

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on Monday, March 12, 2018 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
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Those absent:

Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
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Mayor Sutton called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in Full Compliance Of The Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Sutton called upon Barney Hollinger, Riverfront Consultant to Commercial Township for any reports that he might have.

Mr. Hollinger said he didn't have anything to report on tonight but he would like to introduce Larry Niles.

Mr. Niles stated that he is a biologist and works with the Nature Conservatives, Division of Wildlife, he named several individuals that support and try to protect the natural resources that works with him and his partner, Joe Smith and we want to thank the committee for their letter of support that we submitted along with the letter from the Shellfish council, with our proposal for the creation of a breakwater project, something that will divert, redirect storm waves to keep them from coming into Shellpile and Bivalve. He said we need to recreate the marshes which are valuable for the infustructure He said the breakwaters would also be beneficial to the crabbers and the oyster industry, it will also protect Basket Flats, not to the extent that it was. He said the cost right now is about \$30,000.

Mr. Barney Hollinger said they heard that the money had been appropriated and they were waiting for project proposals to be sent in.

Mr. Niles said our proposal went up today.

Mr. Dennis, asked Mr. Niles, how focused is his group. He said many time individuals don't carry through.

Mr. Niles stated that they are very committed, He said a rock core could be installed to restore the marshes at the mouth of the river.

Committeeman Vizzard said that brings it to my question, are we to consider the breakwater a separate project than the filling in with mud.

Mr. Niles said the mud is far below than what it should be and we have to restore it, the sediment we could use for the marshes.

Committeeman Vizzard said so it is contingent on the Army Corp of Engineers, if they will allow you to reuse that.

Mr. Niles said it depends on the Army Corp of Engineers accepting the project, if they don't then there is no breakwater.

Mr. Dennis asked what is the Army Corp of Engineers going to do with the spoils.

Mr. Niles said he heard that they were going to cap landfills with it.

Committeeman Vizzard said he heard they were going to barge it out of here.

Committeeman Jamison said there is a teacher at the high school who says he has some pull with Army Corp and I will get you his number. The teacher claims he has some pull, maybe we'll find out.

Mayor Sutton asked Mr. Niles and Mr. Barney Hollinger to keep the committee informed.

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

Mr. Dennis said township received a grant in the amount of \$425,000 for Port Norris Drainage Improvements, engineer's request was \$488,775.00. He stated the Raymond Drive Phase III project has been completed and closeout is in progress. Mr. Dennis said the permits for the Bivalve Station Project has been dumped in the township's lap, the permitting proposal is pending. Mr. Dennis said the NJDOT grant approved in the amount of \$213,044.00 for Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III, preliminary engineering approved June meeting, combined project with FY2018 Municipal Aid to be discussed. He stated the Berry Avenue and Lakeshore Drive project, the construction is complete, punch list in progress. Mr. Dennis asked the committee if they would want to put up the money for the Laurel Lake Drainage Phase IV and combine with Port Norris Drainage Project to get a better price. He said the Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III is ready to go out to bid.

Committee Vizzard asked if there would be just one advertisement.

Mayor Sutton said I think we need to keep them separate and go for Phase IV next time around.

Mr. Dennis said on the second phase of the township solar project that the contractor is not comfortable moving forward under current contract. He prefers that the township rebid the second phase, contractor will bid on it but he feels we need to readvertise the second phase.

Committee said we haven't gotten the property yet.

Mr. Dennis said the cost of the property could be included in the bidding.

Committee authorized solicitor to contact owners of Block 244, Lot 7 to see if they are still willing to sell and for Mr. Dennis to readvertise the Solar Power Purchase Agreement Project Phase II for RFP

Mayor said we have received notification that township has received \$1650.00 for outstanding safety performance by the employees in the 2017 Safety Incentive Program.

Mayor said we have received a letter from John Kildea requesting an extension of having a work trailer on the property at 122 Mist Road in Laurel Lake. The township gave Mr. Kildea 90 days back in December to complete renovations and now he is asking for an extension.

Committee approved a 60 days extension for Mr. Kildea. Then the trailer must be removed.

Mayor said township has received a bid of \$2,000 from Susan Caruso for 7022 Charles Place, Laurel Lake, this property has a mobile home on it and Mrs. Caruso is an adjoining owner and will demolish and remove the trailer.

Committee accepted the bid and scheduled the landsale for April 19, 2018 regular meeting, Adjoining owners will be notified and it will be advertised in local newspaper.

Mayor stated committee had received a letter from New Jersey Department of Transportation that township has been awarded a grant of \$425,000 for Port Norris Drainage Phase I. Mayor said this is to correct the faulty drainage system on Brown Street, Port Norris.

Mayor Sutton said committee has reviewed and discussed the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter and Cumberland County SPCA contract. Mayor said at this time we do not have an alternative shelter and he recommends approving the ten month contract.

Committee agreed to put contract on the agenda for the regular meeting on the 15th in the amount of \$16,847.00 for animal shelter services.

Mayor said committee has to adopt Group Affidavit of "Enforcement Guidelines on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records In Employment Decisions Under Title VII Of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Mayor questioned what is this.

Clerk informed committee that it is a new ruling that this group affidavit has to be signed by them and a Resolution has to be adopted before we can introduce the 2018 Budget. This is in regards to Civil Rights of criminals

Mayor said we have the following ordinance for introduction at the regular meeting. He said once it is introduced, it will be sent to the state for approval and final adoption will be at the April meeting.

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP THIRD PARTY INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION OFFICE.

Mayor Sutton said we have several resolutions scheduled for the regular meeting.

Resolution: Awarding Contract To Municipal Code Enforcement Agency For Building, Electrical, Fire and Plumbing Sub Code On-Site Inspections and Plan Review For one Year Contract

Resolution: Hiring of Mr. Louis Palena As Part Time Construction Official.

Resolution: Awarding Contract To South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter & Cumberland County SPCA With Change In Veterinarian Fees.

Resolution: Authorizing Solicitor To Prepare Letter To Owners Block 244, Lot 7 Regarding Purchasing Portion Of Block 244, Lot 7

Resolution: The Governing Body Certification Of Compliance With the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on The Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

Resolution: Introduction of the 2018 Municipal Budget

Resolution: Increasing Temporary Budget Appropriations 2018

Resolution: Authorizing Engineer To Prepare Lot Line Change And Zoning Designation For Whibco and Township Land Swap

Resolution: Authoring Remington & Vernick Engineers to Re-advertise the Solar Power Purchase Agreement RFP for Township Hall

Resolution Authorizing Solicitor To Prepare Amendments to Ordinance 2006-487 Development Regulation Ordinance For Rezoning of Block 63, Lots 1, 1.01, and 2.

Mayor Sutton asked committee if they had any comments to make or items to discuss and being none asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made and seconded.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk