

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES TOWN HALL MEETING - MARCH 27, 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 **March 27, 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.

A roll call taken of governing body members in attendance:

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 in attendance:

Douglas A. Cramer, CPWM, Administrator
Terry W. Henry, Chief Finance Officer
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer (Absent)
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION - Members of the Township Committee honored Graham Peter Wilson for achieving Eagle Scout of Troop 439. He helped build a boardwalk at Delanco Camp that provided access to those with disabilities. *"I would like to thank everyone that came out here to support me," Wilson said. "I'd also like to thank all of the adults that came out and helped me along my Scouting journey. It really means a lot to me that all of you guys showed up tonight. Thank you."* - Graham Peter Wilson

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING GRAHAM PETER WATSON BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 439

WHEREAS, Graham Peter Watson, has been raised in the Township of Tabernacle, New Jersey, graduated from the Tabernacle Township School system, is an honor student at Seneca High School; and has recently achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 439, Tabernacle New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Graham Peter Watson has been involved in scouting since the first grade and held numerous leadership positions throughout his scouting career including quartermaster, scribe, patrol leader, and also served as a mentor to many of the younger scouts within BSA Troop 439. Graham has participated in many scout trips, campouts, summer camps, venture crew trips, and in 2016 backpacked 90 miles on Mount Phillips, located within the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. Graham has spent time throughout his scouting life duly demonstrating the excellent character, qualifications and commitment necessary to achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Graham's Eagle Scout community project involved building a new wooden boardwalk within the Delanco Camp complex in Tabernacle, which replaced an otherwise unsafe and dilapidated structure and; under the direction of Graham and with the support of the scouts, leaders, family and friends of Troop 439, this new structure now provides access to areas within the camp for those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, with this achievement of Eagle Scout, Graham now proudly joins his father Richard, three Watson uncles, brother Erich and the numerous young men that have achieved this rank throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of individuals like Graham who have risen through the ranks of the Scouting program make positive influences on those around them, deserves recognition for leadership within our community of

MOTIONS

Parade Permit: Pedal for Promise Cycling Event – May 13, 2017- **Motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown.**

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

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

Public Works Department began the 2017 spring brush collection and will proceed to do so until brush pick up is completed. Mr. Cramer requested permission of Committee to advertise for the Fire Marshal/Fire Sub-code official part time position. Mr. Cramer reminded all of the Elected Officials Seminar is scheduled for March 29, 2017 at O’Connor’s Restaurant, Eastampton Twp. NJ.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Lange spoke of the need for a housekeeping ordinance regarding the fire code; he would like first reading to be held at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Yates reminded the Township Committee that sub-committees should meet to discuss emergency services.

Mayor Lee thanked Members of the Committee for all of their efforts during his absence at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of wanting the lower end of Carranza Road and extending roads to be placed on the road improvement list because of numerous potholes that have been repaired and feels they are dangerous. The impact of monies set aside in acquisition of PW facility and it being worked into the budget. Would like to know what improvements have been made to the Community Center. Mr. Brooks spoke of his interests in wanting information on the public works facility, land acquisition information regarding public works and spoke of a park at Town Hall.

Mr. Cramer explained the dividing lines and jurisdiction of Tabernacle Township regarding road improvements. There are always upgrades, maintenance and repairs that have to be made to buildings and grounds. Mr. Franzen commented that Town Hall property would be functioning atmosphere with all offices continuing to be intact and not just an idea of a “park”.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, questioned a timeline for completing the Public Works facility proposal; questioned the staff salaries and the attendance of Deputy Clerk attending public meetings.

Mayor Lee commented that everyone would like to begin work immediately for the Public Works Facility; it is premature to predict when work will begin.

Public Comment was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2017-3: CALENDAR YEAR 2017: 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 **.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 2017 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 **\$ 93,623.10** 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 2017 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 **\$109,226.95**, and that the CY 2017 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments. Public comment was closed.

- On a motion made by Mr. Barton, seconded by Mr. Yates, Ordinance 2017-3, on second reading was offered for adoption.
Roll Call: Ayes: Brown, Franzen, Yates Nays: Barton, Lee Motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR SECOND READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2017-4: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish fees for certain information, licenses, applications, uses, and permits administered by the Township; and

WHEREAS the cost of reproducing such material and administering said applications should be reflected in the charges paid by the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

Appendix A "FEE SCHEDULE" as a supplement to the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Tabernacle is hereby amended by adding "Schedule J - Fire Permit/Inspection Fees" to read as follows:

The fees, charges, and costs for various licenses, uses, applications and regulations set forth in the following Schedules are hereby adopted and incorporated herein:

- Schedule A:** Record/Copy Fees -- Administrative Fees (Chapter II, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule B:** General Licensing Fees (Chapter IV, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule C:** Animal Control Fees (Chapter V, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule D:** Alcoholic Beverage Fees (Chapter VI, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule E:** Building and Housing Fees (Chapter IX, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule F:** Fees for Mobile Home Parks and Trailer Parks (Chapter X, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule G:** Fees for Streets and Sanitation (Chapter XII, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule H:** Development Application: Fees and Escrow Fees (Chapter XV, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule I:** Land Subdivision Fees (Chapter XVI, Rev. Gen. Ord.1998)
- Schedule J:** Fire Permit/Inspection Fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, which "Schedule J- Fire Permit/Inspection Fees" shall read as follows:

**SCHEDULE J
FIRE PERMIT/INSPECTION FEES**

In addition to the registrations designated as "Life Hazard" by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, the following non-life hazard commercial uses shall register with the Fire Official of the Township of Tabernacle annually. Inspections for non-life hazard commercial uses shall occur at least a minimum of once every other year.

All non-life-hazard facilities, structures, occupancies, and uses are subject to registration fees as follows:

A) Assembly		
A-1	Occupancy less than 50	\$50.00
A-2	Occupancy 51-100	\$75.00
A-3	Occupancy > 100	\$125.00
A-4	Churches/Houses of Worship	Exempt
B) Business – Mercantile		
B-1	Less than 300 sq. ft.	\$35.00
B-2	301 – 500 sq. ft.	\$55.00
B-3	501 – 2,500 sq. ft.	\$75.00
B-4	2,501 – 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
B-5	10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.	\$150.00
B-6	20,001 – 50,000 sq. ft.	\$250.00
B-7	> 50,000 sq. ft.	\$400.00
C) Factory – Manufacturing		
F-1	< 5,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
F-2	5,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.	\$200.00
F-3	20,001 – 30,000 sq. ft.	\$300.00
F-4	30,001 – 50,000 sq. ft.	\$450.00
F-5	> 50,000 sq. ft.	\$600.00
D) Residential		
R-1	Per Unit	\$20.00
E) Storage		
S-1	< 2,500 sq. ft.	\$50.00
S-2	2,500 – 11,999 sq. ft.	\$125.00
Site Plan Review Fee		\$75.00

- The application fees for required fire permits shall be as determined by N.J.A.C. 5:70 – 2.9 as modified from time to time.
- In the case where a business does not fit into a particular category, it shall be classified as to the closest use type as determined by the Fire Official.
- Vacant buildings shall be charged and inspected according to their previous use.
- The following buildings or structures, if classified as a non-life hazard shall be exempt from paying an annual registration fee:

Municipal Owned Buildings
Churches/Houses of Worship

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments regarding Ordinance 2017-4.

Committee Comments: Committee amended Ordinance to reflect Municipal Owned Buildings Churches/Houses of Worship are exempt and increase Residential per unit to \$20.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, Ordinance 2017-3, on second reading was offered for adoption.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss potential litigation matters related to the Person property located at 14 Moore Road and Longstreet property located at 9 Worrell Road. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B)(7), these matters 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. Barton.

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

REOPEN

The meeting was reopened to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

- Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. Motion to adjourn **March 27, 2017** meeting was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen.

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

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

- Approved: 04/24/2017