

Minutes of the AGENDA Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on June 13, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Committeeman
Mike Vizzard	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Edward Dennis	Engineer

Mayor Sutton presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and meeting was being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Sutton said when Judson Moore resigned his possession with the township on March 12, 2016. The County Democratic Organization sent a list of three names that the committee should consider appointing to fill Mr. Moore's seat. The Committee authorized Township Solicitor Thomas Seeley to meet with the democratic committee and proposed that we would like to wait until the primary election and seat the winner. Mayor Sutton said and with the following resolution and swearing in we are fulfilling our promise.

#### RESOLUTION 2016-72

Resolution To Appoint Warren Michael Vizzard To The Commercial Township Committee

WHEREAS, Mayor Judson Moore resigned from the Commercial Township Committee via an email to the Township Solicitor, Thomas E. Seeley, Esquire on March 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey received a correspondence from the Cumberland County Democratic Organization Chairman, Doug Long that Mayor Moore had resigned as a Democrat; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Democratic chairman provided the Commercial Township Committee with a list of three names which the county proposed that the township committee select as Judson Moore's replacement; and

WHEREAS, the issue was investigated by both the township and the Cumberland County Democratic Organization chairman; and

WHEREAS, based on the fact that a primary election was scheduled to be held in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, both the township committee and the Democratic Organization Chairman agreed that the most reasonable way to fulfill the unexpired of Mayor Judson Moore was to appoint the winner of Democratic primary in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, Warren Michael Vizzard was the successful winner of the June 2016 Democratic primary; and

WHEREAS, based on the agreement outlined in a correspondence dated March 15, 2016, Warren Michael Vizzard is hereby appointed on June 13, 2016 to serve the unexpired term of Judson Moore, which expires December 31, 2016.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Warren Michael Vizzard is hereby appointed as a member of the Commercial Township committee for Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey as of the signing of this Resolution to fill the unexpired term of Judson Moore.

Mayor Sutton asked for a motion to adopt the resolution and Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt, Mayor Sutton seconded with a unanimous roll call vote

Mayor Sutton said he would like to call on Solicitor Seeley to swear in Mr. Vizzard. He also recognized that Freeholder Jim Quinn was present and he congratulated Mr. Vizzard on his victory in the June 2016 primary election.

Solicitor Seeley swore in Mr. Vizzard with the Official Oath of Office of the State of New Jersey as Commercial Township Committeeman.

Congratulations were in order all around to Committeeman Vizzard.

Mayor Sutton called upon Edward Dennis, Engineer for his report. First off, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis are having a baby girl, Mrs. Dennis was on Wheel of Fortune and won a trip to San Diego which will take place in a week or so and thirdly the Mets are ahead of the Phillies in standings. Mr. Dennis said now we'll get to the engineering, he said we are wrapping up a lot of projects and we don't have any outstanding grant applications at this time. He said DOT grants will be coming up for next year, they generally come out about this time. He stated under capital improvement, we have third phase of Raymond Drive which will go out to bid sometime in July also backstops for the ballfields, ongoing projects are permitting for the Bivalve Station, we're still working with the state on that. Mr. Dennis said he believes there was a project approved at the may meeting asking for specifications, advertisement and soliciting bids for Municipal Street Lights in Haleyville, so I guess this can be added to the agenda for regular meeting. He said he was approached by a solar developer regarding the landfill solar project late in May He said this happens from time to time that he will receive a call and unless something changes with the regulations in the state of New Jersey, my expectations are that it's going to be difficult for a developer to come in and make that a profitable site until the state changes their rules so that we can buy power from them without having to be directly plugged into them. Other states have already changed the rules in that directions and we're just waiting for New Jersey to come around. When that happens I think we will have a healthy competition on developers coming in on that site.

Mayor Sutton said residents have brought concerns to the township committee regarding the boarding homes we have in Port Norris and he said this project has been turned over to Mr. Seeley.

Mr. Seeley said he has been corresponding with Rita Hoffman who is the next door neighbor to the Holly Manor Facility and she and several other residents of that area are also concerned. He has asked Mrs. Hoffman if she would met with the concerned citizens, have them right down any questions they might have, send them to him for review because there are just some questions that we can't ask under New Jersey statute and he will discuss the questions with the owner Mr. LaFrieda. Hopefully he'll agree to meet with us or he will give us the answers to the questions that we are allowed to ask and I hope everyone will feel better after getting some answers. Mr. Seeley said rural areas such as this are not basically fit for facilities such as these, it is not like Newark where there is a person every 600 square feet.

Mayor Sutton said we have correspondence and we have received a letter from the State Division of Taxation, Property Administration and they have done an audit of our veterans deduction qualifications and veterans that have died. They found nothing wrong all qualifying documentation is on file for every veteran that qualifies and all disallowances have been filed for any veteran that had passed away. Great job by tax assessor's office.

Mayor said letter of request for the annual Competition Dirt Riders Motorcycle parade, event to take place August 30, 2016, commencing at the Mauricetown Fire Hall. Decision: Committee approved and Resolution will be prepared for regular meeting to forward to county.

Mayor said we have a letter from Dale Schweitzer who has been approached by Chairman of Commercial Township Environmental Commission Chairman, John Nardone to ask Mr. Schweitzer to become a member of that board. Mr. Schweitzer said he is a retired biologist and feels he could offer a lot to the commission. Decision: Committee felt Mr. Schweitzer would be an important asset and said prepare Resolution for the regular meeting appointing him to fill unexpired term of Walt Birbeck.

Mayor Sutton read report of Barney Hollinger regarding Bayshore Council meeting he had attended he said there is a seat available and he recommends that Commercial Township join, the fee is \$100.00 dues per year. Decision: Committee asked Mr. Hollinger if he would be willing to fill seat and to take a voucher with him for signature for the dues.

Mr. Hollinger said not all of the kinks are worked out yet.

Clerk said at last months meeting you said an appointment had to be done before our July meeting and that Senator Van Drew has not sent a copy of a formal resolution.

Mr. Hollinger said he would contact Senator Van Drew.

Mayor said we have a letter from Shanel Franklin, Egg Harbor Township she put a bid of \$100.00 on Block 25, Lot 4431, 328 Fern Road. Decision: Committee informed clerk to send letter refusing offer and stated housing officer had recommended trailer be demolished and 40X100, undersized lot be offered to adjoining owners in next land sale.

Mayor Sutton said we have a bill from Forss Painting in the amount of \$1,775 for removing wallpaper, stripping, patching and painting conference room. Mayor said the room was not given two coats of paint and never finished. A memo from cfo stated Mayor was correct room was not finished but was to be completed when Forss came back to electrical room, but with the amount of wiring for the computer networking that was cancelled and therefore conference room not completed, this was not the fault of contractor. Decision: Committee said for clerk to write Mr. Forss a letter stating they will pay for what has been completed but not the entire proposal because it was not finished and Mr. Forss needs to give them an itemized bill.

Mayor stated League of Municipalities Convention will be November 15,16,17 and we have always allowed employees to attend, what is the decision for 2016. Decision: Committee was in agreement that any employee wishing to attend can, those that do not will report to work as regularly scheduled.

Mayor said Deputy Mayor Jamison will be submitting resignation at the regular meeting from the Land Use Board and newly appointed committeeman Mike Vizzard will fill position three. Decision: Leave on for regular meeting.

Mayor Sutton said the following items will be on the agenda of the regular meeting, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Second reading and public hearing of Bond Ordinance.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SIDE-ARM TRACTOR IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$120,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$114,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF COST THEREOF

Resolution: Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes, Jerry Carter, Block 214, Lot 44

Resolution: Opposing Licensed Casinos Outside of Atlantic City, New Jersey

Resolution: Approving Competition Dirt Riders Annual Motorcycle Parade

Resolution: Appointing Dale Schweitzer to Environmental Commission

Resolution: Appointing Mike Vizzard, Committeeman To Position III Land Use Board

Resolution: Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2016-2017 Lalli's Liquor and Mauricetown Gun Club

Resolution: Renewing Membership in the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution: Rescinding Resolution 2016-60 Contract Beatty & Son, Heater

Resolution: Authorizing Township To Go Out For Bids On Heating and Air Senior Center

Mr. Dennis said he had spoken to Clint Miller about going out for bid on this and you would have to put together a bid package just like if we did a road project or anything else. So if this is something you would need my assistance on hopefully we can figure that out between now and Thursday and you're good with it you can authorize us to do the work on Thursday night.

Mayor said then we don't need the last resolution.

Mr. Dennis said it would just change that you would authorize to do the bid package.

Mayor said are there any additional items for the committee.

Mr. Dennis said did they want to put a resolution for installation of municipal street lights for regular meeting.

Mayor said to put it on and did the committee have any reports. He said he wanted to welcome Mike Vizzard as committeeman and he looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Vizzard thanked the mayor and expressed his appreciation to all the people who supported him in the primary election, he was overwhelmed.

County Freeholder James Quinn, congratulated Mr. Vizzard and said it was an honor to support him in his campaign and he knows he'll do a great job and the way the public supported him at the polls when he wasn't even listed in the regular democratic line shows how the people feel about him. Mr. Quinn said when Dick Smith, Mr. Vizzard's campaign manager was mayor, he was the one that brought cable tv to Commercial Township. Mr. Quinn said he will support the township anyway that he can, all they have to do is call on him.

Mr. Barney Hollinger asked about representation to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

Mayor Sutton said Carol Hickman serves on that board and that he attends also.

Mrs. Pauline Moore said she was happy to see the committee in place and knows they will work well together.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for motion to close public portion and to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Jamison made motions and Committeeman Vizzard seconded.

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Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk