

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on December 17, 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
Edward Dennis	Engineer

Mayor Moore presided and 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 Moore asked everyone to stand and join him in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Moore said we have Lt. Horsey here this evening and we'll call on him for his report.

Lt. Horsey said for the month of November they had 4 burglaries, 2 thefts, 7 motor vehicle accidents, 219 motor vehicle stops, 176 property checks. He said regarding the property checks that most residents don't realize that they have been there but they are out there checking mostly in the evenings. He still recommends that residents lock all their doors and windows, keep their garages, sheds, workshops locked up and if they have anything in their yards that can be used for scraps, put in their garages because otherwise it will be stolen.

Mayor Moore said we have the minutes or previous meetings for the committee's consideration:

- Agenda Meeting November 16, 2015
- Executive Session November 16, 2015
- Regular Meeting November 19, 2015

Committeeman Sutton made motion to approve, Committeeman Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Moore asked for engineer's report and Mr. Dennis said he did not have any more to add. He was disappointed we did not get the Laurel Lake Drainage Grant Phase III but said we will submit it again. He said all of our grants have been completed and are being closed out at this time. He said we do have a resolution on the agenda for tonight awarding contract to Cambria Solar Ezngery for our solar project on municipal properties.

Committeeman Sutton said he had asked Ed to give him a cost estimate for decorative light in Haleyville and he said probably 20 lights at a cost of \$125,000.

Mr. Dennis said they would have to prepare bid specs for those lights.

Mayor Moore said at this point in time, we have no idea where this money would even come from and I've spoken to someone in Haleyville about it already and they said you're going to spend money on decorative lights. He said we have people coming from the area to get food from the food pantry.

Committeeman Sutton said we probably could get it done at \$100,000 and I want to put it on the agenda.

Mayor Moore said I'm not going to vote for it now, I'm not against it, but I feel we need to talk about it and plan it out, I told you if you found a grant to buy them I would be for it. I talked to Mike Vizzard and he said the cost would be \$6,000 per light and that would be more than what Mauricetown's cost. He said Mauricetown has 22 lights, Port Norris has 39 and there is 77 is Laurel Lake. Mayor said this is not a priority thing, it for decoration, that's all it is., there are people having their properties foreclosed on, in food lines each week, we have roads that need to be done, I'm against it at this point in time, but I would support it if we could talk about it and find out exactly what it will cost.

Committeeman Sutton said but you can find money for other things.

Mayor Moore said yes for necessary things, this is not necessary. I will be glad to look it over.

Mayor asked for solicitor's report and Mr. Seeley said he feels we should have several land sales during the course of the year, with smaller number of properties, and that tax office have properties that they are proposing for land sale have full inspections so we don't run into problems such as we did this year. He did say that the properties that were turned back over to us were not our fault, the county health department said properties would need new septic and wells, purchasers didn't feel they could afford it, they forfeited their ten percent deposits. Mr. Seeley said regarding the issue of Block 135, Lot 7011 purchased at landsale that has retention basin on it with a pipe that drains the water away, he has spoken to purchaser George Hiles and Kari Elmer and they want to keep the property, they do not want to sell it back to the township. Mr. Seeley said he suggest that township have engineer do an onsite inspection, find the location of the pipe see how important this drain is to the township and whether or not we can afford to let purchaser retain property.

Committee authorized engineer to do onsite inspection and see whether we need to take the property back. A motion was made and seconded to that effect, all in favor, aye.

Mr. Dennis said there are two steps, survey the lot and find out where the pipe is and then we would have to create an easement plan. He said the first step will cost to send a crew out there and survey about \$1500, to draw up and easement plan, \$1500, round number \$3,000.

Mayor said okay we have estimate from engineer, \$3,000 what's your estimation Tom.

Mr. Seeley said it depends on what type of paperwork, how many deeds are going to have to be prepared, I won't know until we decide what is going to be needed to finalize the matter.

Mayor said okay we approved for Ed to survey and give us a report on his findings and then if feasible, do an easement.

Mayor said they had been given a copy of the bill list for the month of December for consideration and could he have a motion.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to approve, Committeeman Sutton seconded, roll call vote unanimous.

Mayor Moore said I suggest we take Item VI Off of the agenda at this time until we have further discussions with the state regarding the TSR for state police barracks.

Mayor Moore said we received notification from state DEP that January is Radon Action Month and they suggest that all residents test their homes for radon which is leading cause of lung cancer.

Mayor said we received notice from DCA that our application for Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III was denied. Mayor said engineer had already told us this bad news.

Mayor said township had received a bid from Edward Jamison, of Millville in the amount of \$15,000 for Block 10, Lots 5243 thru 5254, 240X100, known as 3200 Lakeshore Drive, Millville, NJ This property was previously advertised pursuant to New Jersey Statutes in the local newspaper under Resolution 2015-92 as "Surplus Property". Mayor Moore turned the meeting over to Solicitor Seeley.

Mr. Seeley stated township has a bid of \$15,000 for Block 20, Lot 5243 thru 5254, 240X100, 3200 Lakeshore Drive. Is there anyone here this evening want to bid on this property, being none, I strike the bid three time, and ask the pleasure of the committee, do they want to sell. Mayor Moore made motion to sell, Committeeman Sutton seconded and the following roll call vote was taken:

Committeeman Sutton	Yes
Committeeman Jamison	Abstained
Mayor Moore	Yes

Mayor Moore said we have several resolutions for consideration and same will be read by title only.

RESOLUTION 2015-121  
Awarding Contract To Cambria Solar/Eznergy NJ LLC

WHEREAS, THE Township of Committee of The Township of Commercial had authorized engineer to prepare specifications, advertised and accepted proposals for installation of solar panels on municipal property; and

WHEREAS, a bid proposal was accepted on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 fro Cambria Solar/Eznergy NJ LLC and upon recommendation of municipal engineer that proposal would be beneficial to township;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee to award a contract to Cambria Solar/Eznergy NJ LLC, 1561 Route 9, Toms River, NJ 08755.

RESOLUTION 2015-122  
Hiring Of Edward F. Duffy As Municipal Court Judge  
At Salary Of \$20,000

WHEREAS, Commercial Township Judge, John Casarow has effectively resigned as of December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Duffy has served as Commercial Township Municipal Prosecutor for the past ten yars and is available to fill Judge Casarow's vacancy;

WHEREAS, The Township of Commercial advertised the position under the Fair and Open Pay To Play and Edward F. Duffy filed an application for same; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Edward F. Duffy, Esquire, 2630 East Chestnut Avenue, Suite C-3, Vineland, NJ is hereby hired as Cmmercial Township Municipal Court Judge at a salary of \$20,000 with term commencing until December 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION 2015-123  
Hiring of Thomas M. Corrigan, Esquire As Commercial  
Township Prosecutor At Salary of \$10,741.59

WHEREAS, Commercial Township has advertised the position of municipal prosecutor under the Fair and Open Pay To Play ; and

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Corrigan, Esquire has filed an application for same and has been filling in for Prosecutor, Edward Duffy, for the past two months in Commercial's municipal court; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Thomas M. Corrigan, Esquire, 463 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton be hired to fill the position of Municipal Court Prosecutor at a salary of \$10,741.59 with term commencing January 1, 2016 and terminating December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2015-124  
Awarding Contract With SPCA For Animal  
Shelter Services for 2016 at No Increase in Fees

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the SPCA Animal Shelter Contract for 2016 be renewed with no increase in fees.

BE IT FURTHER RSOLVED contract will be effective January 1, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2015-125  
Budget Line Item Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following budgetary transfers be made to avoid over-expenditures in the 2015 Municipal Budet as requested by the Chief Financial Officer.

Line-Item	Amount
From:	
SW Disposal	9,000
General Administration OE	2,000
Municipal Clerk OE	1,000
Finance OE	1,000
Tax Collector OE	2,000
Tax Assessor OE	2,000
Land Use Board OE	2,000
Construction OE	1,000
Telephone Expense	3,000
Gas and Diesel Fuel	4,000
Tax Assessor SW	<u>4,000</u>

Total 31,000

Line-Item	Amount
To:	
Building & Grounds	27,000
Tax Assessor OE	<u>4,000</u>

Total 31,000

RESOLUTION 2015-126  
List of Uncollectible Taxes

I, Leslie A. Kraus, submit to you a list of taxes, which in my opinion are uncollectible. The reason as to why the taxes are uncollectible is listed below. I request that the same be cancelled and that I am relieved of the collection thereof as required y P.L. 115 (C. 54:4-91.91, 91.2)

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Year(s)	Amount	Reason
162	533	Township of Commercial	2014	82.49	Exempt Gifted
117	9820	Township of Commercial	2014	17.67	Exempt Gifted

Mayor Moore asked for a motion on the foregoing resolutions.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt Resolution 2015-121 thru 126, Committeeman Sutton seconded the motion with the following roll call vote:

Committeeman Jamison	Yes
Committeeman Sutton	Yes
Mayor Moore	Yes 121,122,124,125,126
Mayor Moore	No 123

Mayor Moore said Committeeman Sutton said there was a holiday on our agenda meeting, he suggested we have one meeting for January the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Committeeman Jamison approved, Committeeman Sutton approved .

Mayor said Reorganization meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Moore said there is a motion on the floor under report of officials, and Committeeman Sutton is making a motion, Ron what is your motion.

Committeeman Sutton said to go out to bid to finish the street lights in Haleyville.

Mayor Moore asked if there was a second to the motion.

Committeeman Jamison said I think we need to talk about it, you said you wanted to take the money out of surplus, we need to discuss it.

Mayor Moore said there was no second so the motion dies.

Committeeman Jamison said I think we need to table it, you wanted to take money out of surplus before and we didn't do it. I don't like hitting the surplus, I didn't do it before.

Mayor Moore said you have to second the motion in order to table it, so if you don't second the motion then the motion dies. Let's talk about it at the finance meeting.

Committeeman Jamison said I don't want it to die, so I'll change my vote so we can table it.

Mayor Moore said there's one motion to go out to bid, there was no second.

Committeeman Jamison said I made a motion that we table it.

Mayor Moore said I'll second it, all in favor say aye.

Mayor Moore asked if addition comments and being none made motion to adjourn.

Mr. Edward Dennis said Merry Christmas.

Mayor meeting adjourned

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Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk