 24, 2016. 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: GOVERNING BODY

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

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Douglas Cramer, CPWM, Township Administrator
Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Kevin P. Frenia, Auditor
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Lee spoke that this meeting held is to finalize our municipal budget in which specific amendments of the budget will be discussed which are attached to the agenda.

DISCUSSION BY THE TOWNSHIP AUDITOR

On March 21, 2016 the budget was introduced and Mr. Frenia read the budget amendment into the record before the public hearing. The original tax rate was reduced by two cents. This budget amendment was submitted to the State and approved.

**BUGDET AMENDMENT
TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Local Municipal Budget for the year 2016 was approved on the 21st day of March 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire to amend said approved budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2016 be made

RECORDED VOTE: AYES _____ NAYS _____ ABSTAINED _____ ABSENT _____

FROM _____ TO _____

CURRENT FUND:

GENERAL REVENUES:

1. Surplus Anticipated	\$500,000	\$606,101
Total Surplus Anticipated	500,000	606,101
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A:		
Local Revenues:		
Summary of Revenues:		
1. Surplus Anticipated (Sheet 4, #1)	500,000	606,101
5. Subtotal General Revenues	1,452,176	1,453,277
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	2,784,180	2,654,284
7. Total General Revenues	\$4,132,457	\$4,107,561

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:

(A) Operations - Within "CAPS"		
Legal Services	97,000	95,000
Engineering Services	100,000	98,000
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	150,000	90,000
Fire Department Other Expenses	-	60,000
Gasoline/Diesel	45,000	30,000
Total Operations {Item 8(A)} Within "CAPS"	2,922,444	2,903,444
(B) Contingent	30,000	25,000
Total Operations Including Contingent Within "CAPS"	2,952,444	2,928,444
Detail:		
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	2,045,826	2,021,826
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	3,144,770	3,120,770
(D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Interest on Notes	26,600	27,701
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	684,928	686,029
(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	857,716	858,817
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations Items (H-1) & (O)	4,002,486	3,979,587
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	128,870	127,974
9. Total General Appropriations	\$4,131,356	\$4,107,561

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for his certification of the Local Municipal budget so amended

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of the \$90,000 aid received to the fire company questioning the oversight on how the money is spent. Mr. Brooks spoke that it is understood that \$60,000 worth of purchase orders do regularly come before this board for approval; however questions the Committee's satisfaction with the management structure of the fire company for receiving expenditures.

John Cooper, Woodside Drive, commented on the fire company's \$90,000 contract with the Township.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questions the remaining outstanding projects from the prior engineer and the cost amounts to be completed. Ms. Brooks questioned the fuel cost contribution made to the Volunteer Fire Company, Rescue Squad and Township and questions the purpose of the contingent fund line item in the budget.

Mr. Cramer spoke of the outstanding Alaimo projects are Spring/Ann and Medford Lakes Road projects. Mr. Frenia spoke about the contingent line item in the budget.

Megan Jones, Horseshoe Court, questions the number of employees looking to lose their position in this proposed budget amendment and questioned the expected savings to include any overtime, or if outsource cost would be necessary, to cover those positions; assuming that someone will need to handle those duties.

Mr. Frenia spoke on the deferral school tax resolution in which he explained that we are not borrowing new money from the schools, we collect six months advance before it is due and are utilizing a portion for our budget to reduce our taxes.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of his constructive commented regarding the annual tipping fees.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about what people have articulated on the disappearance of a couple of part-time jobs which were temporary jobs. Ms. Brooks spoke of her close analysis and various Opra requests indicating there is extra money in many line items if needed to hire additional temporary part-time. As far as the school taxes, it would be better if we did not have to borrow \$160,000; however, there was more money borrowed in the past and things have worked out pretty well. The borrowing of school taxes to remedy this particular circumstance should not really scare anybody. Kevin Frenia would not lead the Township into a dark corner of the budget; he has been an Auditor a long time.

Mayor Lee to close public comment.

Mayor gave appreciation to Kevin Frenia, Terry Henry and Douglas Cramer for working on the budget process.

**RESOLUTION 2016-75:
ADOPTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET, AS AMENDED**

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2016-75 was adopted.
Roll Call: Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: Barton
Motion carried.

Mayor Lee opened public comment. No further comments

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Committeewoman Brown, seconded by Committeeman Yates the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 07/18/2016