

Minutes of the Township Committee Agenda Meeting of the Township of Commercial held on Monday, April 17, 2017 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 called upon Barney Hollinger, Waterfront Coordinator.

Mr. Hollinger stated that the State of New Jersey has recognized the Bayshore Council and will want an annual report filed. He said the next meeting will be held in the Villas.

Mayor thanked Mr. Hollinger and called on Russell Stormes, Food Bank Pantry Coordinator.

Mr. Stormes said the food pantry gave out 130 hams with all of the fixings to families for Easter Dinner. He said the food pantry is open twice a month, the fourth Saturday to everyone in need and the second Wednesday of the month for Commercial Township residents only.

Mayor thanked Mr. Stormes and said he and his staff do an outstanding job for the township.

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

Mr. Dennis said the Haleyville Light project is complete and he asked if Committeeman Vizzard had any issues that still needed to be addressed.

Committeeman Vizzard responded he did not.

Mr. Dennis said they are going out to bid for Raymond Drive Phase III and that committee should be able to award a contract at the May meeting. He said on the Bivalve Station Shore Protection Improvements Phase II, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has stated another survey of the property must be done before they will issue the permit. Remington/Vernick and Walberg has submitted a proposal of \$4,900 for the survey.

Committee told Clerk to prepare resolution of approval for the regular meeting on Thursday, April 20th, for \$4,900 for survey.

Mr. Dennis said the committee is interested in purchasing portion of adjoining property for solar installation for municipal building. He said the property would have to be surveyed to determine where current septic system is located and if there is enough land that can be subdivided off. He said he would have a proposal for the regular meeting.

Mayor Sutton asked Committeeman Vizzard if he had gotten a sale price.

Committeeman Vizzard said he has not, he's not sure if they want to sell at this time.

Mayor Sutton determined that no survey would be done until something definite.

Mayor Sutton said we have the following correspondence. He said we have a letter from the Bayshore Center at Bivalve requesting the use of township parking lots for Bay Day Celebration on June 3rd, that township committee approve the closing of Memorial Avenue, Main Street to High and High Street to Bivalve for the Bay Day Strut Parade.

Committee said prepare resolution for parade and closing streets for June 3rd and if Certificate of Liability Insurance has been submitted.

Mayor Sutton said we have a letter from Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF), that employees of Commercial Township have been awarded \$1,650 for their participation in the 2016 Safety Incentive Program.

Mayor said this will stay on for the regular meeting.

Mayor said we have a letter from Verizon requesting permission to use the right-of-way for upgrade and enhance its network by deploying small network nodes on poles installed on public right-of-way.

This was approved for adoption on April 20th. by resolution. Remove from the agenda.

Letter from Ted Baker, Attorney for Cumberland County and Municipalities against Verizon, requesting committee to review Agreement of Stipulations with Verizon and their agreement to improve the copper landlines for better service. The BPU is anxious for this agreement to be approved.

Committee commended Mr. Baker for the stupendous job he has done over the past two years getting Verizon to agree to improve their copper landlines for better service.

Committee approved resolution to be adopted at the regular meeting on April 20th.

Mayor said we had a shared services agreement to review from the Cumberland County Improvement Authority for motor vehicle repairs at \$52.70 per hour. He stated that the committee reviewed same and that Committeeman Vizzard had a question in regards to Non Suing Clause. It was decided that agreement would be signed with that portion of the agreement being crossed out and see if they will accept.

Committee will approve agreement minus Non Suing Clause, Clerk was to prepare resolution for April 20th meeting.

Mayor Sutton stated that the following items and resolution have been requested by the committee, department heads, residents, etc., and they will be acted upon at the Thursday April 20, 2017 regular township committee meeting.

1. Minutes & Bills Paid
2. Land Sale, bid \$5000 for Block 16, lots 4186 thru 4193, 7501 Battle Lane
3. Resolution 2017-63 Approving Verizon Wireless
4. Resolution 2017-64 Read Budget by Title Only, hold public hearing
5. Resolution 2017-65 Amend 2017 Budget
6. Resolution 2017-66 Adopt Municipal Budget

7. Resolution 2017-67 Budget Insertion \$275 Jif Wellness Incentive Program
8. Resolution 2017-68 Budget Insertion \$1,500 Optional Safety Budget Program
9. Resolution 2017-69 Budget Insertion \$1,650 Employees Safety Incentive Program
10. Resolution 2017-70 Authorizing Tax Collector
11. Resolution 2017-71 Supporting Motorcycle Events In Maurice River Twp. on State Fish and Game Property
12. Resolution 2017-72 Execution of Stipulation Of Settlement Between the County Of Cumberland and Verizon of New Jersey
13. Resolution 2017-73 Approving Parade Route For Bayshore Center At Bivalve 3rd June
14. Resolution 2017-74 Approving Coin Toss Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire & Rescue 2017
15. Resolution 2017-75 Endorsement Fireworks Display for Bay Day Celebration
16. Resolution 2017-76 Awarding Contract to Schaefer Fireworks For Bay Day

Clerk stated on Resolutions 75 and 76 she put these on the agenda because May meeting would be too late. I will check with Bayshore Center to make sure they will have the money for the fireworks and if Schaefer will do the display.

Mayor said leave them but see if you can find out by Thursday.

Mayor asked for reports and being none asked for motion to open meeting to the public.

Mr. Russell Stormes, Chairman of the Land Use Board asked committee if there could be a land use board meeting held in May, even if they do not have cases to discuss. He said we have correspondence from John Nardone, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, who has reviewed the revisions to the Commercial Township Up Grade of the Master Plan. Mr. Stormes feels that the board should review these items of revisions and possibly have Sally Birdsall present. We have paid Fralinger Engineering for the mandated upgrade, we need to see if these revisions of the environmental commission need to be incorporated.

Mayor Sutton said okay.

Mr. Keven Young said that he would like permission to use baseball field in Laurel Lake for Flag Football teams, he said the kids of today need something to do and he and a friend are willing to donate their time so that the kids will have some type of recreation. He said he is interested in starting a football league, he said the basketball program has been very successful. He said the kids of Commercial Township have a lot of talent and they need recreation to get involved here in Commercial Township. He said he wants to create a league so that they can invite teams here to play.

Committee asked what kind of financial support are they looking for.

Mr. Young said at this time they are not looking for funding.

Committee questioned if this would require additional insurance and asked the Clerk to contact JIF and see what would be required for the Commercial Township Recreation Program sponsored a football program for kids and possibly a summer basketball program at the Laurel Lake Park.

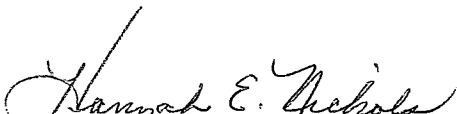
Mayor Sutton said we'll look into it.

Mr. Young asked what would be his next step.

Mayor said maybe the recreation committee should hold a meeting and see what kind of help the members could provide for the kids.

Mayor Sutton asked for additional comments and being none asked for a motion to close the public portion.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to close public portion and to adjourn the meeting and Committeeman Vizzard seconded the motion.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk