

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on November 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
Clint Miller	Road 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.

Mr. Clint Miller said that Mr. Beatty of Beatty & Son Heating & Air Conditioning couldn't make it but he said that the current system in the senior center is too large and he feels the best way to go is remove the current system and replace them with two smaller units, units that will heat the facility.

Mayor said we have some correspondence and read a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection that they had inspected our convenience center and we have been awarded an Environmental Stewardship for going above and beyond . Congrats to Public Works.

Mayor said we have a memorandum from Pam Humphries, Chief Financial Officer regarding our Best Practice Report. This year our average is 84 per cent and therefore our state aid is intact. Mayor said one of requirements of Best Practice is that it has to be discussed at our regular township meeting on Thursday.

Mayor said we have an agreement to review to join a New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System. We want to buy a mower and they have state contract and we will not need to go out to bid because they have already gotten the lowest price. Mayor asked Mr. Miller if this was in regards to the purchase of the new mower.

Mr. Miller stated that it was.

Mayor said we have received a letter from Mobilitie who would like to meet or discuss with the committee the growing demand for connectivity, hybrid transport network that provides high-speed high capacity bandwidth services. Committee determined that they did not want to meet with them at this time.

Cumberland County Purchasing has obtained prices for rock salt and road supervisor wants to take advantage of price at \$53.39 or \$51.99 per ton.

Committee said put a resolution to approve contract with lowest bidder for regular meeting.

Mayor said we have a letter from Alvin Newcomb, he has offered \$2,000 for Block 213, Lot 16, 1701 North Avenue,. Property has a house on it.

Committee discussed the offer and asked clerk to have Mr. Newcomb come to the regular meeting.

Mayor said Kathi Bruno has informed committee that Land Use Board has approved the re-examination of the Master Plan and that the committee needs to review and adopt.

Committee said they would review and for clerk to prepare resolution of adoption for regular meeting.

Mayor said we have received a letter from Thomas P. Mahoney, Fire Subcode Official, that he will be resigning effective December 31, 2017.

Committee said to put letter on agenda of regular meeting for acceptance.

Mayor said we have a memo from Heather Whitaker, secretary tax office, requesting to carry over 5 1/2 vacation days.

Mayor and committee said they worked very hard during the last contract for employees to use up their vacation and personnel days, sick days they can accumulate.

The committee said to put on the agenda of regular meeting but they are not in favor of carry over of vacation days.

Mayor said we will have a land sale on Thursday, we have received a bid of \$3000 for Block 117, Lots 9807,9812, 120X100.

Mayor said we will have introduction of two ordinances at the regular meeting one for \$14,600 for building and grounds and the 2018 Salary Scale Ordinances.

Mayor said we will have the following resolutions for the regular meeting and same will be read by title only, under Resolution 1 Consent Resolution.

Resolution: Declaring November 2017 As Veterans Appreciation Month

Resolution: Establishing A Bank Account For The Veterans Park Fund As Newfield National Bank

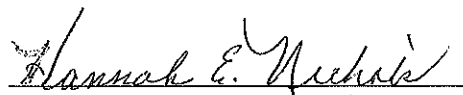
Resolution: Approving Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue Inc., Bingo & Raffle License

Resolution: Approving Master Plan Re-examination

Resolution: Authorizing Road Supervisor To Purchase Rock Salt Through Cumberland Co. Purchasing at \$51.99/\$53.39 per ton from Chemical Equipment Lbs. DE.

Resolution: Authorizing Township of Commercial To Enter Into Cooperative Pricing Agreement With The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

Mayor asked for additional comments from the public and being none asked if committee had any additional item to discuss, being none asked for meeting to adjourn.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk