

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on August 23, 2017 at 4:00 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
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk
Pamela Humphries	Chief Financial Officer
Clint Miller	Public Works

Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised in the South Jersey Times and the Vineland Daily Journal on Monday, August 21, 2017. Mayor stated that meeting is being recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Sutton said the purpose of this meeting is to discuss adopting an Emergency Appropriation Resolution for reconstruction of Berry Avenue, in Shellpile and Reconstruction/Paving of Lakeshore Drive. The appropriation would be in the amount of \$300,000 and in order to make these necessary repairs that we adopt a resolution authorizing our engineer to prepare necessary paperwork to put this project out to bid.

Mayor Sutton said we have a Certification For Emergency Appropriation From Chief Financial Officer, Pam Humphries which states purpose of emergency appropriation, which was flooding from torrential rains on Berry Avenue kept owner of Kings Oyster Farms from being able to get to her business along with other business owners on Berry Avenue for several days. Also, rains created drainage issues and road erosion that negatively impacted residents on Lakeshore Drive area which has been an issue for the past several years.

Mayor Sutton asked if the committee approved Certification For Emergency Appropriation as prepared by chief financial officer.

A motion was made and seconded to approve, with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sutton said we have two letters from our Engineer, Edward Dennis, regarding the two roads, if committee approves letters will be sent to DCA. Berry Avenue, roadway south of the County bridge is in urgent need of reconstruction. The existing roadway elevation is substantially below the elevation of the bridge. During a recent breach of the adjacent water control structure, this portion of Berry Avenue experienced severe flooding and was at times unpassable. If the roadway is not reconstructed and elevated, a major storm event could cause a considerable treat to public health, safety, and welfare.

Lakeshore Drive, is in urgent need of reconstruction. The existing roadway pavement exhibits substantial cracking, raveling, settlement and pot holes. There is a significant change in elevation from the pavement surface to the adjacent Laurel Lake waterbody and the roadway alignment includes various horizontal curves. If the roadway is not reconstructed, the existing conditions could cause a considerable threat to public health, safety and welfare.

Mayor Sutton asked the committee if they approved the engineers letters and authorized him to forward same to DCA. A motion was made and seconded and a unanimous roll call vote taken.

Mayor Sutton said we have a written proposal from Remington/Vernick & Walberg Engineers for services rendered for Berry Avenue and Lakeshore Drive, in the total amount of \$39,000, broken down for Engineering Services \$22,000 and Construction Services \$17,000.

Mayor Sutton I would like a motion and second to approve if the committee agrees. A motion was made and seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor said we have introduction of resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2017-100

Emergency Resolution Requiring Approval Of The Director Of The Division
Of Local Government Services – NJS 40A:4-49

(Over 3% Limitation)

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to repair and mediate drainage on Lakeshore Drive and Berry Avenue. These roads repeatedly flood after heavy rainfalls and negatively impact residents and businesses in the area and, no adequate provision was made in the 2017 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$300,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2017 is \$76,375.38 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations exceeds three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-49, petition be made to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for permission to exceed the statutory limitation of 3 percent for the creation of an appropriation for the purpose set forth in the preamble in accordance with the following:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for the necessity to repair and mediate drainage on Lakeshore Drive and Berry Avenue in the amount of \$300,000; and
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2018 budget, within CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40A:4-53.3c(1).
3. That the statement required by the Local Finance Board has been filed with the Clerk and a copy transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
4. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

Mayor Sutton asked what was the opinion of the committee. A motion was made and seconded with the following roll call vote being unanimous.

Committeeman Jamison; Yes,

Committeeman Vizzard; Yes,

Mayor Sutton; yes.

RESOLUTION 2017-101

Authorizing Remington/Vernick & Walberger Engineers To Prepare Design, Specifications, Advertisement and Solicit Bids for Berry Avenue And Lakeshore Drive In An Amount of \$39,000.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Engineer, Edward Dennis, of Firm of Remington/Vernick & Walberg Engineers is authorized to prepare the design, specifications, advertisement and solicit bids for Berry Avenue in Shellpile and Lakeshore Drive in Laurel Lake for the following Engineering Services Fees of \$22,000 and Construction Services Fees of \$17,000 for total of \$39,000.

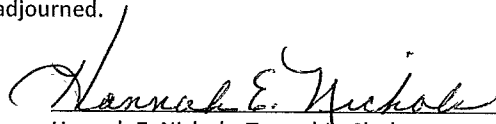
Mayor asked for motion. A motion was made and seconded with the following roll call vote:

Committeeman Jamison; yes

Committeeman Vizzard; yes

Mayor Sutton; yes

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk