

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on June 18, 2018 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
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Hannah Nichols	Township Clerk

Absent:

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

Mayor said reports from Officials and there are none. The Engineer is not here

Mayor said Correspondence; we have an E-mail from JIF Attorney David DeWeese that JIF recommends that the Township adopt a revised Tort Claim Form and that resolution of adoption be put on the agenda for the regular meeting.

Solicitor Seeley said, that's funny, and we just got a Tort claim notice today. A Millville lawyer is suing the Township for a bus accident. Solicitor asked committee if they were aware of any bus accident. None of them were. Mayor Sutton said that will be on the School Board.

Mayor said next we have a memo from Heather Whitaker to the Committee for a 90 day review by the Committee since she took over the secretarial duties of the Construction Office and secretary to the Land Use Board which was vacated when Kathi Burno retires.

Mayor Sutton said, she had been told that in 90 days we would do a review. Committeeman Jamison said I don't think she needs to go to the top. Mayor said we aren't going to put her at the top but she is doing an excellent job. Mayor asked Committeeman Vizzard to arrange that meeting.

Mayor Sutton said next is the Engineers report.

Mr. Dennis said so we have a couple jobs being closed out. The Bivalve shore protection program, Clint I know we have played phone tag about trying to get someone from the marine barracks to sign the application.

Clint replied saying that last Thursday he caught up with someone at the marine barracks and they can not sign anything, the troopers.

Mr. Dennis said it just needs to be someone from the state police who is an authorized person.

Mr. Miller said none of the troopers can do it but he did give me an e-mail address of a guy who is charge of the marine division. If we send him a copy, he will sign it and send it back.

Mayor Sutton said I think that is the next correspondence. A letter from LAN Associates. Mr. Dennis said no that's something separate from this. That is someone else is doing an application to DEP and they are required to send a notice to the Clerk.

Mr. Dennis said if you remember the state was going to do all the permitting then they came back and said they didn't have enough people to do it. We have everything ready to go in, we just need someone from the state police to sign the permit application because its on their property.

you will need to go through the renewal process and then they will issue it and then you put it up for public auction to the highest bidder.

Mayor Sutton said according to Hannah, we have to have someone interested. Solicitor Seeley said it would make more sense if you're going to go through all that work that you have someone that's interested. It's kinda like the land sales, we don't just pick properties, and we usually know someone is interested.

Committeeman Jamison said but what was said to me was we would still have the license until it expires again. If it doesn't cost anything, why wouldn't we just...I mean why wouldn't we just apply for the license.

Mayor Sutton said, I for one wouldn't because if we don't have anyone interested it may be dormant for two years.

Solicitor Seeley said right, if you get it renewed and don't do anything with it, they may never renew it for you again. I have seen some crazy things.

Mayor Sutton said Lalli could have chose to keep it up but they chose to let it expire.

Committeeman Jamison said but the point is, if it won't cost us anything, not a dime. Mayor Sutton said but it may cost us in the future if we don't sell it. Committeeman Jamison said if we don't use that license is now, the way this township is, we won't ever use it. How many people came out to go against putting in sewer?

Mayor Sutton said and we had Maurice River Diner look into it and it was so much red tape that they just gave up on it and put it up for sale. We can ask Hannah and get her 100% intake on what we have to do. If we don't have somebody interested, we shouldn't do it.

Committeeman Vizzard said do we know if we have people interested. Committeeman Jamison said that's what they tell me. Mayor Sutton said then we need to have a letter of interest from them. Committeeman Vizzard said we should have something in writing.

Committeeman Vizzard said I do have a question regarding this liquor license thing, where is Liquor Warehouse? Is that Lalli Liquor? Deputy Clerk said yes it is. Committeeman Vizzard said so this is a different liquor license they have. Mayor Sutton said yes, what they gave up was a bar.

Committeeman Vizzard said so why do we only have one certificate for renewal. Deputy Clerk said we are still waiting for the Tax Clearance Certificate from Lalli's. I reached out to her today so hopefully we will have that by Thursday. They have to have it. Solicitor Seeley said yes because the license will expire on June 30th.

Mayor asked if there was anything else, and with none asked for a motion to adjourn Committeeman Jamison made the motion and committeeman Vizzard seconded.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Heather Sparks, Deputy Township Clerk