

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on September 12, 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
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

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

Mayor Sutton said Mr. Russell Stormes, Administrator of the Food Pantry Program would like to address the committee regarding the temperature of the building, temperatures maintained in the refrigerators and freezers in the Charles Sheppard Community Building that is used for the Food Pantry Program. Mr. Stormes said he has brought in 125 pounds of potatoes and if the thermostat was turned way down and the building is 80 degrees because of the weather, that those potatoes will certainly not last long before growing sprouts, he said he also has chopped walnuts, raisins, dried cranberries and if the temperature is up and hot outside these are not going to last long at all. He said basically the food pantry portion of the building needs to be no warmer than 72 degrees, this would be acceptable.

Mr. Clint Miller said he is trying to reduce the electric bills for the community center, he said for a building that is used one day a month, the electric bills are really high. He said we have several refrigerators running on the coldest settings with nothing in them. I have pulled the plugs on a couple of them.

Mr. Stormes stated that the refrigerators need to be cold at all times due to fact that if he is notified that there is 50 to 75 pounds of chicken for the food pantry that they have to be put in refrigerator or freezers depending on if fourth Saturday is within a day or two.

Mayor Sutton said he was surprised at how high the bills are in the winter months, he said they are higher in the winter compared to summer months. He said from February to April the bills range from \$839.94, to \$973.48 to \$1,192.31 and yet in the summer they drop down to \$477.26, \$365.26, \$215.96. Mayor Sutton said he would like for Clint and Mr. Stormes to sit down and workout a solution to the problem. He said many of our residents rely on the food pantry to help in feeding their families.

Mr. Stormes said if there was an emergency in the township and people had to be brought to the center that the food could be used to feed those individuals. He said Fred Hundt, Emergency Management Coordinator, is familiar with this. Mr. Stormes said he has to comply with USDA regulations. He said in the winter months they keep everything down to 55 degrees and that is fine.

Mayor and Committee said they feel that Mr. Stormes and Mr. Miller will be able to come up with a solution that will be beneficial to everyone.

Mayor Sutton called upon Edward Dennis, Township Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said I believe that we have a Capital Ordinance for final adoption on Thursday evening, for the additional lights needed to finish lights in Haleyville. He said our grant for Raymond Drive Phase III is still on hold by the state. He said he has contacted our

solar guy on our township buildings and he should be very close in getting the permits and moving forward. He said there is not much going on with the balance of the projects at this time, unless the committee has some questions, that's all he has. Mr. Dennis said everyone is aware his wife and he are expecting and he would like to miss Thursday's meeting.

Committee did not have a problem with that.

Mayor Sutton said we have a memo from Leahe Togno, Administrator of the Family Success Centers that Department of Children and Families would like to schedule a small grand opening at the 6009 Spring Garden Road Family Success Center on November 21st or 22nd, and wants to know which day would be best for the committee to attend.

Committeeman Vizzard and Mayor Sutton said Tuesday the November 22nd would be best for them. Committeeman Jamison said he would have to see if he could get the day off.

Mayor Sutton said we received notification from Ray O'Brien that the smell coming from Surfside was really bad and he wanted to know what the township would do about it.

Committee asked if additional complaints about the smell had been called in or filed.

Clerk stated that no complaints were filed in her office.

Committee stated they would discuss the issue and get back to Mr. O'Brien.

Mayor Sutton said we have received a letter from Viktor Orlov, of Vineland stating that he wants to turn property known as Block 73, Lot 1337, size 170X83, plus 70X50 Irregular, address of 100 & 112 Pearl Road, Laurel Lake to the township and he is willing to pay the donation fee of \$600.

Committee said to put a resolution on the agenda for regular meeting accepting donation.

Mayor Sutton said we have a letter from Megan Wren, Administrator of Bayshore Center in Bivalve requesting to be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting to discuss a new Fishermen & Farmers Market at the Bayshore Center.

Committee approved request of Megan Wren and she will be placed on agenda of September 15th regular meeting.

Mayor Sutton said at last month's meeting we discussed installation of street lights for Cherry Street, Port Norris, and Ackley Road, Laurel Lake. We have obtained quotes from Atlantic City Electric and for Cherry Street cost would be \$502.19 and Ackley Road \$1,117.11.

Committee said to prepare resolution approving the cost and installation of two street lights from Atlantic City Electric for Cherry Street and Ackley Roads.

Mayor Sutton said we have received a letter from James D'Ambrosio of US Silica asking for an extension on their current sand mining license which is to expire December 31, 2016. Reason for request they were not able to present their renewal application in July or August to the land use board. Mr. D'Ambrosio said we are presenting our application in September for completeness, then the next month it will be to review our request and possibly ask for additional information that would be scheduled to be heard on the third month and by the time the resolution is received by the township committee it could be January 2017.

Committee approved the request and told clerk to place resolution on the agenda of the regular meeting.

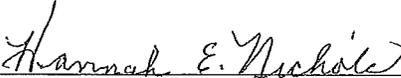
Mayor Sutton said we will have second reading and public hearing on Capital Ordinance providing for General Improvement Project for Haleyville Street Lights and appropriating \$58,550.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Mayor Sutton said we have the following resolution for the regular meeting.

1. Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties
2. List of Uncollectible Taxes, Tax Collector
3. Hiring of Manela Hernandez, Court Recorder
4. Awarding Bid To Farm Rite for Tractor & Boom Mower
5. Awarding Contract to Janney Electric For Haleyville Lights
6. Authorizing Purchase of Two Street Lights from Atlantic City Electric
7. Authorizing Solicitor To Prepare Documents For Land Donation Block 73, Lot 1337
8. Authorizing Extension of US Silica's current sand mining license

Mayor Sutton asked if committee had any reports and with none, asked for motion to open meeting to the public for comment and being none asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adjourn and Committeeman Vizzard seconded.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk