

TABERNACLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 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 **July 24, 2017** was sent to the Central Record and 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.

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 (Absent)
Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer
La Shawn R. Barber, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Public Comment - Agenda items:

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on the proposed Ordinance which was presented before the subcommittee of work being done; spoke of looking for reassurance on the work which has been done and a resolution of a common agreement of moving forward which should reflect in the Ordinance; spoke of the language listed in the Ordinance of the two organizations in which they may or may not continue to be the official providers, the Ordinance is not being generic enough; questioned the duties of the Public Safety Director.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, commented on the proposed Resolution 2017-73 regarding the appointment of the Temporary Office Clerk; and wanted a full conversation regarding the Public Safety Director before going into first reading of the Ordinance; and if this would be a paid position.

Mayor Lee indicated Resolution for appointment of Temporary Office Clerk is needed for an absence of an office staff employee when needed. The discussion regarding the Public Safety Director would be held by the Committee during this meeting as listed on the agenda.

Approval of Bills

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, the bills were ordered paid.

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

Presentation

Atlantic City Electric - Susan Coan, VP, Ken Mosca, Public Affairs Manager and Ken Watkins, Associate. The members of Atlantic City Electric were present to discuss the Atlantic City Electric's Power Ahead Program to Enhance Grid Resiliency in the Township.

The representatives spoke about the important work that Atlantic City Electric is doing to improve the reliability across our entire service territory through their Power Ahead Program which would enhance the grid resiliency during storms. The focus was reliability of outages; customers that experience multiple outages and enhancement. One of their processes would involve installing electronic fusing and updating their equipment to improve zones to address liability.

Mayor Lee questioned the tree trimming service and spoke of trees being cut down from the top leaving partial trees located along Route 72. Mayor Lee wants to make sure that a certified tree surgeon is used when trimming the trees in Tabernacle Township.

Mr. Barton pointed out that he commends tree trimming program and spoke about the number of outages during Superstorm Sandy as of result of trees. The number of outages has improved after the tree trimming was done. Mr. Barton thanked Atlantic City Electric for attending this meeting.

Mayor Lee opened discussion to the public. Ms. Brooks spoke she would like to hear what Atlantic City Electric is doing to protect the grid from computer hacking and asked who would one call should there be a power outage.

Atlantic City Electric could not offer any specifics regarding keeping the “security” at this time, but it is always monitored. Residents should look on their electric bill for the 1800 number to ask any questions concerning power outages.

Approval of Minutes

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the minutes of June 26, 2017 (regular & executive) was offered for adoption.

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

Ayes: 4

Abstain: Franzen

Nays: 0

New Business

First Reading: ORDINANCE 2017-7: ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TABERNACLE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING AND OFFICIALLY CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

- Public Hearing Date Scheduled 8/28/2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Township Committee held general discussion regarding this proposed ordinance after the motion was made by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Ms. Brown believes the ordinance should be a paid position and reference the salary; section three in the ordinance is unclear which pertains to the billing aspect for the rescue squad. Right now the squad handles the billing; and the ordinance is contradicting.

Mayor Lee read section three of the proposed ordinance. The Tabernacle Township Department of Public Safety, in order to support the provision of emergency services and the volunteer companies serving the Township, shall bill for ambulance and transportation and other services provided by the emergency service entities operating within the Township. The rates of such services shall be determined and modified from time to time by the Public Safety Director. These charges shall be billed to the insurance company of the resident or party receiving assistance from the Department of Safety.

Mayor Lee spoke of specific language that should be included by the TRS; the billing process should not change and should be done in partnership with the emergency squad. The Township can apply for a billing number however it is a very long process. TRS currently holds a billing number and ability to bill through Medicare; it may not be favorable to bring the funding source underneath the Township umbrella, unless Township goes through the process to obtain its own billing number.

Mayor Lee commented that under the division of fire should be headed by a contracted fire service provider and the division of emergency services should be administered through contract with a rescue and ambulance.

Mr. Yates is in agreement with changing the verbiage to not name a specific company and spoke of Township have control over emergency services; and the public safety director would be basically doing the billing.

Mr. Barton suggested the billing section in ordinance should be under separate sections (ex. billing for ambulance service, billing that pertains to rescue/fire and other services.

Mr. Barton mentioned that he was not a member of Township Committee when the Emergency Services Building (ESB) was constructed; however the intention of the referendum was under the impression to have a fire truck housed in the building; currently there is no fire truck.

Mr. Lange spoke of modification to the Ordinance to reflect a paid position would not be a significant change; modification to make a general reference to the fire department and emergency service provider would not be a significant change; however, modification to the billing language in the ordinance if introduced would be a substantial change and would require a re-advertisement to the ordinance.

Mr. Franzen spoke of TRS running smoothly and why Township wants to fix something that is not broken; especially from an organization who is respected in Burlington County and received many awards from Burlington County for rescue; wants the ordinance to clarify the job description, qualification and training for public safety official and unclear if there should be language to address requirements for background checks.

Mayor Lee suggested training and experience be determined by the Township Committee at the time of appointment and expressed the need for Township to create a position between the organizations to work better together.

Mayor Lee spoke about the public safety report which specifically talked about the advantages and strengths of both organizations; create an environment of someone in charge of the two organizations to deal with their issues and give them the freedom to run efficiently.

Ms. Brown spoke that the Governing Body collectively agrees on everything, more or less, with a little tweaking, accept for one paragraph. Mayor Lee and Committeewoman Brown will work together on the paragraph regarding billing in the ordinance.

Mr. Barton spoke about the money raised by TRS is the taxpayer's money, not TRS money and it should be turned over the Township to offset taxes where ever it may be needed.

Ms. Brown advised Mr. Barton of prior to him joining the Township Committee the squad came before the Township Committee and asked if they wanted to take over the responsibility; because it was such an unknown, now that it is booming well. It is not right to volunteers to take the money away.

Mr. Barton spoke that he can appreciate the history and spoke of TRS behavior has changed his thinking. They have a reimbursement program that is questionable; they are buying equipment and turning it into their name and not the Township's name. At that time, it seemed like the right decision; this time it is one of the only squads in the State of New Jersey that gets to keep the funds and use it how they see fit. Last year the bond payment on the building was \$117K; TRS could not operate without the building and make no contribution back towards the cost of the building.

- Procedurally, there was a motion and second by Mr. Yates and Mr. Barton on introduction.
- Mr. Yates amended his motion; **motion to table** the ordinance prior to first reading for additional changes as discussed. Mr. Barton seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Lee thanked the Township Committee for the dialog and very good discussion.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2017-66

AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: 21 AVENUE A ROAD (BLOCK 601, LOT 501)

WHEREAS, Mark Mazar has applied for a construction permit for a proposed addition at his home located at 21 Avenue A Road (Block 601, Lot 501) in Tabernacle Township; and

WHEREAS, Mark Mazar has informed the Construction Office that he decided not to move forward with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Office requests approval of the refund to Mark Mazar in the amount of \$592.00 which includes the Township's nonrefundable 20% plan review and State Training Fee pursuant to NJAC 5:23, 4.23.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the request for refund in the amount of **\$592.00 payable to Mark Mazar, 21 Avenue A Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forward to the Construction Official.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the Resolution 2017-66 was offered for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 2017-67

AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") FOR PINELANDS REGIONAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ("CERT")

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle participates with Bass River Township, Medford Township in the Pinelands Regional Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT"); and

WHEREAS, the municipal parties to CERT were asked to execute a Memorandum of Understanding "MOU" with regard to "oversight, coordination, training and deployment"; and

WHEREAS, each Emergency Management Coordinator ("EMC") has executed the MOU, including William C. Lowe on behalf of Tabernacle Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to authorize and ratify the execution of the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle that the Township hereby authorizes and ratifies the execution of the Pinelands Regional CERT MOU, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton, the Resolution 2017-67 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Abstain: Franzen Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2017-68

APPOINTING RESIDENTS TO PINELANDS "CERT"

WHEREAS, the Township desires to appoint members to the Pinelands CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); and

WHEREAS, the members of the CERT may change throughout the year, and this appointment is intended to include all those members that have received training and qualify throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the attached list of volunteers are hereby appointed to the Pinelands CERT for a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2017 or until further action to make appointments for 2018 occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this list may be updated from time to time and the formal members of the CERT shall be maintained on a list by Emergency Management Coordinator, William C. Lowe, which list shall be made available to the Township Clerk upon request. The Township Committee intends to cover all qualified members of the CERT from Tabernacle Township, whether named above or as they become qualified during the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the intent of the Township of Tabernacle to:

1) Include the Pineland Regional Community Emergency Response Team as an additional insured under the Township's general liability coverage for claims occurring within the Township.

2) Provide workers compensation coverage to the Township CERT volunteers if injured during an authorized activity.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Resolution 2017-68 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Abstain: Franzen Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2017-69

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-32, WHICH APPROVES THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NJ, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Tabernacle adopted Resolution 2017-32 on February 13, 2017 to accept federal funds and participate in the Federal Grant Program administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the total project amount and Federal Award match in kind or cash from Tabernacle Township to be as follows:

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management, Township of Tabernacle, New Jersey has applied for the **FY 16** Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMMA) – **FY16-EMPG-EMAA-0335 for the subaward period 7/1/16 – 6/30/17**; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the project is \$20,352.99, the Federal Award is \$8,352.99 with a \$12,000.00 match in kind or cash from the Township of Tabernacle (Tabernacle match includes fringe benefits of 7.65%); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management is an agency of the Township and is “authorized to accept” and “does accept” this Subaward.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington State of New Jersey hereby accepts the grant funds for the purposes described in the application, primarily, the EMC is directed to develop and maintain the Township's Emergency Operations Plan including conducting such meetings as required to coordinate the various emergency responders of the Township. Expected duties include chairing the LEPC and attending Township Committee meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other duties and responsibilities of the EMC and the deputies are on a volunteer “in-kind” bases and absolutely essential to the emergency management program of the Township of the community's emergency preparedness and response. These responsibilities include the activation and operation of the Township Emergency Operations Center, training and exercising in and with the community and the planning for and execution of major planned public events such as the Tabernacle Memorial Day Parade. The Township Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for the organizing, training and equipping as well as deploying the 100+ Pinelands Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) within the Township, region and county/state.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, the Resolution 2017-69 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Abstain: Franzen Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2017-70

APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NJ, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management, Township of Tabernacle, New Jersey has applied for the **FY 17** Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program, Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMMA) – **FY17-EMPG-EMAA-0335 for the subaward period 7/1/17 – 6/30/18**; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the project is \$21,553.00, the Federal Award is \$8,353.00 with a \$13,200.00 match in kind or cash from the Township of Tabernacle (Tabernacle match includes fringe benefits of 7.65%); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management is an agency of the Township and is “authorized to accept” and “does accept” this Subaward.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Tabernacle, County of Burlington State of New Jersey hereby accepts the grant funds for the purposes described in the application, primarily, the EMC is directed to develop and maintain the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan including conducting such meetings as required to coordinate the various emergency responders of the Township. Expected duties include chairing the LEPC and attending Township Committee meetings.

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- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, the Resolution 2017-70 was offered for adoption.

Roll Call: Barton, Brown, Franzen, Yates, Lee Ayes: 4 Abstain: Franzen Nays: 0

RESOLUTION 2017-71

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT - LOSAP CONTRIBUTION 2016 - TABERNACLE FIRE COMPANY #1 - \$21,982.00

WHEREAS, Resolution 2015-26, adopted by the Township Committee on January 2, 2015, authorized the continuation of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) and authorized Lincoln National Life Insurance Company as the provider for said LOSAP; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that 2016 contributions for qualified participants from the Township in the amount of \$21,982.00 are due to the provider; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Township, Burlington County that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to authorize payment in the amount of \$21,982.00 to Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for its contributions to the Township’s Length of Service Award Program.

- On a motion made by Mr. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Brown, the Resolution 2017-71 was offered for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 2017-72

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT (2016)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the **Annual Report for the year 2016** has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations”, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee of the Township of Tabernacle, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Yates, the Resolution 2017-72 was offered for adoption.

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

**RESOLUTION 2017-73
APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY PART-TIME OFFICE CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Township of Tabernacle has the authority to appoint a temporary part-time Office Clerk on an “as needed” basis to help out with day to day operations to cover an employee during a temporary absence; and

WHEREAS, Susan Costales, a retired employee of Tabernacle Township is familiar with the day to day operations of the Township offices and is available to assist in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to appoint Susan Costales as a Temporary Part-Time Office Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Tabernacle Township, does hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. Susan Costales is hereby appointed as a Temporary Office Clerk to assist on an “as needed” basis, effective July 31, 2017.

Section 2. Susan Costales compensation shall include pay rate of \$17.00 per hour and shall become effective upon its adoption.

- Mr. Barton questions the definition for “as needed” basis in which it was defined that help would be needed for coverage of an extended absence of an employee for medical leave, vacation, etc. to limit interruptions from the vacancies in the office.
- On a motion made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Franzen, the Resolution 2017-73 was offered for adoption.

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

Old Business

Public Works Subcommittee Report was given by Committeewoman Brown: The sub-committee consists of Committeewoman Brown, Mayor Lee, Township Resident Robert Ford, and Administrator Cramer. Supervisor of Public Works, Kevin Worrell attended one meeting. The sub-committee met to discuss: equipment-repair, purchase, liquidation; snow plowing; other services; cost savings and Public Works space.

The Township owns 6 trucks that are capable of plowing and salting; 2 large trucks that are capable of plowing only in certain areas, they are too big to salt; 3 smaller trucks 1 ton or smaller; 12 plows; grader-capable of plowing in emergency; Jet Vac; loader, bulldozer and a backhoe; and other miscellaneous equipment.

The Sub-committee (referred to as Committee) met over eight hours over the course of the meeting days, discussing the current equipment owned by the Township. There was concern of the cost of repairs versus the actual value of the vehicles. Members of the Committee decided to walk to the Public Works yard to inspect the fleet. The members felt as though inspecting the equipment would provide valuable information for decision making. The Committee reconvened in the administrator's office after the inspection. Mayor Lee suggested that the Committee consider bidding out some of the snowplowing to ease some of the wear and tear of the vehicles and exhaustion of our employees.

The Committee requested Mr. Cramer find information from the State of New Jersey, Burlington County and surrounding towns who utilize subcontractors and the price they pay for subcontracting. Mayor Lee also suggested looking into discontinuing brush pickup was dropped due to the large number of residents who still utilize this service.

Mr. Cramer spoke of having approximately 88 miles of road to plow; road plowing is broken into six sections and takes approximately 15 hours to complete from beginning to end including salting.

The Committee briefly touched on the building needs for the Department of Public Works; this topic will be readdressed at a future meeting.

Recommendation: The Committee recommends that the Township sells truck number 2,3,5,10,11 & 12. This recommendation comes based off of the cost of repairs that are needed for five of these trucks. The total cost of repairs for the trucks is \$71,850. Unfortunately it is estimated that we can only extend the life span of these trucks by only a year or two. Making the repairs to the trucks would still leave some of the trucks needing body repair. Fiscally this would not be a responsible expenditure of funds to repair these trucks. Selling the trucks indicated would leave three salt trucks, which does not include any new trucks that may be purchased.

The Committee recommends replacing these trucks with a purchase of two new large trucks. They also recommend implementing a replacement plan to keep the fleet in top operating condition preventing the need for extensive repairs in the future. It is estimated that we need a minimum of three months to purchase the trucks utilizing already built chassis, but could take up to six months if nothing is available. We would like to authorize the purchase of these trucks as soon as possible.

The Committee is also recommending sub-contracting one section of the Township for snow-plowing. Based off of the information that Mr. Cramer brought back to the Committee from the State of NJ, Burlington County and other local municipalities, we are recommending the Township requests quotes for snow plowing. Mr. Cramer also supplied the committee with a draft of the Request for Quotes." The sub-contractor may also need to be able to provide salting for the Township due to the reduction in equipment. – Committeewoman Kimberly A. Brown

Mr. Lee spoke about a discussion he has had with the sub-committee extensively about Township getting quotes utilizing a landscaping company to bid on a part of in town to do snow removal; we have vendors that we work with already. Ms. Brown suggests Mr. Cramer to get started on that sooner than later.

Mr. Lee spoke about looking at the pictures in Mr. Cramer's report and visually looking at the trucks and equipment.

Mr. Barton questioned if the Department of Public Works keeps track of the addresses for brush pick-up to coincide with the amount of brush pickup. Mr. Barton does not want to reward bad behavior to residents who do not follow the ordinance. Mr. Cramer indicated that he will start to keep a log for the next fall and spring pick up.

REPORTS

Report of the Township Engineer - None.

Report of the Township Administrator

Mayor Lee spoke that the Township Committee received and will review the emergency services document put together by Mr. Cramer.

Mr. Cramer spoke of a road report he provided to Township Committee for review, to be discussed at the next Township meeting.

Mr. Cramer indicated that he is looking for a motion to move forward to purchase a bond in the amount of \$355,000 for two trucks, (A) being a Hooklife for \$190,000 (B) a dump truck in the amount of \$165,000.

Mr. Barton would like specifications on the trucks before a motion by the Committee is granted. Mayor Lee advised Mr. Cramer to provide the information to the Township Committee in preparation for the potential of having an ordinance for trucks before the next meeting.

Gypsy Moth – We have signed up for the State of New Jersey for the survey to be done early September for gypsy moths participation will commence in town. They will do the investigation and make the recommendation.

Community Fall Festival –Community Festival is October 22, 2017. The Clean Communities and Recycling will be participating; PWD will provide a truck for the Annual Touch A Truck Event.

Public Works Department –Trimming trees along the roadway and around signs. We remind residents to notify Township when they trim trees to place brush near the edge of the road; pick up will be done in the fall pick up.

Thank you - L & L Redi –Mix and Welformed Concrete for donating the concrete and labor to put the sidewalk in front of Anthony Russo’s memorial project that was constructed by an Eagle Scout project. B.C. Fabrication was also thanked for providing anchors and welding at Pricketts Mill Park after the vandalism at no charge to the Township. Eastampton Township Fire District was thanked for providing cutting tools to Tabernacle Fire Co. #1.

Pyramid Network Services – Mr. Cramer spoke of Township receiving a proposal from Pyramid Network Services, LLC, for the possibility of installing a cellular tower at Pricketts Mill Park. Mr. Barton and Mr. Franzen were assigned as the subcommittee to see if this is something the Township would like to pursue.



Town Hall Windows / Carpet – Mr. Cramer is looking to replace the carpet for up and downstairs of Town Hall, along with combining both court and meeting tables. Mr. Cramer would like permission from the Township Committee to move forward to start sometime in the fall and make that change after the window installation. An architect is needed to design the structure of plans to draft a new court bench in the public building. The Township Committee wants to receive quotes for the windows and carpet before moving forward with having an architect. A price for an architect plans would be needed before further consideration.

Report of the Township Committee

Pine Barron’s Festival - Mayor Lee reported that Daniel and Janet Borris are the recipients for the Pine Barrens Festival in Tabernacle “Focus on Our Town” and invited members of the Committee to join him presenting a plaque for Tabernacle day on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the Church of the Holy Eucharist.

Verizon - Mayor Lee reported that he is scheduled to have a meeting at Town Hall with Verizon to discuss FiOS and to correct applications that were rejected; 49 applications were received and 42 applications were turned down because of discrepancies and questions regarding Comcast, service areas and addresses. **verizon**✓

Public Comment

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, spoke of missing the last meeting and not understanding why the Township Committee would have discussion on flags to be flown outside of what is in accordance with proper standing of the statutes governing flying flags. Mr. Brooks suggest other ways to honor a deceased member such as bunting or use of memorial patches would have value because they are local; whereas, putting a flag at half staffed is typically something that is by the governor or president.

Thomas Yohnnson, Lee Drive, spoke about the definition of a volunteer in the proposed Safety Director Ordinance and commented on serving in the capacity with the rescue squad must have at least two EMT in a licensed ambulance to be on the road.

David Smith, Chief Tabernacle Fire Company #1, provided suggestions for the Public Safety Director position that the Township should take time to get the license in the Township "name"; whether it is fire or EMS for a medical billing number would be a benefit. Chief Smith spoke of Southampton Township receiving \$250 for an application of Speedy Dry at an accident scene. Chief Smith spoke that it takes two people to run an ambulance and addressed his concern that TRS is struggling with ambulance membership. Spoke about taking offense that everything seems that this town revolves around the squad and people are afraid to change; believes we did the right thing by getting rid of the fire district. The only way all emergency services will be on the same playing field is if all of us will be under the Township.

Ms. Brooks, Moore Meadow Road, commented not being in agreement with the statute as it applies to payments to the squad; agrees with Chief Smith about medical billing and spoke of it being unfortunate the Township did not file for a Medicare number earlier; spoke of writing a piece on the Township Solicitor's invoices; not being in agreement with how the invoices are written.

Close public comments.

Executive Session Resolution

Solicitor Lange indicated he does not need an executive session regarding **litigation matters related to Fran Brooks vs. Township of Tabernacle, Docket No. L-1198-17**, as he is waiting on Brooks' Attorney response in that matter; executive session will not move forth; Township Committee was asked to carry it to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Lee indicated unless the Committee has anything else they wish to further discuss, members of the Township Committee would motion to adjourn. Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn July 24, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Barton.

Those in favor: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

La Shawn R. Barber, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk
Approved: 09/11/2017