

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on December 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

Judson Moore	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Committeeman
Ronald L. Sutton Sr.	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Mayor Moore presided and called the meeting to order. He stated meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor said the committee is going to go into executive session at this time, it will be a short meeting. He asked for motion to adjourn.

Committeeman Jamison made motion, Committeeman Sutton seconded.

Mayor Moore asked for motion to reconvene the regular agenda meeting and Committeeman Sutton made motion and Committeeman Jamison seconded.

Mr. Seeley stated that committee had met with Edward Duffy who was replacing John Casarow as Commercial Township's Municipal Judge. Mr. Seeley said the township had advertised under the Pay To Play Fair and Open the position and Mr. Edward Duffy had applied and been accepted, his salary will be \$20,000.

Mayor Moore said for clerk to prepare resolution for the Reorganization Meeting hiring Mr. Duffy.

Mr. Seeley said secondly the township had advertised under Pay to Play, Fair and Open the vacancy created when Mr. Duffy resigned to apply as judge and that Mr. Thomas M. Corrigan had applied and he has been accepted to fill the position of Prosecutor at \$10,741.59.

Mayor Moore told clerk to have a resolution for the Reorganization Meeting hiring Mr. Corrigan.

Mayor Moore said the township had advertised for a company to review township facilities for solar panels and that Cambria Solar/Ezenergy NJ LLC had been chosen. He introduced Jim Brown and Mike Adkins.

Mr. Adkins said they had reviewed the municipal facilities and suggested that the back road Garage, Senior Center, Haleyville Community Center and the Jahova Witness Facility. He felt that there would be a 50% savings, the panels will be guaranteed for 25 years.

Mr. Brown stated that if the electric company rate goes lower, they would reduce their rate. He said the township would definitely benefit from the installation of solar. There will be no out of pocket expense to the township.

Mr. John Nardone, Chairman of the Environmental Commission said he understood that PSEG have \$20,000 grants for energy projects. He asked Mayor Moore to look into it.

Mayor Moore said he would make a motion to award a contract to Cambria and that a resolution be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting.

Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Moore called on Edward Dennis, Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said an application had been filed an application for \$380,000 for Phase III Laurel Lake Drainage. He said the township was not funded this year, he would apply again for next year. He said he had filed applications for Phase III Raymond Drive, and Phase II for Samuel Drive, he said NJDOT have been awarded as yet. Mr. Dennis said most of all of our projects have been completed and closeout are in progress. He said he gave Mayor conceptual plan for his veterans park.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Dennis and called on Thomas Seeley, Solicitor, for his report.

Mr. Seeley said the only items he has been working on are requests from the committee members, tax collector, regarding landsale properties that were returned because of having to install septic and wells, we had two properties that people forfeited their deposits. He said we need to do a better job on investing the properties before putting them on the list. He said that was about all he had.

Mayor Moore said we have correspondence and read the following:

1. Letter from Superintendent Daniel Dooley, that school children liked the recycling program of Dave Street. Response: Off the agenda
2. Letter from Global Partners requesting a meeting with Committeeman Jamison regarding group electricity for township. Response: Committeeman Jamison said township has been down that road before and we are not interested in third party. Off.
3. Letter from Alvin Newcomb, offering \$1500 for Block 213, Lot 16, North Avenue, Port Norris, township owned, has a house on it. Response: We sold this at landsale but Because county would require new septic, purchasers returned deed and forfeited their money. Committee said they were going to review properties with dwellings on them and decide if they should be torn down and just sell the land. They told clerk to send letter declining Mr. Newcomb's offer. Off.
4. Letter from finance board regarding individual land use board members which did not file financial disclosures. Clerk sent letters telling them either pay the \$100 fine and file Electronically or send a letter stating circumstances and asking them to waive fine. Response: Take off the agenda
5. Regarding Block 135, Lot 7011 purchased at landsale, property has retention basin that still drains a significant amount of water off. Purchaser, George Hiles and Kari Elmer would like to keep the property because it adjoins there property. They are also interested in purchasing another township property that adjoins lot 7011. Response: Have engineer research lot 7011 and report back to the committee with his recommendations. Off.
6. TSR from state regarding our state police barracks and the installation of bullet proof glass. Off at this time.
7. Public Works Supervisor questioned where disc came from and who installed them on all the drains in the township. Response: Disc are required, and they were installed by the Environmental Commission members. Off
8. Mayor Moore questioned how it is that the state approves our court budget and where

Did the percentage figure that Maryann used in her calculations come from. Response: The four percent that was used in preparation of court budget was because of four percent raise. Off.

9. The last foreclosure list with houses on them have been given to Mr. Dean for review and his comments are attached regarding each one. He recommends all be torn down but one. Response: Committee said a meeting needs to be scheduled where each property is site inspected and a determination made. Where township would get money to tear property down, schedule meeting. Off.

10. Township received a bid of \$15,000 for Block 10, Lot 4, bid was accepted land sale scheduled for December 17th.

11. Letter from Deedra Brewer regarding a maple tree that is infested, hopes township can save it. Response: Road Department will look at it. Off.

12. Clerk said many people asking for calendars. Clint Miller said he and Heather could do it. Committee approved.

Mayor said so far we have three resolutions for the regular meeting.

Resolution: List of Uncollectibles

Resolution: Budget Transfers

Resolution: Approving Shelter Services SPCA, to be put on reorganization meeting.

Mayor asked for reports and being none asked for motion to open meeting to public which was without input.

Mayor asked for motion to close meeting and it was so moved.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk