

Tabernacle Township Committee Minutes

Town Hall Meeting of May 23, 2016

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 May 23, 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

GOVERNING BODY: Joseph W. Barton, Township Committee; Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee; Richard J. Franzen, Township Committee; Joseph Yates, IV, Deputy Mayor and Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor. ALL PRESENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Douglas Cramer, CPWM, Administrator; Kevin P. Frenia, Township Auditor; Terry Henry, Chief Finance Officer; Peter C. Lange, Jr., Township Solicitor; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Col. William Lowe, Emergency Management and Natalie Lewis, Deputy Municipal Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Questioned the passing of resolution 2016-75 regarding signs; if all Committee, PTA, TAA does Committee consider these as commercial signs because it is a broadened interpretation. Concerned about safety and maybe consider and ordinance of placement of signs and differentiate signage. Bill List: Questioned the nine different charges for the attendance of NJDP Conference in the amount of \$90.00 each; and another for \$238.04; possible for two to three people to attend; the approval for procedure. Sub-committee for TRS and TFC: Asked if there will be a question and answers opportunity for residents to speak with the Chiefs of both entities.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Commented that it is silly to retroactively approve resolution when the event has already occurred. Understand that mistakes happen; however feels that it may be an unpredictable precedence that signs are placed; the event happens; then request permission for signs.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court: Spoke about Resolution 2016-72 confirming the temporary appropriations are not above and beyond the budget.

Mayor Lee asked if the Township had an ordinance for specific areas for signage where no signs would be disturbed or blocking any right of way causing safety issues. Mayor Lee stated that there will be an opportunity to have discussion with the TRS and TFC.

Mr. Cramer expressed it was a mistake that he made; he was working on one of many OPRA requests; the Ordinance does not cover specific areas and/or political signs; that it has not been a huge issue; however we have moved signs in the past because of safety issues and then we were threatened with a law suit in the past because signs had been moved. The conference is funded out of the FEMA Grant for the CERT volunteers; they develop their own funding; and do not affect our budget.

Committeeman Barton stated that the NJDP is a conference which was started by the State Police which is very well attended and the value of the courses are prenominal and an asset to any CERT member that attends.

Being no further comments from the general public, the Mayor closed public comments.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call: **Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee** **Ayes: 5** **Nays: 0** **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the minutes of April 11, 2016 (Workshop) was approved.

Roll Call: **Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee** **Ayes: 4** **Nays: 0** **Motion carried.**

Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the minutes of April 25, 2016 (Regular) was approved.

Roll Call: **Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee** **Ayes: 5** **Nays: 0** **Motion carried.**

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' feet 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 Tabernacle Construction Official and Tabernacle Rescue Squad.

- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-75 was made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2016-74
APPROVING STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY**

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas Company, Rt. 54 Folsom, New Jersey 08034 has applied for a street opening permit for installing gas main at the following locations of Tabernacle Township: **4 Spring Drive: Block 312, Lot 18.02**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer reviewed said application and schematic for approval of this installation and recommends that a permit be issued with these following stipulations and this permit will be contingent upon all fees and permits paid and bonds posted as required in Tabernacle Township General Code Ordinances.

WHEREAS, this resolution and the street opening authorized herein are specifically conditioned upon the applicant meeting the following requirements.

1. The Township Engineer shall be notified at least 48 hours in advance on any construction.
2. All asphalt paving openings must be restored with the following specification:
 - a. Two inch (2") thick, Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA) 9.5M64, which replaces the Marshall Mix design, top course. All top course paving must be completed 48 hours after installing stabilized base paving.
 - b. Six inch (6") thick, HMA 19M64, stabilized base course.
 - c. 20:1 sand/cement subbase.
 - d. Provide tack coat on all surfaces before paving.
3. All non-asphalt pavement restorations (i.e. lawns, etc.) shall be completed within 30 days. All lawns shall be restored with sod. The Township Engineer shall approve all other restorations.
4. Inspection escrow must be posted with the Township before start of construction.
5. The applicant must provide all outside agency approvals, as required.
6. SJG contractor will notify all residents along proposed pipeline path prior to construction start. Along with this notification, homeowners will be asked to notify the contractor of any items of concern that relate to their property (underground private structures such as sprinklers, property markers, septic and wells, etc.) along with landscaped areas.
7. SJG Contractor will attempt to meet with residents during the construction project to address concerns they might have.
8. SJG contractor will videotape area where pipeline is to be installed prior to construction start for documentation purposes.
9. Proposed pipeline will be installed by a combination of bore, plow and open-cut methods. Bore and plow are the preferred means of construction, but when open cutting of trenches occurs during construction of the project, the contractor will make every effort to keep disturbance to a minimum.
10. SJG contractor will restore all areas disturbed to same conditions and all non-vegetated areas must be reseeded.
11. All Township roads and paved driveways must use bore method of installation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approves said application of a street opening permit for installation of gas service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the street opening authorized herein is specifically conditioned upon the applicant installing all pipelines under private paved driveways and public streets by boring under the private paved

driveways and public streets. The applicant is not authorized to install pipeline by openly trenching through paved private driveways located in the right of way and/or public utility easement nor through public streets.

- Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-76 was made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Parks Projects: The Park Project is finished, mainly the dug outs. Currently working on the Park Projects which are the tennis courts at Prickett's Mill. Currently working on the costs estimates are being prepared for the next phase of the County Grant.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Church of the Holy Eucharist requested nominations for 2016 Pine Barrens Festival Service Award. Burlington County JIF and Solicitor are finalizing the amendment to the dedication agreement. Boy Scouts #439 Community Day for the fall and would like someone to attend their June 8, 2016 meeting. We are approximately one month behind in brush; residents are putting out large amounts of brush (combination from the June 23, 2015 storm). We have experienced many rainy days and are unable to run the chipper for safety because it clogs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report at this time.

OFFICE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Col. William Lowe: Preparing for the Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2016.

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT – THOMAS K. BOYD

Thomas K. Boyd: Explained in detail the computer program which was recently purchased. The former program did not coordinate with any other program within the Township which now communicates with each other; such as with the Land Development Board.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Mr. Barton: Attended the Military Defense annual ride. Thanked all residents that participated.

Mr. Franzen: The 3rd Grade Class had their annual class trip of Town Hall and other landmarks of town.

Ms. Brown: No reports at this time.

Mr. Yates: No reports at this time.

Mayor Lee: Mentioned looking into a chicken ordinance. Attended the school board meeting; met with Dr. Sherry regarding school enrollment; would like to put together a liaison committee. Mr. Franzen is a member of this committee. Participated in the 3rd Grade class trip to Town Hall and attended the TRS/OEM/CERT open house.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 3 MINUTE LIMITS PER INDIVIDUAL

Mark LeMire, Washington Way: Thanked everyone with the preparation of the Memorial Day Parade; thanked Committee for being able to place the trailer sign which was parked at Town Hall.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road: Believes the discussions earlier in the meeting are important discussions for people to hear. Questioned the response provided regarding LOSAP. Mr. Cramer explained that he had reached out by email and telephone (DCA); however, has not received a response.

Jim Jones: Personally invited the Committee to the Communications event.

Stephen Cramer, Old Indian Mills Road: Thanked the Committee for approving the resolution. The event was a success.

Jason Litowitz, Horseshoe Court: Understands there are many contradictions and cautions Committee to take care of and think about the long term ramifications of restrictions of signs.

Being no further comments from the general public, the Mayor closed public comments at 8:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Governing Body wishes to discuss contract negotiations with Tabernacle Rescue Squad, Inc. 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.

The motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Lee reopened the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Mayor Lee thanked the members of the public and noted adopting the budget would be a priority. The budget amendment meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Rescheduling Meetings for June 27th meeting will be changed to June 13, 2016 and July 25th meeting will be changed to July 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the May 23, 2016 Township Committee Meeting was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Yates.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

TIME: 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Natalie Lewis, Deputy
Municipal Clerk**

Approved: 07/18/2016