

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 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 April 24, 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.

ROLL CALL:

GOVERNING BODY

Joseph W. Barton, Township Committee
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, Administrator
Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - Mayor Lee opened the meeting up to the public regarding agenda items.

Stuart Brooks – Moores Meadow Road. Commented that Tabernacle Fire Company #1 (TFC) has not reported quarterly and asked when and who will provide their reports. Mr. Brooks raised the same question regarding the Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS). Mr. Brooks stated there had not been any discussion regarding Municipal Budget.

Fran Brooks – Moores Meadow Road. Spoke about the billings for Solicitor Lange. Ms. Brooks questioned if the TRS will provide a roster to the public, Township OEM Coordinator or any other OEM staff, such as the Deputy Emergency Coordinator or communications of personnel or any other volunteers.

Solicitor Lange explained a minor problem with the billing software and indicated that everything has been resolved.

Mayor Lee indicated another public comment portion will be held after the Municipal Budget as listed on the Agenda. Mayor Lee closed public comment.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Members of the Township Committee declared April 28th as Heads Up, Eyes Forward Day!

PROCLAMATION

Heads Up, Eyes Forward! – Declared April 28th

WHEREAS, in 2010, students from the Lenape Regional High School District created a student-led safe driving campaign entitled “Heads Up, Eyes Forward!”; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the campaign is to spread the message of safe driving and to warn of the hazards of distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the campaign has partnered with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and various other departments from surrounding states and has been the recipient of many awards; and

WHEREAS, April 28th will be declared “Heads Up, Eyes Forward!” day, on which messages encouraging safe driving will be displayed outside of local high schools, elementary schools, police departments, and fire stations and throughout several states along the east coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor of the Township of Tabernacle, on behalf of the Township Committee and all the citizens of Tabernacle Township, recognize and commend the efforts of all the students who continue to lead the “Heads Up, Eyes Forward!” campaign and wish them continued success in their endeavors.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- On a motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Ms. Brown, the bills were ordered paid.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of March 27, 2017 (regular & executive), motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstained: Lee
- Minutes of April 10, 2017 (workshop), motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Yates.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2017-49

AUTHORIZE READING OF TITLE FOR 2017 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 2017 Municipal Budget and declares that the conditions set forth in the law have been met.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-49 was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

PUBLIC HEARING 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET as Introduced – Public Comment

Mr. Cramer spoke that comments were made previously concerning the budget during the presentations and spoke of the increases made to the Fire Company and capital expenditures.

Auditor Haines spoke that if Township does not have the money in the budget it cannot be authorized later.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned if the Township would propose a tax increase to create a tax surplus; feels there is a substantial difference regarding 2016 budget vs. 2017 budget regarding training; fertilization and seeding; spoke of the road program regarding roads, specifically on Hidden Acres that it will have attention because Col. Lowe lives on Hidden Acres Drive and Chief Jackson’s father lives on South Park; spoke that Carranza Road is not on the road program list; recommends that \$495,000 be cut from Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of property; stated that it is up to Committee to determine where the monies are budgeted.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke in favor of Mr. Barton's discussion regarding items in the budget. Ms. Brooks spoke of it being unclear if there are significant cuts and that no discussions regarding salary increases were held regarding the percentage for administrative and executive in the introduced budget; Ms. Brooks spoke of wanting to understand the overtime which is attached to administrative position; Mayor Lee and Ms. Brown were thanked for not receiving a salary for 2017; Ms. Brooks spoke of there being no contributions from TAA or TRS to help assist residents with the costs incurred; spoke of the compensation from these organizations for insurance instead of Township picking up the tab; Ms. Brooks spoke of it being the second year in a row with a tax increase and unclear of the surplus amount to support this budget.

Col. William Lowe, Hidden Acres Drive, questioned what part of Hidden Acres Drive is considered in the road program because there are assumptions being made that because he lives on Hidden Acres and works for the Township that the road is being paved. Col. Lowe spoke of taking the exception to the fact that someone would think that he would be compensated by having his road paved is ridiculous.

Ms. Brown explained that sometimes steps are taken that you are not happy with but are done for the right reasons and the greater good.

Mr. Barton expressed that all departments should have their own budgets so that nothing is co-mingled. TRS is in a building that Township pays for on a bond payment and there is \$35,000.00 in the budget for TRS so they do not have to balance bill residents. Mr. Barton expressed the salary percentage should be 1.5% and not 2% and no raises should be given to any employees until evaluations are done, up to date and satisfactory.

Mayor Lee also expressed that he is in favor of with the 1.5% and not 2%; however would like to see employees be given the opportunity to be recognized on a compensation standpoint as opposed to someone that 'tows the line.' Mayor Lee spoke of being a Committee member for 6½ years and has never been a part of an employee evaluation and prevents the employees to be given the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work. Mayor Lee expressed that Township employees are "amazing." No one recognizes the amount of work and structure that the employees at Town Hall demonstrate; would also like to see performance appraisals done by June 1, 2017 and know the process for Township Committee to evaluate the employees that perform many positions. Regarding the TRS, things would be discussed in near future.

Mr. Cramer explained the administrative positions for overtime, the percentage is 2% and there is a minimum amount of \$1,000.00 available if needed. He also explained compensation is for shared services. Mr. Cramer clarified the road project for Hidden Acres Drive from Oak Shade Road, which is the original section of Hidden Acres.

Closed public hearing on 2017 Municipal Budget as introduced.

Auditor Haines spoke about the amending budget procedure. If a line item is increased by more than 10% would require the budget be re-advertised. There is a Resolution that is required to be approved for the budget amendment and then adopt the budget as amended. The summary of the budget amendment is a requirement from the Division of Local Government Services, the appropriation for the debt service need to be increased by \$199.00; that is being balance by increasing the anticipating amount from cable TV fees.

RESOLUTION 2017-50 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Public comment on amendment. There were no comments on the budget amendment.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2017-50 was offered for adoption.

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

- ❖ It was noted that because this Resolution did not pass the municipal budget could not be adopted.

Amend a motion: Committeewoman Brown amended the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-50, budget amendment, seconded by Mr. Franzen.

Adoption: 2017 Municipal Budget, as amended: On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the 2017 Municipal Budget, as amended was adopted.

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

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2017-5

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE ENTITLED
“AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND CREATING A PAYROLL
ACCOUNT”**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, IN
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The following annual salary ranges are set for the respective offices and positions listed below:

TITLE	Salary Range Minimum	Salary Range Maximum
Mayor	3,600.00	7,000.00
Township Committee	3,500.00	7,000.00
Township Administrator	15,000.00	100,000.00
Municipal Clerk	19,000.00	80,000.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk	4,000.00	11,000.00
Director of Public Works	50,000.00	95,000.00
Chief Finance Officer	10,000.00	50,000.00
Deputy Treasurer	3,000.00	9,000.00
Tax Collector	15,000.00	60,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	3,000.00	41,000.00
Tax Search Officer	800.00	3,000.00
Municipal Improvement Search Officer	800.00	3,000.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,500.00	13,000.00
Deputy Registrar	500.00	6,000.00
Tax Assessor	17,300.00	50,000.00
Tax Assessor Secretary	5,700.00	12,000.00
Land Development Board Secretary	5,700.00	14,000.00
Construction Official	10,000.00	52,000.00
Zoning Officer	5,000.00	26,000.00
Technical Assistant to Construction	8,000.00	45,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	4,000.00	25,000.00
Plumbing Sub Code Official	4,000.00	14,000.00
Electrical Sub Code Official	4,000.00	14,000.00
Fire Sub Code Official	3,000.00	6,500.00
Fire Protection Inspector	1,500.00	3,500.00
Fire Sub Code Official/Fire Marshal	3,000.00	15,000.00
Office Clerk	17,000.00	45,000.00
Clerk Typist	7,500.00	35,000.00
Municipal Court Judge	7,900.00	24,000.00
Municipal Court Administrator	10,000.00	65,000.00
Deputy Court Administrator	2,000.00	30,000.00
Municipal Court Sound Recorder	1,000.00	3,500.00
Municipal Court Public Defender	1,000.00	9,000.00
Municipal Court Prosecutor	6,000.00	16,000.00
Municipal Court Attendant	1,000.00	4,500.00
Emergency Management/Safety Coordinator	4,000.00	14,000.00

Dog Census Warden	100.00	3000.00
Public Safety Director/Coordinator	4,000.00	12,000.00

Section 2. Eight steps will be determined by resolution each year.

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES		
CLASSIFICATION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Utility I Supervisor	\$21.00 hour	\$36.00 hour
Utility I	\$19.00 hour	\$33.00 hour
Utility II Parks & Recreation Forman	\$19.00 hour	\$29.00 hour
Utility II	\$15.00 hour	\$27.00 hour
Laborer	\$14.00 hour	\$24.00 hour
Probationary Laborer	\$13.00 hour	\$17.00 hour

Section 3. On Call Sub Code Official employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

ON CALL SUB CODE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEES	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Building	\$20.00 hour	\$28.00 hour
Electrical	\$20.00 hour	\$28.00 hour
Fire	\$20.00 hour	\$28.00 hour
Plumbing	\$20.00 hour	\$28.00 hour

Section 4. Part-Time / Temporary employees shall be compensated in accordance with the following rate:

TEMPORARY / PART TIME EMPLOYEES	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Office Clerk	13.00	21.00
Seasonal Snowplow Driver	19.00	29.00
DPW Laborer	13.00	22.00
Equipment Operator	17.00	32.00
Violations Clerk	13.00	17.00

Section 5. Compensation:

All officers, positions and employees will be paid biweekly. All increases shall be retroactive and/or effective to January 1st, 2017 for those employed as of January 1st, 2017. All others will be retroactively compensated to date of hire.

Section 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

- Public comment. None.
- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, on second reading, Ordinance 2017-5 was offered for adoption.

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

SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2017-6:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP CHAPTER 11, SECTION 2 ENTITLED “ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL FIRE SAFETY ACT”

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

CHAPTER XI SECTION 2 OF THE TABERNACLE GENERAL ORDINANCES ENTITLED “ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL FIRE SAFETY ACT” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

11-2 ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL FIRE SAFETY ACT.

11-2.1 Preamble.

The Uniform Fire Safety Act, (P.L. 1983, c.383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of minimum fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey, and the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement and to establish local enforcement agencies for that purpose. It is in the best interest of the Township of Tabernacle to have the Uniform Fire Safety Act enforced locally. (Ord. #1985-10, Preamble)

11-2.2 Local Enforcement.

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-202, the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be enforced locally within the Township of Tabernacle. (Ord. #1985-10, § 1; Ord. #2015-6)

11-2.3 Agency Designation.

The Local Enforcing Agency within the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey shall be the Tabernacle Township Office of Code Enforcement and, specifically, the Fire Sub Code Official/Fire Marshal.

11-2.4 Duties.

The Local Enforcement Agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the established boundaries of the Township of Tabernacle other than owner-occupied one and two family dwellings, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code. (Ord. #1985-10, § 3; Ord. #2015-6).

11-2.5 Life Hazard Uses.

The Local Enforcing Agency established by subsection 11-2.3 shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

11-2.6 Reserved.

(Reserved by Ord. #2015-6)

11-2.7 Reserved.

(Reserved by Ord. #2015-6)

11-2.8 Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-206(b) of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of Burlington County. (Ord. #1985-10, § 7; Ord. #2015-6)

11-2.9 Inspections and Permit Fees.

The inspection fees and costs required pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the regulations of the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, shall be charged consistent with APPENDIX A “FEE SCHEDULE” as attached to the Revised General Ordinances of Tabernacle Township and specifically “Schedule J” as modified from time to time.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Seeing there were no comments from the public, Mayor Lee closed public comment.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, second reading, Ordinance 2017-6 was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2017-51
APPOINTING ROBERT PALFY, III OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
THE CLASSIFICATION POSITION OF UTILITY I**

WHEREAS, Robert Palfy, III was appointed by virtue of Resolution 2012-40 to serve as Utility II classification in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works Department recommends that **Robert Palfy, III** be promoted to the classification position of Utility 1 in Tabernacle Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, **herby approve appointment of Robert Palfy, III to serve the classification as Utility 1 employee (rate of \$23.50 per hour) in the Public Works for Tabernacle Township, effective February 24, 2017.**

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-51 was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2017-52
APPOINTING BARCLAY PHILLIPS OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
THE CLASSIFICATION POSITION OF UTILITY 1 / PARKS AND RECREATION FOREMAN**

WHEREAS, Barclay T. Phillips, III was appointed by virtue of Resolution 2012-39 to serve as Utility II classification in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works Department recommends that Barclay T. Phillips, III be promoted to the classification position of Utility 1 in Tabernacle Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approve appointment of Barclay T. Phillips, III to serve the classification as Utility 1/Parks and Recreation Forman employee (rate of \$25.00 per hour) in the Public Works for Tabernacle Township, effective February 24, 2017.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, Resolution 2017-52 was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2017-53
FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARIES AND WAGES OF
CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Tabernacle Township Committee has adopted the 2017 Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer has recommended increases in consultation with other supervisory personnel and members of the Township Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby sets the following salaries within the guidelines of the 2017 Salary Ordinance.

TITLE	2017 BI-WEEKLY SALARY
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Mayor	192.31
Township Committee	192.31
Township Administrator	885.17
Municipal Clerk	2086.67
Deputy Municipal Clerk	248.79
Director of Public Works	3068.60
Chief Finance Officer	885.17
Deputy Treasurer	243.91
Tax Collector	1783.86
Tax Search Officer	56.75
Municipal Improvement Search Officer	56.75
Registrar of Vital Statistics	331.73
Deputy Registrar	121.26
Tax Assessor Secretary	368.29
Land Development Board Secretary	429.67
Construction Official	1596.89
Zoning Officer	647.07
Technical Assistant to Construction	1439.26
Code Enforcement Officer	622.20
Plumbing Subcode Official	179.20
Electrical Subcode Official	316.93
Fire Subcode Official	209.89
Fire Protection Inspector	86.48
Office Clerk	1259.18
Municipal Court Judge	643.05
Municipal Court Administrator	1540.35
Deputy Court Administrator	116.45
Municipal Court Sound Recorder	52.49
Municipal Court Public Defender	150.00
Municipal Court Prosecutor	387.79
Municipal Court Attendant	98.24
Emergency Management/Safety Coordinator	274.67

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES	SPECIFIED SALARIES
CLASSIFICATION	MINIMUM
Utility I Supervisor	\$28.57
Utility I Parks & Recreation Forman	\$25.00
Utility I	\$23.50
Utility II Parks & Recreation Forman	\$20.88
Utility II	\$19.23
Laborer (1 year)	\$18.35
Laborer (5 year)	\$21.55

PART TIME EMPLOYEES	SPECIFIED SALARIES
Seasonal Snowplow Driver	\$23.60 hour
Equipment Operator / Seasonal Driver	\$29.04 hour
Office Clerk	\$17.60 hour
DPW Laborer	\$21.55 hour

ON CALL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL	SPECIFIED HOURLY SALARIES
Electrical Subcode	\$23.00
Plumbing Subcode	\$23.00
Fire Subcode	\$23.00
Building Subcode	\$23.00

- Mayor Lee confirmed with Administrator Cramer of the position for Public Defender received a greater increase in salary; he did not ask for a raise, but we are giving it to him anyway.
- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Resolution 2017-53 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen Ayes: 3 Nays: Yates, Lee Absent: 0 Carried.

Old Business

Members of the Township Committee decided to table the discussion regarding notification of Flags at Half-Staff on Township owned property. – Tabled.

Report of the Township Engineer

Mr. Guzzi spoke about working with Mr. Cramer on conceptual plans for consideration of moving the public works facility on the Hawkin Road site. Consideration was given on both for the old squad building and the existing fire house; the portion furthest in the area of the old original fire house. We met several times with The Pinelands Commission having discussion. The conceptual plans gave us feedback which is part of our pre-application process. There are a couple of issues that Township needs to be aware of if decided to move forward with sites. At the squad site we have to watch out for nitrate dilution related to the septic system. We will need to be aware of how much waste water flow would be generated which could limit how much space of the buildings. Mr. Guzzi indicated the fire station site is a little trickier. Somewhere back in time, there was some unauthorized clearing behind the building and must be restored as part as any application that is put forth into The Pinelands Commission. Conceptual plan that divided 50 parking stalls for the fire house portion and facilities related to public works. Again, because of The Pinelands Commission requirement we will probably loose about 10 parking stalls dedicated. We will have about 40 stalls dedicated to the fire house. Again, Township needs to be aware of the nitrates dilution and stormwater management. The next step would be to make formal application to The Pinelands.

Report of the Township Administrator

Mr. Cramer indicated that based on discussions earlier, he will drop the purchase of property off the proposed capital project list. The rest of the items which are included in the 2017 Road Program for \$900,000 for medium dump truck for \$138,000, large dump truck for \$175,000, plow w/ pickup \$42,000 and Tabernacle Fire Company (TFC#1) equipment is \$130,000. These items will be included in his proposal.

Mayor Lee indicated that he would like to get a firm handle on public works including equipment to find out the real needs of the department. Mayor asked members of the Township Committee for interest to chair subcommittee for needs assessment for public works and buildings and grounds. Committeewoman Brown will chair the subcommittee for public works and Committeeman Franzen will chair buildings and grounds subcommittee.

Mayor asked members of the public for participation in either of these two committees to send a letter of interest to the Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Franzen spoke of wanting to see a plan of other sites and spoke that it is best to review what was done and how Township arrived at where we are today.

Report of the Township Solicitor

No report.

Report of the Emergency Management

Col. Lowe spoke of a table-top exercise held at Burlington County. Those in attendance were Emergency Management, Public Works and Township Administrator. There will be a full scale exercise in September 2017. Reminder was given to Township Committee that Col. Lowe has offered training for the Township Committee for incident Command. Shamong Township agreed to participate as well.

Report of Tabernacle Rescue Squad

Steve Cramer, Captain (TRS) and (PIO) Public Information Officer, provided copies of the TRS 1st Quarterly Review report – covering months January through March 2017. Mayor Lee requests reports to be provided before the meeting timely. The following was read into the record:



Tabernacle Rescue Squad

Quarterly Review: 1st Quarter 2017, January-March

- Our volunteers were dispatched and handled 247 calls for service.
- Our volunteers answered all calls dispatched; No calls for TRS in the township were answered by mutual aid.
- Our volunteers provided 5,090.5 hours of duty crew time to staff the 1st rig, answered 17 second rig calls, 2 third rig calls, and 17 calls with Rescue 4399.
- Our volunteers took part in over 800 training hours

In addition to these calls and hours our volunteers provided the following to our community:

- Taught multiple evening and weekend CPR classes for both first responders and community members including Boy and Girl Scout leaders and Pinelands CERT members.
- Hosted both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts at the station to learn about emergency preparedness and first aid.
- Conducted multiple in-house trainings on patient packaging and movement, medical bags, SCBAs (airpacks), and our vehicle lock out kit.
- Rolled out a new online training platform, Target Solutions, that will allow our membership to have access to more training that can be completed online, giving them freedom of scheduling. We are utilizing this program to complete much of our annual training and will continue to utilize this platform for additional training throughout the year.
- Joined the Burlington County Regional Training Alliance and attended their meeting to collaborate with various county Fire and EMS agencies on training opportunities for our membership and organization.
- Had nine additional members become Rope Rescue Operations Level Certified after attending 36 hours of training with other member agencies of the Burlington County Technical Rescue Task Force.
- Had 6 additional members become Confined Space Operations Level Certified after attending 16 hours of training with other member agencies of the Burlington County Technical Rescue Task Force concluding a three month 52 hour training offering taken by our rescuers.
- Attended a mock trial presented by Virtua MORE, our medical direction, and Keavney & Streger Associates that educated our EMTs and Quality Assurance Specialists in regards to legal aspects of EMS as well as medical charting.

Mr. Barton questioned the breakdown for Tabernacle emergency calls. Captain Cramer indicated that he would provide that information. Mr. Barton also spoke of witnessing volunteers not obeying traffic regulations and questioned the squad's disciplinary actions for those members.

Captain Cramer responded that all of the volunteers in town are susceptible to the traffic laws and have been reiterated again to our entire staff because of those issues. Captain Cramer also spoke that he cannot speak to the roster because that is directly related and have been litigated from the party asking with our squad in which the squads have both won the litigation and the appeal. Captain Cramer spoke about a LOSAP accusation in which he clarifies that TRS is not compensated to attend Township meetings.

Chief George Jackson explained the blue light training; blue lights are mounted on the Chief's and the Chief's Assistant vehicles. The Office of Emergency Management's vehicle has red and blue lights mounted. Mr. Barton reminds that all members of all first responding teams to obey all New Jersey Motor Vehicle Laws.

Report of the Township Committee

All members of the Committee thanked all first responders for all of their dedication, time and great effort for every call they attend.

Public comment

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about comments made by Captain Cramer in which she felt he did not answer her questions; spoke of litigation with the squad had nothing with the roaster but identifying drivers; Ms. Brooks wonders if TRS is getting paid and adding to their profit sector; Ms. Brooks spoke that it would be good to get the breakdowns of all calls in Tabernacle and outside of Tabernacle in order to fully understand the participation; spoke about the municipal budget and its process of dialog regarding public participation.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke about the budget process and provided suggestion regarding discussions; spoke about the risk of tax bills not being sent out timely; spoke about being appreciative that TRS provided its report, however asked for more information; Mr. Brooks questioned when the report for TFC #1 would be provided.

Closed public comments.

Adjournment

- Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn April 24, 2017 meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton.

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

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 06/26/2017