

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on April 20, 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 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 asked everyone to stand and join the committee in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor said we have a representative of the NJ State Police present for a monthly report.

Officer stated that the statistics were for the month of March 2017. He stated out of 800 and some calls, 332 were from Commercial Township, 103 motor vehicle stops, 44 criminal investigations, 7 accidents, 15 burglaries, 5 thefts, motorcycle, jewelry, electronics devises. He said people have to remember to lock their cars, homes, garages, sheds. March was a very busy month.

Mayor thanked the officer and asked the public if they had any questions for the officer and being none he called on Megan Wren.

Mrs. Wren stated that she was here to thank the committee for their support and their financial support for the 25 Annual Bay Day event. She hopes the committee will be a participant in the Bay Day Parade. Mrs. Wren said the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the fireworks and that letters have been prepared to send to businesses asking for their support in the Bay Day event. She said the Farmers Market is going to open the first Wednesday in May which is the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the time is from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. and she hopes the committee will come out and participate. Mrs. Wren said that Bayshore will be working on an Endowment program, a program that shows those that follow her how to operate without her. There are many things we still want to do so a plan needs to materialize on how to do it. Mrs. Wren said she would like to bring in the new successor to meet with the committee and she'll try to make arrangements when everyone can be available.

Mayor Sutton thanked Mrs. Wren and said she is to be commended for the accomplishments she has made to the area and particularly in Bivalve over the past years.

Mayor Sutton said next item are the minutes of previous meetings for consideration.

Minutes of Executive Session Regarding Union Contract March 8, 2017  
Minutes of Agenda Meeting of March 13, 2017  
Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 16, 2017

Committeeman Vizzard made motion to approve minutes, Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton said Pam Humphries has given Bill List for month of April 2017 and is there a motion from the committee.

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

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

Mr. Dennis said he didn't have anything to add since his report on Monday, that the Haleyville Lights Project has been completed and final payment is on bill list. He said Raymond Drive Phase III will be going out to bid and contract should be awarded at May meeting. He stated that a permit will be issued by DEP for Bivalve Station once a new survey is completed. He said he has prepared a proposal for survey of Block 244, Lot 7 at \$6900.

Mayor Sutton said on the survey of Block 244, Lot 7, we're going to hold off at this time because we're not even sure they want to sell. He thanked Mr. Dennis and said next item is landsale of Block 16, Lot 4186 thru 4190 and turned this portion of the meeting to Solicitor Seeley.

Mr. Seeley stated that township has received a bid of \$5,000 for Block 16, Lots 4186 thru 4193 and that bid was advertised in local newspaper, all adjoining owners have been notified by certified mail and that property was declared surplus property in the last September 23, 2015 landsale. He said advertisement reads public auction and that committee reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. He said we have \$5,000 bid are there any additional bids, the bidding went to competitive bidding and final bid was \$10,500. Bid was struck three times and and Mr. Seeley asked township committee if they wanted to accept. Bidder must put down ten, percent this evening, balance in 30 days, with conveyance fee of \$400 for legal expenses.

A motion was made and second by the committee to accept \$10,500 bid for Block 16, Lots 4186, thru 4193, 7501 Battle Lane, Laurel Lake, being sold to Apostolic Lighthouse Church of Millville, 1346 Fairton Road, Millville, NJ 08332, Reverend Anthony E. Elliott Sr., bidder. Roll call vote unanimous.

Mayor Sutton called upon Steve Trumbo, Representative of solar company Synergy LLC, who does a lot of projects with schools and municipalities.

Mr. Trumbo said upon their review of the electric bills township would benefit from solar panels for the municipal hall because township has large electric demand 48,000 kilowatts and we could probably save 40%. He said the electrical usage for the library is about 4,000 kilowatts and the road garage 6,000 kilowatts, both are minimal and it would not be worth the installation of panels for those two facilities. He stated that he would recommend that the panels be placed on the ground and not on the roof. He said there would be no out of pocket expense to the township.

Mayor Sutton stated that township has approached adjoining owner to see if they would be interested in selling the township a portion of their property. Mayor said we have not had any definitive answer so far.

Committeeman Vizzard said we have a contract with Cambria and they know that we are trying to obtain additional property for the township hall and I think we need to give them a chance.

Synergy representative said he wasn't aware of the Cambria contract, he said Cambria are Synergy's builders, we work together. He said he would continue with the school.

Mr. Dennis, Engineer, asked if the solar industry is making a comeback?

Synergy representative said it has stabilized.

Mayor thanked Mr. Trumbo for coming.

Mayor said the following correspondence was received and approved. A letter from Bayshore Center to use our parking lots on June 3<sup>rd</sup> Bay Day Celebration for parking. Township was awarded \$1,650. 00 for employees participation in the Safety Incentive Program from JIF Insurance. Committee approved Stipulation of Settlement with Verizon on upgrading copper landlines with Cumberland County. Approved Shared Services agreement with CCIA Road Maintenance Program if Non-Suing Clause removed and committee did not approve survey of Block 244, Lot 7 at cost of \$6,900 at this time because owner has not agreed to sell.

**RESOLUTION 2017-63**

Resolution Of The Township Committee Of The Township of Commercial  
Approving Verizon Wireless

WHEREAS, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, ("Verizon Wireless"), is a provider of commercial mobile service subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission; and

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has entered into agreement with parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles in the public right-of-way pursuant to which Verizon Wireless may use such poles erected within the public right-of-way in the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law permits such use provided that there is the consent of the relevant municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:

1. Permission and authority are hereby granted to Verizon Wireless and its successors and assigns, to use poles erected by parties that have the lawful right to maintain poles within the public right-of-way in the Township of Commercial, subject to the following:
  - A. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws regarding safety requirements related to the use of the public right-of-way.
  - B. Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws requirement permits prior to beginning construction, and shall obtain any applicable permits that may be required by the Township of Commercial
  - C. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the condition and provision that Verizon Wireless, and its successors and assigns, shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Township of Commercial, its officers, agents, and servants, from any claim of liability or loss or bodily injury or property damage resulting from or arising out of the acts or omissions of Verizon Wireless or its agents in connection with the use and occupancy poles located within the public right-of-way, except to the extent resulting from the acts or omissions of the Township of Commercial
  - D. Verizon Wireless shall, at its own cost and expense, maintain commercial general liability insurance with limits not less than \$1,000,000 for injury of or death of one or more persons in any one occurrence and \$500,000 for damage or destruction to property in any one occurrence. Verizon Wireless shall include the Township of Commercial as an additional insured.

- E. Verizon Wireless shall be responsible for the repair of any damage to paving, existing utility lines, or any surface or subsurface installations, arising from its construction, installation or maintenance of its facilities.
- F. Not with standing any provision contained herein, neither the Township of Commercial nor Verizon Wireless shall be liable to the other for consequential, incidental, exemplary, or punitive damages on account of any activity pursuant to this instrument.
- G. This instrument shall be adopted on behalf of the Township of Commercial by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial and attested to by the Township of Commercial Clerk who shall affix the Township of Commercial Seal thereto.

The permission and authority hereby granted shall continue for the same period of time as the grant to parties whose poles Verizon Wireless is using.

#### STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes Verizon Wireless to use poles erected within the public right-of-way of the Township of Commercial by parties that have the lawful right to maintain such poles.

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

Mayor Sutton said we had the introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and we have the following resolution to read budget by title only.

#### RESOLUTION 2017-64 Read Budget By Title Only

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by L. 2015, c.95,14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the dates of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection and has been made available to each person upon request, and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that budget can be ready by title only.

Mayor asked for motion and second to adopt resolution and hold the public hearing.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt and hold public hearing and Committeeman Vizzard seconded.

Mayor Sutton asked for any comments from the public, he stated that there wasn't any increase in the municipal budget. With no comments being made, Mayor asked for motion to close the public hearing and to introduce a resolution to amend the 2017.

#### RESOLUTION 2017-65 To Amend The 2017 Municipal Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2107 was approved on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1017, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2017 be made.

GENERAL REVENUES	FROM	TO
3. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section A: Local Revenues	-	955.00
Anticipated General Capital Fund Balance		
Total Section A: Local Revenues	429,852.85	430,807.85
Summary of Revenues		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Total Section A: Local Revenues	429,852.85	430,807.85
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,030,748.55	1,031,703.55
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3,and4)	1,654,498.55	1,655,453.55
7.Total General Revenues	3,259,654.54	3,260,609.54
CURRENT FUND – APPROPRIATIONS	FROM	TO
8. General Appropriations		
(D) Municipal Debt Service _ Excluded from "CAPS"		
Interest on Notes	17,033.89	17,988.89
Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from "CAPS"	208,941.89	209,896.89
(H-2) Total General Appropriations For Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	345,286.59	346,241.59
(O) Total General Appropriations – Excluded from "CAPS"	345,286.59	346,241.59
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	2,840,621.59	2,841,576.59
9. Total General Appropriations	3,259,654.54	3,260,609.54
Summary of Appropriations		
(D) Municipal Debt Service	208,941.89	209,896.89
Total General Appropriations	3,259,654.54	3,260,609.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Township Committee on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

Recorded Vote:

Aye	3	Abstained	0
Nays	0	Abstained	0

**RESOLUTION 2017-66**  
To Adopt The 2017 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$1,605,155.99 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) None (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School District only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2)  
To be raised by taxation and
- (c) None (Item 4 below) to be added to the Certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of General Revenues and appropriations.
- (d) None (Sheet 43) Open Space, "Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.
- (e) None (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Levy.

1. GENERAL REVENUES

Surplus Anticipated	08-100	323,750.00
Misc. Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	1,031,703.55
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	300,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (item 6 (a), Sheet 11		
	07-190	1,605,155.99
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY: Item 6, Sheet 42		
	07-195	0.00
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts only		
		0.00
4. TO BE ADDED TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S. 40A:4-14)	07-191	0.00
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY		
	07-192	0.00
Total Revenues	40000-10	3,260,609.54

6. GENERAL APPROPRIATION

Within "CAPS"

(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	2,356,253.00
(c) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-Municipal	139,082.00
(g) Cash Deficit	0.00

Excluded from "CAPS"

(a) Operations-Total Operations Excluded From "CAPS"	50,510.70
(c) Capital Improvements	80,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	209,896.89
(e) Deferred Charges-Municipal	0.00
(f) Judgements	0.00
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	5,834.00
(g) Cash Deficit	0.00
(k) For Local District School Purposes	0.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves If Any)	419,032.95

7. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS-TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY(N.J.S.40A:4-13) 0.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 3,260,609.54

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the name amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2017 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Roll call vote:

Ayes 3 Abstained 0

Nays 0 Abstained 0

RESOLUTION 2017-67

Budget Insertion \$275.00 ACMJIF Wellness Incentive Program

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$275.00, which is now available from ACMJIF Wellness Incentive Program in the amount of \$275.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$275.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption ACMJIF Wellness Incentive Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from ACMFIF Wellness Incentive Program in the amount of \$275.00.

RESOLUTION 2017-68

Budget Insertion \$1,500.00 ACMJIF Safety Budget Program

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$1,500.00,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$1,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption ACMJIF Optional Safety Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from ACMJIF Optional Safety Program in the amount of \$1,500.00.

RESOLUTION 2017-69

Budget Insertion \$1,650.00 ACMJI Safety Incentive Program

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined a the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$1,650.00, which is now available from ACMJIF Safety Incentive Program in the amount of \$1,650.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$1,650.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption ACMJIF Safety Incentive Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from ACMJIF Safety Incentive Program in the amount of \$1,650.00.

RESOLUTION 2017-70

Authorizing Transfer of Overpayment To Other Tax Years Or Refund Of Overpayment to Owner, Payer Or Their Representative

WHEREAS, it was discovered after downloading the 2017 MOD IV and/or during the preparation of the tax bills that there were several overpayments existing on numerous line items. The overpayments were created due to reduction in the tax assessments, the recent Homestead Credit Benefit, combining of lots, change in lot number, removal of assessment or pursuant to a successful appeal filed with the County Board of Taxation lowering said assessments, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, said overpayments will need to be refunded to the owner, person who made payment or their representative. With said overpayments exceeding \$10.00, approval from the Commercial Township Committee is required before action is to be taken, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector for Commercial Township is authorized to submit a voucher for refund of existing overpayments as listed below. It is further requested that the Certified Financial Officer be authorized to refund as indicated by voucher.

Block	Lot	Owner	Year	Amount	Reason
184	19	Harold & Barbara Snell	2017/2 <sup>nd</sup>	293.93	100% Exempt Veteran Refund 2014 Homestead Benefit Credit
214	44	Muriel Carter (SSP)	2017/2 <sup>nd</sup>	241.05	100% Exempt Veteran Refund 2014 Homestead Benefit Credit
158	384	Bonnie Cope (SSP)	2017/2 <sup>nd</sup>	293.51	100% Exempt Veteran Refund 2014 Homestead Benefit Credit

RESOLUTION 2017-71

Supporting Motorcycle Events In Maurice River Township On New Jersey Fish And Game Properties

WHEREAS, organized motorized sporting events have taken place in Maurice River Township for many years; and

WHEREAS, these events bring cycle enthusiasts and their families from surrounding states to Cumberland County which brings interest to the area as well as stimulates the county's economy; and



WHEREAS, the properties utilized by the organizations over the years have ranged from privately owned, township owned and New Jersey Fish and Game owned; and

WHEREAS, the organizations have always been responsible to utilizing already established trails in order to protect and preserve the environment and hold their members and riders to a high standard of following rules and emphasize that venues are for event use only; and

WHEREAS, said events provide significant economic impact on Maurie River Township and surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, recent changes within the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) have threatened to curtail or halt the use of New Jersey Fish and Game properties, which have long been a part of the venue for organized racing activities; and

WHEREAS, restrictions from using these publicly owned properties could adversely impact these events and lessen the interest of cycle enthusiasts and their families from coming to Cumberland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial of the County of Cumberland, as follows:

1. That this Committee hereby strongly supports the continued use of New Jersey Fish and Game property in Maurice River Township for organized motorcycle events.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Congressman LoBiondo, Senator Van Drew, the Cumberland County Development Corporation and all Municipalities in Cumberland County

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held at Township Municipal Building, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, New Jersey on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

#### RESOLUTION 2017-72

#### Authorizing Execution Of Stipulation Of Settlement Between The County of Cumberland and Verizon of New Jersey

WHEREAS, the County of Cumberland, in its own right and on behalf of communities in Cumberland County, along with seventeen (17) communities on their own behalf have initiated a petition before the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) seeking relief with respect to the alleged failure and neglect of Verizon of New Jersey (VNJ) to maintain its copper landline telephone infrastructure which alleged failure and neglect has resulted in an alleged compromise of telephone service to residents of these communities; and

WHEREAS, the service and maintenance issues, with respect to copper landline telephone service by VNJ has allegedly caused safety problems for residents having medical monitoring, home security alarms, available telephone service during times of emergency or need and has otherwise compromised effective landline telephone service to these customers among other things; and

WHEREAS, the BPU, after reviewing the petition and conducting a public hearing on August 4, 2016 ordered that a public hearing be held for which a hearing officer from the BPU has been appointed; and

WHEREAS, VNJ and Rate Counsel of the State of New Jersey, counsel for the County and the petitioning communities, as well as representatives from the legislative office of State Senator Dr. Jeff Van Drew, have negotiated with respect to the alleged deficiencies with respect

to landline maintenance, and in addition to other service issues or problems, and have drafted a Stipulation of Settlement, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland has reviewed the Stipulations and deems the provisions thereof to be in the interest of the residents of the Township Of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, the relief, among other things, provides measureable performance standards, accountability and the continuing ability of the petitioners to enforce service and maintenance obligations and to seek additional relief as may be required before the BPU such that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland believe that the execution of this agreement is in the interest of the residents of the Township of Commercial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland as follows:

1. That a proposed Stipulation of Settlement, between the County of Cumberland on its own behalf and on behalf of the communities within Cumberland County and Verizon of New Jersey is hereby approved.
2. The undersigned, Ronald L. Sutton, Sr., Mayor on behalf of the Commercial Township Committee agrees to the form, content, and execution of this Stipulation of Settlement. A copy of the Resolution authorizing the execution of the Stipulation of Settlement is attached hereto.
3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to all interested parties, including, but not limited to, the BPU, each petitioner community the Rate Counsel for the State of New Jersey and the office of State Senator Dr. Jeff Van Drew.

RESOLUTION 2017-73  
Authorizing The Closing Of Memorial Avenue And  
Main Street to High and High Street To Bivalve

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has had a request from the Bayshore Center at Bivalve for a Strutring Parade to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, called Bay Day Celebtrtion Day; and

WHEREAS, the township has always been supportive of the Annual Bay Day Celebration Day and feels a parade should be included; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial endorses a Strut Parade and approves the closing of Memorial Avenue to be used for line up, the closing of Main Street ( County road 553 to High Street and the closing of High Street to Bivalve commencing Saturday morning 10:30 tp 12:00 Noon.

RESOLUTION 2017-74  
Authorizing Coin Toss Schedule Laurel Lake Volunteer  
Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., For 2017

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commercial Township Committee that the following Colin Toss Schedule for the Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire And Rescue company, Inc., Battle Lane, Laurel Lake,

NJ is approved:

Memorial Day – May 26, 27,28,29  
July 4<sup>th</sup> - June 30, July 1,2,3  
Labor Day - September 1,2,3,4

RESOLUTION 2017-75

Endorsement Of Fireworks Display For Bay Day Celebration June 3, 2017

WHEREAS, June 3, 2017 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Day Celebration in Commercial Township; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee feels that this celebration has been enjoyed in the past by thousands of people who are interested in the natural resources of our community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commercial Township Committee endorses the fireworks display for the closing of the Bay Day festivities with a spectacular fireworks display for the entertainment of the people who want to attend on Saturday, June 3, 2017 rain date Sunday, June 4, 2017.

RESOLUTION 2017-76

Awarding Fireworks Contract To Schaefer Fireworks For Bay Day Celebration June 3, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial and Bayshore Chamber of Commerce that a fireworks contract be awarded to the Schaefer Fireworks, 376 Hartman Bridge Road, Ronks, PA 17572 in the amount of \$3000 for the Annual Bay Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 with rain date Sunday, June 4, 2017.

RESOLUTION 2017-77

Authorizing Engineer To Survey Bivalve Station Shore Protection Improvement Phase II In Amount of \$4,900

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Remington/Vernick and Walberg Engineers are hereby authorized to perform a field survey with plan revisions required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.

RESOLUTION 2017-78

2016 Commercial Township Tonnage Grant Application Resolution

**WHEREAS**, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making

and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS,** A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2016 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorize the commitment of this municipality to recycle and to indicate the asset of the Committee of the Township of Commercial to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Committee of the Township of Commercial that Commercial Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Louann Karrer, CRP of Maurice River Township by virtue of a Shared Service Agreement to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

Resolution offered by:       Committeeman Jamison

Seconded by:                 Committeeman Vizzard

Resolution certified by:     Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk

Mayor asked committee for their consideration of Resolutions 2017-63 through 2017-78.

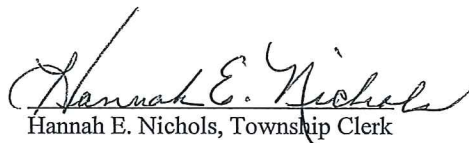
Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt and Committeeman Vizzard seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton said the township is a co-sponsor with Family Success Center on a Walk-a-thon "Talking Steps Against Drugs In Commercial Township", event is Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting at the Family Success Center on Spring Garden Road, Laurel Lake.

Mayor Sutton said Bayshore Center at Bivalve is inviting any and all businesses to participate in Bayshore's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Day Celebration Strut Parade which will end up in Bivalve for all of the Bay Day events. He said this all happens on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and at the end of the day there will be fireworks.

Mayor asked for reports from the committee and being none asked for motion to open meeting to the public. With no response, Mayor asked for motion to close public portion and to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

  
Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk