Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on December 17, 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
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, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mr. Sutton said with no officials present, he wold call upon Edward Dennis, Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said there is a new grant opportunity, Freight Impact Fund. Funding available for projects that provide access to freight nodes wih 10% truck volume. He said this will require studies and that Remington & Vernick will submit an application in the amount of $3500.

Mayor Sutton said High Street would be the road that has the most volune of trucking. He also mentioned Noble Street in Mauricetown trucks traveiing to Whibco.

Clerk said that Noble Street is a County Road, not a municipal one.

Committeeman Jamison questioned what about Yock Wock that feeds into High Street, could they start at Yock Work, include High Street. He said Memorial Avenue has a lot of truck traffic on it and it is our road. He said trucks come down North Avenue bear over to Yock Wock up to High Street, down High To Miller Avenue and back up Memorial Avenue, its' full circle.

Mr. Dennis said if they wanted to incorporate all of those roads he would estimate that the cost of the studies on those roads and to submit the application would be $7,000.

Committee made motion to include the roads mentioned and to approve engineering fees for Freight Impact Funding Application in the amount of $7,000. Motion seconded, Mayor said prepare resolution for regular meeting.

Mr. Dennis said he had submitted applications for DOT funding for Whittier, Iris and Magnola Drive, Priority 1 application and Red Fern Drive, Port Norris. Priority 2. He said no update at this time. Mr. Dennis said on the Port Norris Drainage Project Phase I, the NJDOT awarded the township $425.000 and recently his staff had to do a study on the effect of piping the water to the river to see what the impact would be and this is going to add an additional $7,900 cost to the engineering fees for this project to $65,000 out of the grant funding.

Mayor Sutton said this will be approved upon certification of funds by chief financial officer and to prepare resolution for regular meeting.

Mr. Dennis said on the Bivalve Station Shore Protection Project which had been cancelled, he was applying for reimbursement of funding already spent from FEMA. Mr. Dennis said on Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III, Reconstruction of Raymond Drive Phase III and Reconstruction of Berry Avenue and Lakeshore Drive, all three projects are in the closeout

Committeeman Vizzard asked why would they want to put the tank on township property, they own a huge property that they could install the tank on.

Mayor Sutton said he felt that they would not want it on the property near the kids or the school. He said the committee could approve the request.

Committeeman Vizzard said he would like to talk with them to see why they don't want to put it on their property, it doesn't make sense and he doesn't want to approve until he knows why.

Mayor Sutton said the committee could approve the installation on township property contingent on what Committeeman Vizzard finds out.

Committeeman Jamison said the committee should wait, it doesn't make sense for them to have to put it on our property.

Mayor Sutton said Cumberland County Purchasing has accepted proposals for gasoline and diesel fuel and the road supervisor would like to take advantage of the offer through Cooperative Purchasing System #181, CCCCPS.

Committee didn't have problem joining Major Petroleum Industries.

Mayor Sutton said Solicitor, Tom Seeley, has been informed that our municipal court must have a backup prosecutor.

Mr. Seeley said he had been advised that in order to be in compliance we must appoint a backup prosecutor and that person has to be an Acting Prosecutor. He said he is recommending Niki Trunk. He said the backup prosecutor only presides when our prosecutor can't make it.

Committee said prepare resolution for regular meeting.

Mayor said committee has been informed that rabies clinic for 2019 has already been set up and Commercial's in Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Laurel Lake Fire Hall.

Mayor Sutton said we have ordinance for second reading and an ordinance for introduction for the regular meeting on December 20th. and several resolutions for regular meeting.

<center>ORDINANCE 2018-594
REZONING BLOCK 63, LOT 1 P-PUBLIC ZONE TO VILLAGE RESENTIAL RV-2</center>

<center>ORDINANCE 2018-595
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE FEES
AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2018-592</center>

Resolutions for December 20th, 2018.

Resolution: Authorizing Tax Collector to Refund or Cancel Taxes Over $10.00

Resolution: Budget Insertion $275. Wellness Incentive Program

Resolution: Transfers In The 2018 Municipal Budget

Resolution: Executive Session To Review Resumes for Municipal Appointments

Resolution: Authorizing Solicitor to Submit An Application For Freight Impact Funding
Execution of Contract With New Jersey Department of Transportation

Resolution: Freight Impact Funding $5,000 For Road Survey's High, Miller, Morial

Resolution: Authorizing Expenditure for Impact of Water Into Cobb Street Ditch
And Into River, Survey was $7,900

Mayor Sutton asked why there was resolution for executive session, he said he didn't think there was a need for one at this time and to remove it from the regular township meeting. He asked if there were any comments from the committee and being none asked for a motion to adjourn.

Committeeman Jamison made motion, Committeeman Vizzard seconded, meeting adjourned.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk