

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on Monday, March 13, 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
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Mayor Sutton 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 called upon Ed Dennis, Engineer for his report.

Mr. Dennis said he has filed two applications for state aid, Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III, priority one, and Samuel Drive, priority two. He said the Haleyville Street Lights are done and that Raymond Drive Phase III will go out to bid in April. Mr. Dennis said on the Bivalve Station Shore Protection Program should be in a couple of months, that they are in their final approval stage. Mr. Dennis said his office will continue to do Tax Map and GIS Maintenance and he will be forwarding proposal for Thursday meeting, Also there will be a change order for the Haleyville Street Lighting Project, they had to purchase a lighting contractor, this was discussed with Pam and will be forwarded to Hannah tomorrow. Mr. Dennis said Mobilitie LLC contacted him and wanted to know what else the township might want to approve their request.

Mayor Sutton said at this time we're just waiting until they get all of this worked out, Verizon has submitted a plan and there are others out there.

Solicitor Seeley said he and Committeeman Vizzard attended a webinar regarding the utility poles that these companies want to install and as far as he's concerned there is no big hurry.

Mr. Dennis said Resource Renewal a conditional landfill developer is still in their process of due diligence and will report back to the committee within 90 days. He said regarding Township Wide contract to Cambria Solar that the installation of the solar panels are substantially complete.

Committeeman Vizzard said he would like to install the solar panels for the road garage, that he would have to check on getting additional property so they could be installed on the ground. It is something that he is looking into.

Mayor Sutton said we have a letter from concerned citizen regarding how fast motorist travel on Spring Garden Road and then turn in on Keron and Williams Avenue. He said people speed in the manor and soon school will be out and some child is going to get hurt. He asked the township to put up some 25 mile speed signs and slow children playing or something to make the speeders slow down.

Mayor Sutton said the committee would have public works install some speed signs and some caution, go slow signs. He also said they would ask that the state police when in the area check for speeders in the Laurel Lake area.

Mayor said we have a letter from Employee, Heather Whitaker, who has taken over the Wellness Program for the township and she would like to propose a township wide walk-a-thon. Heather asked for the committee's input on some other type of wellness program they might suggest. Mayor said she would like to see that the School Board, Family Success Center, the entire township get involved. (Committee said remove from agenda)

Committee said they thought a walk-a-thon was a good idea and they would talk to Heather on what support she would need. (Committee remove from agenda)

Mayor said we have received a letter from George & Verna Plitnik, Tampa, Florida and they want to donate property that they own to the township, Block 108, Lots 8384,8385,8386,8387, 80X100, known as 322 Satinwood Road, and they have already sent in a check in the amount of \$600 to help offset legal fees.

Committeeman Jamison asked did they say why they wanted to donate it to township.

Mr. Seeley said many people are relinquishing property they purchased years ago, they are not moving here and they are tired of paying taxes. We adopted an ordinance allowing us to charge \$600 toward legal fees.

Mayor asked if committee was willing to accept. They agreed and item was placed on regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Sutton said we have a letter from Reverend Anthony El Elliott, Sr., Apostolic Lighthouse Church of Millville, he has submitted a bid of \$5000 for Block 16, Lots 4186, thru 4193, approximately 153X88, known as 7501 Battle Lane, Laurel Lake. He said Reverend Elliott has expressed desire to make necessary repairs and reopen the church in Laurel Lake with many services offered. Committee said they will accept the offer and to place it on the agenda of the regular meeting on the 16th of March to set land sale date.

Mayor said we have several items scheduled for Thursday's Regular Meeting on the 16th, those being:

Land Sale: Bid of \$200 for 40X100 Block 122, Lots 9390,9391. This is undersized lot, all adjoining owners have been notified by certified mail, 30 days prior to the sale and bid was advertised two times prior to the sale date. Auction March 16th at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor said the following resolutions have been submitted by department heads, committee, county and state to be placed on March 16th agenda.

- Resolution 2017-52 Introduction of 2017 Municipal Budget
- Resolution 2017-53 Self-Examination of 2017 Municipal Budget
- Resolution 2017-54 Enabling Agent and Contracting For Online Energy Supply Procurement
- Resolution 2017-55 Foreclose By Summary Proceedings In Rem Tax Foreclosure Act
- Resolution 2017-56 Requesting That The Southern New Jersey Region Receives Its Fair Share Of State Aid and/or General Public Benefits
- Resolution 2017-57 Appointing Russell Stormes as Commercial Township Food Bank Pantry Coordinator
- Resolution 2017-58 Authorizing Township Solicitor To Proceed With In Rem Foreclosure As Prepared By Tax Collector

- Resolution 2017-59 Land Sale Of Commercial Township Surplus Property, Saturday, May 20th,
- Resolution 2017-60 Awarding Contract To Remington/Vernick&Walberg Engineers For Deed Review, Tax Map Upgrades, and GIS Maintenance In Amount of \$11,000
- Resolution 2017-61 Approving Change Order #1, Haleyville Municipal Street Light Project
- Resolution 2017-62 Approving Port Norris Rotary Walk-A-Thon April 1, 2017

Mayor Sutton asked if Riverfront Consultant, Barney Hollinger, had anything to report.

Mr. Barney Hollinger said he had attended a Bayshore Council Meeting on February 22, in Salem at the PSEG Building. He said a discussion was held regarding Pilot Funding and if there were any funds. He said the Bayshore Council decided to send a letter regarding Pilot Funding and how could they apply for it. He said Van Drew was going to get him a copy of a resolution. He said the Bayshore Council's next meeting is going to be on April 19, 2017 at 1:30 P.M. He said no determination has been made as to where it will be held, he said he heard that it was going to be at a distillery.

Mayor asked for motion and second to open meeting to the public. So moved.

Mrs. Weiderhold of Laurel Lake said that animal control has trapped some cats and she was told that township was being charged \$90, is that correct.

Mayor Sutton said not correct, he thought \$45.00-55.00.

Mrs. Weiderhold said well the cat is back, the owner must have bailed it out and she feels that maybe they have to pay a little bit for to get their pet cat back.

Mayor Sutton said that's not possible those fees have been set and we do have a contract.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for motion to close the meeting and motion was made and seconded.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk