Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on May 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

Ronald L. Sutton Mayor
Fletcher Jamison Committeeman
Mike Vizzard Committeeman
Thomas Seeley Solicitor
Edward Dennis Engineer
Hannah E. Nichols Township Clerk
Heather Sparks Deputy Clerk

Mayor Sutton presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised and that it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Sutton stated that bids will be accepted on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. for the Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III Project.

Mayor said we have received the following correspondence for consideration:

Mayor said we have received a memo from Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector, that in compliance of NJSA 54:4-91.1 that she does not have any property taxes that she feels are uncollectable for the year 2017.

Committee said to put this on the agenda of the regular meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor said we have received a letter from the State of New Jersey Natural & Historic Resources that Mauricetown Historic District has been entered into the New Jersey Register of Historic Places as of January 30, 2018 and the The National Register of Historic Places on March 29, 2018. Mayor said the Society had been notified of their acceptance into the registers prior to our receiving notice. The Society has worked for this designation for many, many years.

Mayor Sutton said on June  $2^{nd}$  Mauriceton Historical Society was sponsoring a Founders Day celebration honoring their  $90^{th}$  birthday. Mayor said he would get all particulars and let the committee know if they want to be involved. He said they had asked the clerk to prepare a proclamation for the event.

Mayor said we have a memorandum from Atlantic Municipal Joint Insurance Fund requesting that we put a liability case on our regular meeting agenda regarding case of Ferentz vs. West Wildwood from 2005 and current case of JIF vs West wildwood.

Clerk said that copies have been placed in their boxes for review as requested by JIF.

Committee approved that the case be listed on the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor said we have a letter from Pamela Gifford, 416 Satinwood Road, Laurel Lake, requesting a partial payment plan on tax arrearage of \$2,290.50. Mayor said tax collector recommends that the committee approve.

Committee said to put request on the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor said committee received a letter from New Jersey Shares Inc., a non-profit organization who provides assistance to needy families with energy and utility burden. They can be found on their website, nishares.org.

Committee said put on the regular meeting agenda, make copies and put them out for display.

Mayor Sutton said we have second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 2018-589

SWAPPING LANDS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND WHIBCO CORPORATION for the regular township meeting.

Mayor Sutton said the clerk has requested that we adopt, the Laurel Lake Fire Company's Resolution for Coin Toss this evening. The fire company filed their application late for Memorial Day collections. Their application has to be approved by township and the county, this will need to be sent to county tomorrow.

Resolution 2018-65 Coin Toss 2018 Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire & Rescue

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

Mayor Sutton said we have the following items for the regular meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Introduction of an Ordinance 2018-590:
   AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,
   STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
   A VEHICLE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT
   REPLACEMENT
- 2. RESOLUTIONS FOR REGULAR MEETING REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENTS
  - Resolution Approving Bond Anticipation Note to Township of East Brunswick In the Amount of \$1,097,700.00 @2.229% Interest
  - Resolution Approving Policy For Payment Of Claims. Claimants Signature For Payment
  - Resolution Possible awarding of contract for Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III if Bids come in within the limits and all in order.

Mayor Sutton asked committee for comments and being none asked for a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Vizzard made motion, Committeeman Jamison seconded.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk