

Tabernacle Township Committee

Town Hall Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Joseph Barton at 7:38 p.m. followed by the flag salute. There was a delay start because of recording equipment.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting was called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting of **April 23, 2018** 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: Mr. Franzen, Mr. Lee, Mayor Barton; all present. Ms. Brown and Mr. Yates were absent.

Administrative Team: Township Administrator Douglas A. Cramer, Chief Finance Officer Terry W. Henry, Auditor Rodney Haines, Township Engineer Dante Guzzi, Township Attorney Peter C. Lange, Jr.; Township Clerk La Shawn R. Barber; present.

The meeting was open to the public for comment on agenda items.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Made comment on Resolution 2018-56 the sale of tax sale certificate questioning if it is legal for the Township to sale it at full value.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Made comment of wanting to see less taxes; questioned when Powell Place Road was last paved; spoke of not being in favor of adopting Resolution 2018-56 and would like the Committee to take a few more weeks to really think review the process; stated the tax payers should not bear the cost for the taxes on 9 Worrell Road.

Closed public comment.

Approval of Bills

Motion to approve the bills as presented made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Township Committee Minutes of March 12, 2018(workshop & closed session) made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Motion to approve Township Committee Minutes of March 26, 2018(regular & closed session) made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Proclamation

Mayor Barton proclaim the month of May 2018 as Building Safety Month, within the boundaries of Tabernacle Township

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY 2018

Whereas, our Township is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

Whereas, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, and our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires, floods and earthquake; and

Whereas, **Building Safety Month** is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great; and

Whereas, “*Building Codes Save Lives*” the theme for **Building Safety Month 2018**, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

Whereas, each year, in observance of **Building Safety Month**, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Barton, Mayor of the Township of Tabernacle do hereby **proclaim the month of May 2018 as Building Safety Month**, within the boundaries of Tabernacle Township. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

BUDGET

Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION 2018-52 AUTHORIZE READING OF TITLE FOR 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Budget Law, NJSA 40A: 4-8 authorized the budget, as advertised, may be read by title only if at least one week prior to the date of the hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget, as advertised is posted in the public place where notice are customarily posted in the principal municipal building of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, copies of said budget is made available to each person requesting the same during said week and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the governing body passes by not less than a majority of the full membership, determines that the budget shall be read by its title and declares that the conditions set forth in the law have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize reading of title for the 2018 Municipal Budget and declares that the conditions set forth in the law have been met.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-52 made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen

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

Mr. Cramer: Reviewed the 2018 budget and revenue as it was introduced and submitted to the State, Division of Local Government Services. The overall budget is \$4,377,562.00; increases in budget are for Public Safety Director, Fire Company, Public Works overtime and equipment, fees & compensation for outside contractors for snow plow and storm damage removal. Additional increases include capital building improvements, recreation, construction, Fire Marshall Position, group insurance. Employee raises are 2%. Proposed capital projects were discussed for consideration.

Chief Finance Officer Henry: Spoke of receiving a credit opinion from Moodys in reference to Township Bond having an A1 Rating; stated that we were shooting for a double AA Rating. Everything looked good as presented, however the only problem was our fund balance was too low; it being no fault of or own, it is just too small. Smaller towns are where we are now with A1 Rating. Mr. Henry desires to keep surplus at least one million dollars.

Township Auditor Haines: Spoke of the Township having no growth in prior years.

Mr. Lee: Spoke of wanting a budget with a zero percent tax increase. Mr. Lee stated he will not support a tax increase this year. Mr. Cramer and Mr. Haines spoke of making some cuts out of the budget surplus to allow for the zero percent tax increase.

Mr. Haines state one requirements is to amend the budget for \$5,000 earmarked for the participation in the State Gypsy Moth Spray program; spoke of additional amendments to delay the municipal budget will delay tax bills from going out and delay tax payments coming in to fund operations.

Municipal Budget Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was open to the public for comment.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Questioned the number of surplus needed for the budget and made recommendation for review of line items for building & grounds, town hall capital project improvements and shared services.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Stated there is money to be found in this budget such as people who should not be receiving farmland assessment. Spoke of Township Committee making hard decisions; suggest the surplus be at 1.5 million and money being cut from the budget. Wants the Committee to slim down line items and does not understand why there will be no voting on the municipal budget to tonight. Spoke of it being wrong to put it on tax payers to cover cost associated with the land the 9 Worrell Road property.

Closed: Public Hearing on 2018 Municipal Budget was closed to the public.

Administrator Cramer: Made suggestions to reduce the municipal budget by having Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS) pay for workers compensation insurance; reduce the budget line item for capital improvements; reduce the budget line item for Tabernacle Fire Company; reduce budget line item expenditure earmarked for garbage and trash removal and reduce the budget line item for public buildings & grounds.

Solicitor Lange: Stated that he needs time to research provisions of the billing that constitutes an in-kind contribution that would satisfy the Township's obligation to make a contribution to the squad if they balance bill.

Mayor Barton: Stated there are some towns that balance bill; we have to look at all the options available.

Mayor Barton allowed public comment from George Jackson, Chief TRS who spoke about the Township's contribution and the OIG Opinion for Tabernacle Rescue Squad regarding balance billing.

Auditor Haines: Spoke about the budget amendment process requiring advertisement and a public hearing.

Resolution 2018-53: Municipal Budget Amendment: Gypsy Moth Spraying

The municipal budget amendment as presented was tabled until May meeting for additional amendments as discussed.

Motion to table Resolution 2018-53 made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen

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

There was no further action taken to adopt the 2018 Municipal Budget Resolution.

Old Business

Second Reading: ORDINANCE 2018-1: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to **2.5%** unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to **3.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the **3.5%** percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the (Township Committee) of the **Township of Tabernacle** in the **County of Burlington** finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to **3.5%** over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a **3.5 %** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$ 32,744** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the **Township of Tabernacle**, in the County of **Burlington**, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Tabernacle shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by **3.5%**, amounting to **\$114,605**, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the **Township of Tabernacle** be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Comment: The meeting was opened to the public. No comments from the public portion of the meeting.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-1, on second reading made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen

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

ORDINANCE 2018-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE AMENDING CHAPTER IV GENERAL LICENSING OF THE REVISED TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle after reviewing the existing regulations and pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Solicitor, finds that there is a need to modify the Tabernacle Township Code provisions as currently exists under Chapter IV of the Revised Township Ordinances Section 4-9 which is applicable to Bingo and Raffle Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to amend Section 4-9 of the Township Code to provide for the Township Clerk to be the issuing authority responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses and to otherwise amend the Township Code with respect to bingo and raffle licensing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Tabernacle Township Committee that Tabernacle Township Code Chapter IV, Section 4-9 entitled "Bingo and Raffles" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the amended Section 4-9 as follows:

4-9 BINGO AND RAFFLES.

4-9.1 STATUTORY AUTHORITY; COMPLIANCE AND PROVISIONS.

Subject to all provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:8-24, et.seq." Bingo Licensing Law," N.J.S.A. 5:8-50, et. seq. "Raffles Licensing Law," and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13-47 et seq." Rules of Legalized Games of Chance" issued by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, games of chance shall be permitted in the Township of Tabernacle.

4-9.2 ISSUING AUTHORITY

The issuing authority, as defined in N.J.S.A. 5:8-24, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 5:58-50, et seq. responsible for approving bingo and raffle licenses shall be the Municipal Clerk.

4.9-3 SUNDAY GAMES

Any applicant authorized by law to conduct any games of chance, including raffles and bingo, shall be permitted to conduct the same on any day of the week, including Sunday as provided by N.J.S.A. 5:8-31 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-58.

4.9-4 LICENSE APPLICATION

Subject to all provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:8-26 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-52 each applicant for a license to hold and operate games of bingo or raffle shall file with the Township Clerk written application with required fees. The issuing authority shall approve or deny all applications for bingo or raffle licenses.

4.9-5 LICENSE FEES

- a. Licensing fees payable to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission shall be as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.9.
- b. The Township shall collect a separate fee equal to that levied by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:47-4.10.

4.9-6 ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSE

No license to conduct a game of chance as authorized by law shall be issued to any organization not having a bona fide situs established in good faith within the State of New Jersey and actively engaged in serving one or more of the authorized purposes as defined by the rules and regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

4.9-7 UNLICENSED GAMES UNLAWFUL; VIOLATION OF LAW

- a. No person, organization, club, company or squad shall conduct, operate, run or sponsor any unlicensed bingo or raffle within the municipality;
- b. No person, organization, club, company or squad shall violate any of the terms or provisions of any one (1) or more of the following:
 - 1. Bingo Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-24 et seq.
 - 2. Raffle Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq.
 - 3. Bingo and Raffles, N.J.A.C. 13:47 et seq.
 - 4. Any provisions of this section.

4.9-8 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

The governing body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:8-30 and N.J.S.A. 5:8-57, may suspend and revoke any issued bingo or raffle license, after a hearing, for any violation of this chapter or applicable state law. The governing body may suspend the operation of a bingo or raffle license pending a hearing, in which case a hearing must be held within five (5) days after such action. Notice of hearing shall be served personally upon an officer of the licensee or the member in charge of the bingo or raffle or sent by registered mail or certified mail to the licensee at the address shown on the license. All decisions and findings by the governing body regarding suspension or revocation of a bingo or raffle license shall be in writing.

4.9-9 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Any person, organization, club, company or squad who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the following penalties:

- a. Suspension and revocation of any outstanding license;
- b. Suspension from obtaining a bingo or raffle license in the municipality for a period of one (1) year from the date of violation;
- c. If a person, not more than ninety (90) days imprisonment and/or fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars;
- d. If an organization, club company or squad, a fine of not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; or
- e. As provided in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the Township Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from repeal, and shall remain in full force and effect;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this chapter shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2018, by the Tabernacle Township Committee.

The meeting was opened to the public. No comments from the public portion of the meeting.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-2, on second reading made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee

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

New Business

**RESOLUTION 2018-54
APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSES TO THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

WHEREAS, the **Church of the Holy Eucharist** 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:

RAFFLE	GAME	DATES	HOURS
2018-11	On-Premise Draw Daily 50/50	July 23 - 28, 2018	6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
2018-12	On-Premise Draw Games of Chance	July 23 - 28, 2018	6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

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.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-54 made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen; doctrine of necessity was invoked to allow affiliate members of the church to vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 2018-55
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ESB RADIO TOWERS INSTALLATION**

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee has received sealed proposals for the construction of an ESB Radio Towers Installation in the Township of Tabernacle, Burlington County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract, the cost of which would exceed \$17,500.00 in a fiscal year, shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore; and

WHEREAS, there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on April 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned construction of an ESB Radio Towers Installation; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s special projects engineer, Mr. Dante Guzzi, has reviewed the bids and determined the two lowest bids to be in conformance with the bid specifications and has advised that a certain entity is the lowest qualified responsible bidder for said contract and has recommended that the Municipality award said contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) days as required by N.J.S.A. 10A: 11-4; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity and his certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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 follows:

1. That the Chief Financial Officer, based upon the aforementioned certificate, has declared that there are sufficient funds available for the aforesaid purpose, and that the Township Committee hereby directs that the hereinafter expenditure be charged against such funds.
2. That the Township Committee, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that Mikab Corporation is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to the said entity for the aforesaid purpose in the amount of \$94,249.00 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bid Proposal, the Notice to Bidders and Specifications, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours.
3. That the award to Mikab Corporation is consistent with the legal requirements of the lowest responsible bidder, which conforms, to all specification requirements and applicable statutory provisions.

4. That the Township Committee hereby directs the Township Clerk to return the bid securities to the unsuccessful bidders in accordance with NJSA 40A: 11-4.
5. That the Township Committee does hereby direct the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution which shall be prepared by or reviewed by the Office of the Township Attorney.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-55 made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Resolution 2018 - 56

A Resolution authorizing the sale of Tax Sale Certificate

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle is the holder of Tax Sale Certificate No. **09-00006**, which includes taxes for the last three quarters of 2009 up to and including the first quarter of 2018, along with interest and fees, with a redemption value of \$46,350.37, good through April 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale Certificate constitutes a lien on the real property located at Block 331, Lot 1.01 more commonly known as 9 Worrell Road in Tabernacle New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, if the lien is not redeemed by May 10, 2018, the amount of the second quarter 2018 (\$817.23) will be added to the lien; and

WHEREAS, the Township acquired the lien under and by virtue of N.J.S.A. 54:5-34; and

WHEREAS, there is a further lien pursuant to Tax Sale Certificate No. **07-00007** which outside lien includes taxes for all of 2007 and two quarters of 2008, along with interest and fees, with a redemption value of \$10,609.86, good through April 30, 2018 and which has been sold to Fidelity Tax and later assigned to the current lienholder, Heartwood 55, LLC, Fort Lauderdale, FL.; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed financially beneficial to, and in the best interest of the municipality to sell Tax Sale Certificate No. **09-00006**; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector will fulfill the requirements whereby notice of the potential assignment is required to be mailed to the owner at the address as appearing on the tax duplicate; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed assignment will be posted in five public places within the Township of Tabernacle and published in the official newspaper of the Township of Tabernacle as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the sale by assignment of Tax Sale Certificate No. **09-00006** in an amount not less than \$38,350.37, an amount lower than the amount due on such certificate of tax sale which sum shall include the lien for unpaid subsequent taxes for the period set forth in the Certificate, all as provided for and permitted under N.J.S.A. 54:5-114.1(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver any and all assignment forms or other legal documents which may be necessary or desired to effectuate the sale permitted by this Resolution after the passage of an approving resolution as required by law.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-56 made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-57

AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR TABERNACLE RESCUE SQUAD FOR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL EMS WEEK

WHEREAS, the request has been made by Tabernacle Rescue Squad for permission to place temporary signage in the public right of way associated with certain Township roads for the week of **May 7th** in order to promote their upcoming **Annual Open House in recognition of May 20th – 26th as EMS Week** across the nation which will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 between 6pm-9pm at the Tabernacle Emergency Services Building, 134 New Road, Tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is desirous of assisting the Tabernacle Rescue Squad in promoting this beneficial activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tabernacle Township Committee, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby temporarily suspend the zoning regulations prohibiting such signage included in Tabernacle revised Ordinances Chapter 17 Section 22.12 “Off Site Commercial Advertising Signs.”

The Township Committee further hereby authorizes the Tabernacle Rescue Squad and/or its representatives to place temporary signage in the public right of way and along Tabernacle public roads to promote this event as aforementioned under the following conditions:

1. All signs shall be placed at least 6’ off of any paved road surface and shall be placed in the public right of way with adult supervision.
2. All temporary signs shall be removed within 5 days after conclusion of the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Construction Official and Tabernacle Rescue Squad.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-57 made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee.

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

Old Business

Public Safety Director and Emergency Management Positions - Subcommittee member, Mr. Lee advised that he and Mr. Yates will provide a decision for candidates for the PSD position by the end next week. Mayor Barton spoke of his concern of the appointment for the Office of Emergency Management; Mr. Lange stated the Mayors appointment will be effective immediately and memorialized by Resolution at the next meeting.

CFO Applicants – Ms. Brown and Mr. Lee was appointed as subcommittee members to review applications and interview applicants for the appointment of a Chief Finance Officer.

Proposed 2018 Road Program: Mr. Cramer spoke about a grant change in jurisdiction for the District and State. Mayor Barton recommends having a meeting with Shamong Township prior to having discussions with 9th & 8th District and State Representatives to talk about grant funding on shared Carranza Roads. Mr. Cramer spoke about the paving project for Powell Place Road: Bridge to Sherring Way and Sheering Way to Eldorado. Drainage improvements will include Carranza Road pipe replacement, Zimmerman Road and Worrell Road. Mr. Franzen questions stripping on Powell Place Road; Mr. Cramer stated that he would like to upgrade with reflectors in the center. There were no objections for Mr. Cramer and MR. Guzzi to move forward with the road program as presented.

Proposed Sale of Township Owned Property: Mr. Cramer reported on receiving inquiries regarding the proposed purchases from neighboring property owners for the following several properties: 10 Richter Road (soil), 106 Forked Neck Road (soil, 2 acre lot), 67 Richter Road (possible subdivision buildable lots), 32 Woodside Drive (soil), Goose Pond Road and 1540 Road 206. The engineer looked at the properties to see if they are wetlands and assessed value. The Township Committee will review the recommendations, borings and survey cost prior to going out to the bid; bidders will have results of soil boring information. There were no objections for Mr. Cramer to proceed.

Myers Property (1540 Route 206, Block 324, Lot 5): Mr. Cramer Spoke of looking for directed to move forward with respect to the Myers property. There were no objections for Mr. Cramer to proceed.

Special Events / Public Functions / Parade Permit: Mr. Lange presented a redraft ordinance fashioned after the parade permit ordinance in which the entire ordinance was applicable to coincide with special events that was reconciled to repeal and replace the existing ordinances. Mr. Franzen requested that exemption be made for recreation committee sponsored activities and churches. Mayor Barton request having a lesser fee amount for reoccurring events which would imply less review involved. Solicitor Lange will provide the proposed draft ordinance for consideration of the Township Committee along with keeping the \$75.00 fee for parade permit.

Report of the Township Engineer: Mr. Guzzi will provide a report on the traffic study for New Road and the ESB Tower Installation project is underway; a report will be provided at the next meeting.

Report of the Township Administrator: Mr. Cramer reported on the Tabernacle Rescue Squad recognition dinner being a nice event; provided an update on the public works brush schedule being behind schedule and spoke that Township passed the E-JIF inspection with 94% pass. The completing of reports for storm water, recycling and PEOSA were submitted timely; however will address the minor infractions. Mr. Cramer announced that Lisa Love was recognized at the 2018 Claims Coordinator.

Report of the Township Solicitor: Mr. Lange spoke about a legitimate public safety concern that was brought to light from Aaron Moore who has a property that straddles the Township line between Shamong and Tabernacle Townships on Carranza Road. The requestor was looking to vacate the right of way associated with Tuckerton Road which connects with a road along his property. It was determined that an outbuilding was constructed in the right of way and appears to be a historic issue that exists was established in the 1960s. The Township does not own the right of way on Tuckerton Road; there is a block and lot for the house in Shamong Township; there is a block and lot for the building in Tabernacle. Mr. Lange and Mr. Cramer will contact Shamong Township.

Township Committee: Mayor Barton reported on upcoming events for the boating safety training course offered by the Coast Guard held at the emergency services building on May 8th; May 26th Memorial Day Parade and reported on New Jersey Board of Public Utilities request for recommendation on improvements for reliability in storm response. Mr. Lee reported working with Verizon to bring FiOS to Tabernacle Township areas; attended a meeting in which 60 applications were submitted to Verizon, review of the applications is ongoing.

Comment: The meeting was open to the public for comment on agenda items.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Made comment regarding the private building historic building on the right of way property.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Comment on making an appointment outside of a public meeting; questioned if all 501c will be exempt from the special events ordinance; spoke about Southampton Township in-kind contribution for their balance billing, request Township to look into; wants consideration for road paving on Moores Meadow Road.

Closed public comments.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Franzen.
Roll Call: Franzen, Lee, Barton Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Respectfully submitted:

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 5/21/2018