

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on September 15, 2016 at 5:00 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

Those absent:

Edward Dennis	Engineer-Baby due today
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

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 Sutton asked everyone to stand for the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Sutton said we have Mrs. Pam Zook, Business Administrator for Commercial Township Schools. He said because Mrs. Zook has a back to school night for her daughter and lives in Cinniminson we have started this meeting at five.

Mrs. Zook said that the Board of Education has leased a bus from Sheppard Bus Service to get an idea what the cost would be for the school to provide their own bus service in the transportation of their students. Mrs. Zook said we have leased one bus at this time but we do not have a place to refuel except to go to WaWa or a gas station and pay sales tax. We would like to have an agreement with the township to fuel the bus here at the road department, probably on an every other day schedule, bus has a 50 gallon tank, we run approximately 100 miles per day.

Mayor Sutton said at this time we do not have a gage on our pumps to keep track of the amount of diesel fuel you would be using and the cost to replace the gage is about \$3,000. Would the school be willing to pay \$1,250.00, half of the cost of the gage. Mayor said he and Committeemen Jamison and Vizzard believe what they are experimenting in trying to provide their own bus service to their students is a great idea and worth the effort.

Mayor Sutton expressed that in the past the school board has not been very receptive to some of the shared services we proposed, but he feels the experiment is a worthwhile effort on their part to see if providing their own buses would be a savings to the tax payers.

Mrs. Zook said she would take the committee's request back to the board of education and she will get back to them.

Mayor Sutton stated we will go to the regular agenda and called on Station Commander of New Jersey State Police for his statistical reports for the month of August 2016 from the barracks.

Commander Horsey said for the month of August 2016 statistics were: Motor vehicles stops 116, property checks were 92, there were a few thefts that were reported, nothing too serious, credit card theft, stolen license plate, stolen car which turned out to be a civil matter, he said we had some thefts of electronics at the senior center and we decided that was an inside job. So this was not too bad as far as thefts go. Commander said he doesn't mention the officer's arrests when he comes to give the reports because often we turn those arrests into

sources of information and as far as summers go I feel that we did a very good job, we really kept the crime down. He said they will be getting some new recruits in shortly.

Mayor Sutton informed the commander that the township is working on getting their light fixtures improved in their parking lots.

Mayor Sutton said our next official this evening is Megan Wren from the Bayshore Center in Bivalve.

Mrs. Wren said she was here this evening to inform the committee of a Bivalve Fishermen and Farmers Market that is being started by local fishermen, crabbers, oystermen, farmers, crafters, musicians, etc. There will be workshops, vendors are welcome. Mrs. Wren said this will take place on Wednesdays, 3:00 to 7:00 P.M., from now until the final day for 2016 which will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Wren said they are hoping this will be a success and possibly could be a year around opening affair. She said they have prepared flyers for all of the stores, she had brought some for the township hall, senior center, family success center and she cordially invites the committee to attend.

Mayor Sutton said at our last township committee meeting I discussed that there is not a place in Port Norris where you can buy crabs and that someone needs to open a store or something where people can buy fresh seafood.

Mrs. Wren said she is hoping that people will come out, that they did a huge mailing along with the flyers that have been passed out and they look forward to the committee coming out.

Mayor Sutton thanked Mrs. Wren and the township committee thought it sounded like a terrific idea and hopefully residents will make use of it and support it.

Mayor Sutton said we have minutes of previous meetings for consideration:

Minutes Agenda Meeting August 15, 2016
Minutes Regular Meeting August 18, 2016

Mayor Sutton asked for a motion and Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt and Committeeman Vizzard seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton said we have Bill List for consideration for the month of August 2016, as prepared by CFO, Pam Humphries.

Committeeman Vizzard made motion to approve and Committeeman Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton said we have a letter from Carl Biggs, owns 7101 Samuel Drive and has been renovating until someone came and stole all of his equipment, heater, and building materials. He has asked permission from the committee to live in a travel trailer until he can make all of the necessary renovations, he feels three months would be adequate.

Mayor Sutton and Committeemen Jamison and Vizzard approved the request upon travel trailer being inspected by construction official David Dean before being brought into the township. Roll call vote unanimous. Period will begin once trailer is located on property of 7101 Samuel Drive.

Mayor Sutton said we have second reading and public hearing of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2016-579

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT FOR HALEYVILLE STREETLIGHTS, BY, IN AND FOR COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$58,550.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF

Mayor asked for motion to open meeting to the public and Committeeman Jamison made motion and Committeeman Vizzard seconded.

Mayor asked for comments from the public and being none asked for a motion to close the public portion and to adopt the ordinance.

Committeeman Vizzard made motion to close the public portion and to adopt the ordinance and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion and a unanimous roll call vote taken.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-102

Authorizing Solicitor To Prepare Necessary Documents In Accepting Donation of Property Of Block 73, Lots 1337 to 1341, Block 73, Lots 1344 to 1349

WHEREAS, Victor Orlov, 2501 Graiffs Way, Vineland, NJ wants to donate Property he owns to Commercial Township;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee to authorize the solicitor to prepare the necessary documentations in order to accept Block 73, Lots 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341 and Block 73, Lots 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349.

RESOLUTION 2016-103

Commercial Township Committee Authorizes the Purchase Of Two Street Lights, One Cherry Street, Port Norris, Cost \$502.19 And One 7210 Ackley Road, Laurel Lake, Cost \$1,117.11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Committee deemed that two street lights are necessary for the following areas and that the township will authorize the Atlantic City Electric to install the following for Cherry Street, Port Norris being one 150 watt hps cobra street light in the amount of \$502.19 and a second light at 7210 Ackley Road, Laurel Lake being 150 watt hps cobra street light in the amount of \$1,117.11.

RESOLUTION 2016-104

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 by P.L. 115 (C.54:4-91.91, 91.2)

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Years	Amount	Reason
18	3860	Township of Commercial	2016 ^{1st} ½ 2017	90.98	Exempt In Rem
25	4431	Township of Commercial	2016 ^{1st} ½ 2017	1,604.32	Exempt In Rem
30	7999	Township of Commercial	2016 ^{1st} ½ 2017	203.19	Exempt In Rem
49	6179	Township of Commercial	2016 ^{1st} ½ 2017	90.98	Exempt In Rem

49	6181	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	885.56	Exempt In Rem
54	1	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	342.70	Exempt In Rem
54	2	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	342.70	Exempt In Rem
61	681	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	160.74	Exempt In Rem
85	4759	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	391.22	Exempt In Rem
85	4755	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	233.52	Exempt In Rem
97	11013	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	157.70	Exempt In Rem
117	8084	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	470.09	Exempt In Rem
126	10825	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	1,734.73	Exempt In Rem
127	10809	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	312.37	Exempt In Rem
129	9917	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	312.37	Exempt In Rem
129	9913	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	233.52	Exempt In Rem
129	9902	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	233.52	Exempt In Rem
158	416	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	1,552.76	Exempt In Rem
152	32	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	391.22	Exempt In Rem
206	12	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	352.34	Exempt In Rem
206	11	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	349.37	Exempt In Rem
222	4.01	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	550.71	Exempt In Rem
261	5	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	78.35	Exempt In Rem
135	7020	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	87.95	Exempt In Rem
135	7024	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	90.98	Exempt In Rem
135	7022	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	90.98	Exempt In Rem
53	7222	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	2,486.85	Exempt In Rem
151	876	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	394.25	Exempt In Rem
214	3.01	Township of Commercial	20161 st ½ 2017	950.40	Exempt In Rem

RESOLUTION 2016-105

A Resolution of Township of Commercial, Township Committee Adopting the Mitigation Plan For Four New Jersey Counties

WHEREAS, The Township Committee recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial has participated in the preparation of the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties, a multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties includes:

- The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Annexes that include summary information common to all participating jurisdictions in the four county region, and
- The Township of Commercial Appendix that identifies mitigation goals, strategies, and measures specifically for the Township of Commercial to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future events and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Township Committee demonstrates commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the passing of this Resolution, be it resolved by the Township of Commercial, Cumberland County, New Jersey, that:

The Township Committee adopts the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties and the Township of Commercial Appendix including authorizing the formulation and duties of the Township of Commercial Hazard Mitigation Working Group as follows:

1. The Working Group shall be convened by the Township of Commercial Emergency Management Coordinator and will include representatives of the following departments, agencies, and organizations and other interested parties:

- a. Commercial Township OEM
- b. Commercial Township Committee
- c. Cumberland County OEM Coordinator
- d. Construction Official
- e. Land Use Board Member
- f. Commercial Township Engineer
- g. Commercial Township Public Works Supervisor, staff
- h. Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- i. Mauricetown Fire Company
- j. Port Norris Fire
- k. Mauricetown/Haleyville Church Representative
- l. Bayshore Center
- m. Marina/Commercial Fishery Representative
- n. U.S. Silica Environmental Administrator

2. The Working Group shall convene to conduct plan implementation and maintenance activities as identified in the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Township of Commercial Appendix including monitoring, evaluation, and updating the Township of Commercial Appendix and providing annual reports to the Township of Commercial, Township Committee and the Cumberland County Office of Emergency Management.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee the Township of Commercial has adopted the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties.

RESOLUTION 2016-106
Hiring Manela Hernandez As Court Recorder For
Commercial Township Municipal Court

BE IT RESOLVED that Manela Hernandez, 103 Ye Greate Street, Greenwich, NJ 08323 is hired as a Court Recorder for the Commercial Township Municipal Court and she will be paid in accordance with the 2016 Salary Ordinance.

RESOLUTION 2016-107
Authorizing Three Month Extension To US Silica For
Block 199, Lots 22,23, Block 214, Lots 1,32,33,34,36; Block 215, Lot 1.74

WHEREAS, US Silica has asked for a three month extension in their presentation of the application of renewal of their current five year sand mining license which currently expires December 31, 2016. and

WHEREAS, approval resolutions granted by the land use board are not approved until the land use board's next scheduled monthly meeting; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a three month extension is granted to US Silica Co., upon the date of their five year renewal application being filed before the land use board for Block 199, Lots 22,23, Block 214, Lot1, 32,33,34,36, and Block 215, Lot 1.74, with extension being granted until March 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once renewal of five year sand mining license is approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the date of renewal of license for US Silica Co., will run concurrent with the current expiration date of December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-108
Awarding Contract To Janney Electric Inc., In The
Amount of \$188,550.00 For Municipal Street Lights Haleyville

WHEREAS, Commercial Township solicited bids for the Haleyville Street Light Improvements, and

WHEREAS, Janney Electric Inc., of 143 Cumberland Avenue, Estell Manor, NJ 08319 was the lowest bidder; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a contract has been awarded to Janney Electric Inc., in the amount of \$188,550.00 for the installation of municipal street lights in Haleyville

Mayor Sutton asked if there were comments from the audience.

Mr. Frank Donahue expressed his concerns with the adoption of the Mitigation Plan for the Four Counties. He said he didn't feel that the state has investigated the Mitigation Plan thoroughly enough, that he has called them and expressed his concerns that Port Norris is going to be wiped out unless they do something to stop the flood waters. If we should get a very bad storm such as Sandy. He said we lucked out with Sandy, but the next time we might not. He said he has been to township meetings in the past and expressed his concerns, he has talked with Committeeman Jamison at one time, he attended meetings with Mayor Donna Moore and expressed the same concerns. He has contacted DEP, EPA, DCA, all state agencies to look at what kind of catastrophic problems could be created for the residents if a huge storm hits. He said he wished the committee would reconsider on the adoption. He said now his property is in a flood zone and he is struggling because he has a mortgage and in order to get the flood insurance he will have to go through the bank.

Mayor Sutton said his son had to purchase flood insurance and the cost was over \$3,000.

Mr. Donahue said this was the first step, next year they are going to the second step and the cost is even going to be higher.

Committeeman Vizzard said you mentioned that you had seen the mitigation plans.

Mr. Donahue said he saw the first ones and he believes that was in 2007. He said it was pretty well written and tried to point people in the right direction, the federal government took it to the state and the state gives it to the county and the county gives it to the municipalities.

Mayor said I'm certain Fred can help you out.

Mr. Donahue said I want Fred to help us out, this is a burden on Commercial Township also. We get just one big storm and it could be wiped out.

Committeeman Vizzard asked did you say that the project did not include residential properties. I'm kind of lost. I'm just trying to learn something about it.

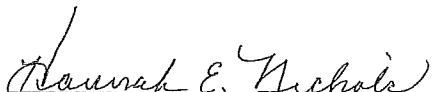
Mr. Donahue said they pardoned county bridge, they pardoned the bulkheads over on Berry Avenue, there's two properties I believe up by the mouth of the Maurice River, I'm not going to name the owners, they've kind of got little bit of money earmarked in anticipation of something to try and help them out up there with mitigation efforts with a storm. He said they might do some dredging but what's the efficiency versus the effectiveness, it might be more effective with if they could allow some type of grant program to give improvements to certain households so they can pardon residential properties.

Mayor Sutton told Mr. Donahue to contact Fred Hundt, Office of Emergency Management, he is Commercial Township Emergency Management Coordinator and I am sure that he will be able to inform you as to why this plan needs to be adopted and adopted at this time and he can probably inform you to who would be the proper individual on the state level to listen to you. He said if it takes a meeting with OEM, Fred and the county we will do it.

Mayor Sutton asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

Committeeman Jamison said he made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2016-102 through 2016-108 and Committeeman Vizzard seconded the motion, with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton asked for a motion to adjourn, and it was so moved.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk