
Minutes of the Tabernacle Township Committee Town Hall Meeting – September 9, 2013

Call to Order: Mayor Stephen V. Lee, IV called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement as follows:

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of September 9, 2013 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:

Joseph Barton, Township Committee
Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee
Richard Franzen, Township Committee
Joseph Yates, IV, Deputy Mayor
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor

Also In attendance:

Douglas A. Cramer, Township Administrator
Terry W. Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Peter C. Lange, Jr. Township Solicitor
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Township Clerk

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Lee recognized the following proclamations:

Proclamation Constitution Week

Whereas, September 17, 2013 marks the **226th Anniversary** of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week.

Therefore, I, Stephen V. Lee, IV, Mayor of Tabernacle Township do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

Constitution Week

And urge all citizens to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.



**PROCLAMATION
PATRIOT DAY**

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorist, killing thousands of innocent citizens in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; specifically attacking the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the airline crash in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of these horrific attacks, thousands of Americans displayed the highest levels of bravery and selflessness, risking or sacrificing their own lives to save their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS on this 12th anniversary of that terrible day, we pay tribute to the police officers, firefighters, EMS responders, federal agents and ordinary citizens who performed extraordinary acts of courage and valor during our Nation's most dire moment of need; and

WHEREAS as Tabernacle Township residents gather at memorial ceremonies across the State, we are once again demonstrating the resiliency, determination, compassion, strength and patriotism that define us as Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Stephen V. Lee, IV, on behalf of the Township of Tabernacle, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013, as: ***“Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.”***

Public Comment.

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, spoke about supporting the Resolution to purchase the stretchers. He reiterates that he has spoken out before in favor of the stretchers, stating that he sincerely feels it is in the best interest of our community. At this point, Mr. Brooks spoke of his concerns that this is perfect for a pilot project and not hearing the urgent need, rather it being a good want. Mr. Brooks further expressed that he is not sure that this type of stretcher would serve our every purpose or be as useful as we hope. It is for that reason a pilot project is right. Mr. Brooks opinioned that it might make sense to buy a used one and see how it fits our need, however the purchase of three is completely unjustified.

Sean Vena, 27 Wicklow Drive, spoke that he has a difference of opinion and explains this is for your volunteers. You are saving money and you should do everything possible to protect them.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, spoke of her and her husband supporting the volunteers and would like to hear more about resource management by doing a pilot project. Ms. Brooks spoke of her cautious and conservative position of wanting the Township Committee to go slowly with this and rely on our mutual aide system, such as Southampton Township.

Mary Jane Foley, 30 Stevens Lane, provided an emotional plea as a tax payer and in support of three power stretchers for the rescue squad. Ms. Foley stated that she was strongly and personally in favor of her own personal experience with having back pain, and living daily with two herniated disk from the repeated toll of lifting her ailing mother. It is extremely difficult to lift someone who is dead weight and time is of the essence when talking about people lives. It is very fortunate that no one has a stainable life injury that has cost us tax payer’s lawsuits. At this point, Ms. Foley spoke that you have to do what is right and give them the best equipment as possible so they can continue to do the jobs for us.

Jamie Wood, Kenmere Drive, commented that she appreciates whatever decision of the Township Committee and clarified statements that were made about the Stryker stretcher being handled in grassy areas. Ms. Wood spoke of using the Stryker stretcher all the time for a living and it is a piece of cake. It is night and day between Stryker and the non-electric ferno.

Lou Amiano, 52 Washington Way, commented that he has resided in Tabernacle for 27 years and spoke of his neighbor growing bamboo along his property line.

Mayor Lee advised Mr. Amiano that this particular portion of public comment is to be heard at the end of the meeting. Only matters dealing with items listed on the agenda will be heard at this time.



Approval of Bills

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the bills as presented. Upon a roll call, the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Resolutions

Mayor Lee spoke of the bidding process which was divided up into (3) three separate bids for one, two and three stretchers. Since the workshop meeting, a conversation was made with Chief George Jackson who indicated that Stryker is willing to allow the Rescue Squad to finance a stretcher if three stretchers are purchased at once. It was also said the squad is also willing to split the cost fifty-fifty; which would mean initially, the Township would be on the hook for two stretchers. After payments are satisfied with Stryker for the third stretcher, the

Mayor expressed our options available on the bids were for Alternate One which is one stretcher and power unit together or Alternate Three, which is three stretchers and three power units together.

- Mayor Lee made a motion for **Alternate # 1(one)** for the Township to purchase (1) one New Power Ambulance Stretcher with power loading cot fastening system for the appropriation of \$46,905.00. Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

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

**RESOLUTION 2013-113
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW POWER
AMBULANCE STRETCHER WITH POWER LOADING COT FASTENING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle, pursuant to the public contract law, received bids for the purchase of new Power Ambulance Stretchers with Power Loading Cot Fastening Systems for the Township's use on July 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Stryker EMS of 3800 E. Centre Ave., Portage MI 49002, was the only bidder who submitted bids to the Township, with a bid for **Alternate # 1 in the amount of \$46,905.00**; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Stryker EMS complied with the bid specifications as prepared by the Township; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle this 9th day of September 2013, that Stryker EMS, be and hereby is awarded the bid for the purchase of Alternate #1 (one) new Power Ambulance Stretcher with Power Loading Cot Fastening Systems for the Township's use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract after review and approval by the Township Solicitor, as well as, any other related documents necessary and incidental to the purchase in order to complete said purchase.

**RESOLUTION 2013-125
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TUCKERTON
ROAD REPAVING PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Committee of Tabernacle, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2014-Tabernacle Township-00199** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Tabernacle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Tabernacle Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

- **Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton.**
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-126
GRANTING RAFFLE LICENSES TO SENECA EAGLES BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the **Seneca Eagles Band Parent Association** has filed an application 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 listed:

RA: 2013-15	Off-Premise Draw Daily 50/50	Date: Thursday, November 28, 2013	Time 2:00 PM
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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.
- Motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates. Carried.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #2013-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ADOPTING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE AND MORRISON EXCAVATION, LLC FOR THE 2012 CDBG ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER REMOVAL AT PATTY BOWKER PARK, PHASE III.

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2013, the Township Committee awarded the contract for the 2012 CDBG Architectural Barrier Removal at Patty Bowker Park, Phase III Project in the amount of **\$69,855.00** to Morrison Excavation, LLC., 1616 New Brooklyn Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094.; and

WHEREAS, Change Orders are regulated by Local Finance Board regulation N.J.A.C. 5:34-4; and

WHEREAS, approval by the Mayor and Committee is required for all Change Orders; and

WHEREAS, The Administrator and Alaimo Group, Township Engineer, have recommended that the Mayor and Committee approve Change Order No.1 as described below;

Change Order #1

Description of change in scope of work: See attached Change Order #1

The amount of the reduction is \$3,220.50; and

WHEREAS, the adjusted amount of this contract based upon Change Order No. 1 is \$66,634.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Tabernacle in the County of Burlington as follows:

1. Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the Township of Tabernacle and MORRISON EXCAVATION, LLC. is hereby authorized by the Township; and
 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1.
- Motion made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Franzen. Carried.
Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion

Parade Permit: Pinelands Preservation Alliance – October 9th & 10th, 2013

- Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Barton. Carried.
Roll Call: Ayes: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates Nays: 0 Abstain: Lee

Report of the Township Administrator

Preconstruction meeting for both 2013 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project for Medford Lakes Road from Route 206 to Oakshade Road. Notice to proceed was given on September 9th Concrete, curbing work and inlet work is expected for the week of September 16th which will be non-interfering with traffic. Their anticipation is to mill and pave after and limit it to one lane at a time with traffic control for the work area.

The 2013 Road Program starting date has yet to be determined. The contractors have been made aware of the September 23rd closure on New Road and that Patty Bowker Road will be part of the detour. They will be working on Flyatt Road (Old Indian Mills Road to Route 206). Flyatt Road (Route 206 to Township Line). Patty Bowker Road (New Road to Chatsworth Road).

Mr. Cramer asked for a motion to allow him to hire a temporary laborer if needed. It will be offered to our part-time staff first, second to be advertised to the general public for the brush pickup period. The rate of pay range for a temporary part-time labor is between \$11.00-\$20.00 per hour.

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- Mr. Franzen motioned to allow the Township Administrator to hire a part-time temporary laborer for the brush pickup period. Mr. Yates seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Opposed: 0

Report of the Township Solicitor

Mr. Lange reported that he spoke with Pete Nelson in his capacity as the County Solicitor. The County will come out and resurvey the area at which time they will take another look at the sink hole at the end of Carranza Road right-of-way easement area.

Report of the Township Committee

Mr. Yates questioned Mr. Cramer regarding the amount available in capital surplus before the purchase of the stretchers and spoke of a concern about other things that need to be addressed, such as an outstanding building that needs to be demolished and having that put to the forefront.

Mr. Franzen expressed that he believes that we had a very healthy discussion tonight regarding the stretchers and there is nothing wrong with having differences of opinion.

Mr. Franzen also spoke about the building sub-committee that was put together to analyze the space in the Township; we have another meeting set up this week. We will continue to collect data. At some point we will come up with some ideas to present to the full Township Committee and public about what we think could be done. Mr. Franzen asked that if anyone has thoughts or comments about space to send a note to Mr. Cramer.

Mr. Barton spoke that he received a one page statement from Mr. Burger that the fire company thanked the Township but was not interested in the truck from Moorestown Township. Mr. Barton expressed that he was looking for a report as to why the fire company feels it to be not compatible. Hopefully before the next meeting a report will be received.

Mayor Lee spoke that at our next September meeting, recognition will be given to our retirees from our Tabernacle Township School system.

Mayor Lee spoke that he met with the Mayor of Woodland Township, Mayor Henrich, as they are very interested in looking at shared services with the Township. Currently they share our Construction Office. Woodland Township is happy with the relationship.

Eagle Scout – Mayor Lee reported that he will be attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on the USS New Jersey for three of our residents. Proclamations will be presented on Sunday.

Mayor Lee expressed his appreciation to the Township Committee for having the debate and discussion regarding the purchase of the power stretchers. Appreciation was also given to the squad and Mr. Cramer for the information provided.

Public Comment

Louis Amiano, 52 Washington Way, spoke of a problem he is having with a neighbor that is growing bamboo along his property line and it being a permitted use.

There was brief discussion that the Township has no ordinance on the books restricting the growing plant of invasive species.

Mr. Barton suggested that Mr. Amiano contact his local Assembly person to see if there is a State statute or NJDEP that prohibits bamboo in the State of New Jersey.

Mayor Lee will come to Mr. Amiano's property and take a look at the bamboo nuisance created by his neighbor.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, agrees that it was a healthy discussion regarding the purchase of the stretchers and questioned if a petition to dissolve the district was turned in. Ms. Brooks asked about a rumor regarding moving the fire truck into the new EMS building and asked if the Committee will be supporting the vote for the special fire district election for a new fire truck.

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, made comments about the placement of a used fire truck in the new building and also opined that it would purpose and value for the Committee to speak as a whole in support of the vote of the new fire truck.

Patricia Schaefer, 79 Richter Road, spoke about a neighbor issue she is having and questioned the zoning ordinance code regarding residential garage use for stock cars.

George Jackson, Chief Tabernacle Rescue Squad, thanked the Committee for the stretcher and for them taking the time for the research and having the discussion.

A**djournment.** It was moved by Mr. Barton, and seconded by Mr. Franzen to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Approved: 10/28/2013