

**MINUTES  
TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORKSHOP MEETING \* MAY 12, 2014**

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**Call to Order:** Mayor Joseph W. Barton 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 **May 12, 2014** 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.

*Present*

**Roll Call:**

Kimberly A. Brown, Township Committee  
Richard Franzen, Township Committee  
Stephen V. Lee, IV, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Yates, IV, Township Committee (**Arrived Late**)  
Joseph Barton, Mayor

**In attendance:**

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

**Public Comment on agenda items only.**

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, questioned the salary ordinance on the agenda and spoke about limited business done at the Land Development Board with many of the meetings having never occurred, and spoke of concern of the salary for the Secretary for that board. He wants this person to have additional duties for the temporary part-time office clerk position.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, spoke about the reason for the position of the temporary part-time office clerk. Spoke about the office management and having the Land Development Board Secretary assume some of those responsibilities since there is only one meeting a month. Ms. Brooks also questioned a charge on the bill list, specifically with a charge for John Gordon for radio instruction books.

**Approval of Bills**

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee the bills were ordered paid. *Motion carried.*

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

**Old Business**

Discussion: Architect Report for Town Hall Building /Community Center.

Members of the governing body spoke about the two proposals received from Regan Young England Butera. One is for Town Hall and the other is for the Community Center. Mr. Cramer asked for a motioned for an approval to start with the Community Center first to see where we are with cost.

- Mr. Franzen motion to move forward with improvements to Community Center, and if funding allowed to have improvements be made to Town Hall Building. Mr. Lee seconded the motion

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

**Ordinances**

**New Business**

**First Reading: Amending Salary Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance Fixing Salaries for Certain Officials and Creating a Payroll Account.**

❖ **Public Hearing: 05/27/2014 \* 8 PM**

- ❖ On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, Ordinance 2014-2 on first reading was offered for adoption.

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

**First Reading: An Ordinance of the Township of Tabernacle Establishing a Position for a Temporary Part-Time Office Clerk for the Administrative Office.**

- ❖ **Public Hearing: 05/27/2014 \* 8 PM**
- ❖ On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Brown, Ordinance 2014-3, on first reading was offered for adoption.

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



**RESOLUTION 2014-81**

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET ENTITLED “2013 MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT”**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Tabernacle will receive **\$250,000.00** from Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program and wishes to amend its 2014 Budget to include this amount as revenue

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of **\$250,000.00** which is now available as a revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues
- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:
- Public & Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
- MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of **\$250,000.00** be hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- General Appropriations
- Operations Excluded from 5% Caps
- Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
- MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

- ❖ On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Lee, Resolution 2014-81 was offered for adoption.

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-82**

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2014 BUDGET ENTITLED “US GRANT APPLICATION – TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP TNR FERAL CAT PROGRAM.”**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Tabernacle has received **\$4,500.00** from **PetSmart Charities** and wishes to amend its 2014 Budget to include this amount as revenue.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of **\$4,500.00** which is now available as revenue from:

- TNR Feral Cat Program
- Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sum of **\$4,500.00** be hereby appropriated under the caption of Feral Cat Program.

- Public & Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
PetSmart Charities Grant

❖ On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Brown, Resolution 2014-82 was offered for adoption.

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

#### **Report of the Township Administrator**

Road Program – Mr. Cramer reported on the work being finished up on the modified intersection at the end of Patty Bowker Road where it meets New Road. In the heavy rain, there was some road erosion on Flyatt Road which they will be repairing.

#### **Report of the Township Solicitor**

Medford Park Issue – Mr. Lange reported The Pinelands Commission was opposed to the issuance of building construction on lots that had rezoning issues. Mr. Lange will meet with the Administrator and Construction Official to see how many properties may be impacted and work towards a proposed ordinance to fix an issue with these properties regarding this irregularity.

#### **Report of the Township Committee**

Committeeman Yates held discussion with members of the Committee about the amount of time spent and tax payer money spent devoting to opora request research. Although the public has a right to opora request, it is getting to the point that perhaps we need to put a line item in our budget just for opora requests.

Committeeman Franzen spoke that he and Deputy Mayor Lee met with over 100+ third graders in Town Hall to talk about local government. Their field trip consisted of visiting the Pepper House, Tabernacle Cemetery and Carranza Monument. Appreciation was given to the Township Clerk for helping out.

Mayor Barton reported on attending the New Jersey Conference of Mayors in Atlantic City and mentioned a few of their good panel discussions regarding property taxes and how burdensome the school system is with property taxes. There were lots of sponsors at the conference that were alternate energy providers, mostly for municipalities. Suggestion was made that this is not the time to right to jump into alternate power because of the cost. Residents were cautioned if they change their supplier to be very careful. The Board of Public Utilities for the last three months received thousands of requests a month of people that have gotten slammed, they were coming out of a contract and the cost of their monitoring have gone up tremendously.

#### **Public Comment.**

Linda Jagelia, The Central Record, spoke about a Face Book topic regarding some defacing at Pricketts Mill Park.

Fran Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, spoke about the Committee submitting plans to the Local Finance Board as to who will be writing the application, the particular form to be used and additional fees of professionals involved in the process of putting reported together for the application.

Ms. Brooks also spoke about the amount of JIF insurance cost if the district is dissolved.

Stuart Brooks, 78 Moores Meadow Road, spoke of the Committee receiving any responses from the Chief of Fire and Rescue regarding the dissolution proposal need for a public safety director.

Mr. Brooks spoke of the Local Finance Board Agency that provided information received to move forward with the process.

Mr. Brooks spoke of the septic system of the emergency service building to determine the expanded use of the truck wash facility.

Mr. Brooks opinioned that he understands opra requests take a lot of time, but wants the Committee to understand that few records are made available other than by making opra request.

Ian McDowl, 14 New Road, spoke of receiving a copy of report on the findings of the Fire Commissioners.

Mr. Lange clarified that a report on how the Township will deliver the services; how it will impact on the finances of the local unit and there advise meet the criteria potentially for this dissolution.

David Smith, Vale Road and Chief of Fire Company, spoke that he is looking forward to working with the Township and the Rescue Squad. Also letting the residents know that we will continue to fight fire no matter what. This is what we do.

Adam Goldy, Moore Road West, spoke about releasing the opra request electronically.

George Jackson, III, Woodside Drive, Chief Rescue Squad, spoke that now the decision was made my goal is to move forward working with the Fire Company getting back to where we used to be in cooperative efforts and look forward to working with the Township Committee and provide the best services to this community.

Megan Jones, Horeshoe Court, spoke about the gypsy moth and caterpillar plan for this Township.

Mr. Cramer spoke that Tabernacle did not participate in the survey because there was no alert last year for the acreage growth.

- There being no further comment. Closed.
- **Adjournment.** Seeing no further business before the Township Committee, motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen. The regular meeting of May 12, 2014 was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**Roll Call: In favor: 5                      Opposed: 0**

Respectfully,

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La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR  
Township Clerk

**Approved: 06/23/2014**