

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ**

**Those present:**

<b>Mark Vizzard</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Fletcher Jamison</b>	<b>Committeeman</b>
<b>Ryan Broughton</b>	<b>Committeeman</b>
<b>Thomas Seeley</b>	<b>Solicitor</b>
<b>Edward Dennis</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
<b>Hannah E. Nichols</b>	<b>Township Clerk</b>
<b>Heather Sparks</b>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>

Mayor Vizzard 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 Vizzard asked everyone to stand and join the committee in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Vizzard stated that state police were present and called upon officer for report for the month of December 2018.

Officer stated that during the month of December 2018 there were 560 calls from residents in Commercial Township, 202 Motor vehicle stops, 53 criminal investigations, 16 accidents, 3 DWI's, 12 robberies, electrical devices, appliances, abandoned trailer breakins, eye pods. Officer said all residents should lock their houses, garages, sheds, cars in particular and put away all lawn ornaments anything that is nailed down can be stolen.

Mayor Vizzard asked public if they had any questions for the officer and being none thanked him for the report.

Mayor Vizzard said you were given the minutes of previous meetings for review and asked for a motion.

Minutes of Agenda Meeting, December 17, 2018  
Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 20, 2018  
Minutes of Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2019

Committeeman Jamison made motion to approve and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard called upon Edward Dennis, Township Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said he didn't have a written report for the regular meeting but doesn't have much to add. He said an application has been filed with the NJDOT Freight Impact Fund grant in the amount of almost three million dollars for High Street, Miller and Memorial Avenues. Freight Impact funding is for roads that have a lot of truck traffic, wear and tear on roads. Mr. Dennis said NJDOT Municipal Aid grant applications have been filed for Priority 1 is Whittier Drive, Iris Road and Magnolia Drive in Laurel Lake and Priority 2, is Red Fern Drive in Port Norris He said the Port Norris Drainage, Phase I, Project will be put out for bids with bids being accepted in February and finally the township RFP for Solar Agreement and contract has been awarded to Cambria Solar.

Mayor Vizzard thanked Mr. Dennis and said we have correspondence from the Mauricetown Fire Company who have requested permission to close portion of Noble Street, from Bateman Street to Bacon Street for their Annual Sportsmen Show which takes place on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Vizzard and Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton said they didn't have a problem with it and that there is a resolution for approval on the agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an ordinance for second reading and public hearing, Mayor asked for motion and motion was made and seconded to open meeting to the public.

ORDINANCE 2018-595  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE  
FEES AND TO APPEAL ORDINANCE 2018-592

Mayor asked for comments from the public and being none asked for motion to close public portion and to adopt Ordinance 2018-595.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-595 and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard said we have introduction of Ordinance 2019-596:

ORDINANCE 2019-596  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND  
TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq. provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.15A provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland find it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$25,905.80 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Commercial shall, in accordance with the ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$90,670.30, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Township of Commercial be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with the said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor said this is an introduction, can I have a motion and second to adopt on first reading.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with an unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard said second reading and public hearing will be held at the regular meeting, February 21, 2019. He stated we have two resolutions for consideration .

RESOLUTION 2019-26  
Approving Road Closure For Mauricetown Fire  
Company's Sportsmen Show, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

WHEREAS, Mauricetown Fire Company has an Annual Sportsmen Show each March; and

WHEREAS, the fire company is concerned for the safety of participants who attend the affair and therefore request the Township Committee approve the closure of a portion of Noble Street; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a portion of Noble Street, in Mauricetown be closed from Bateman Street to Bacon Street on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 for the Mauricetown Fire Company Annual Sportsmen Show.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Cumberland for their consideration since Noble Street is a county road.

RESOLUTION 2019-27

A Resolution Acknowledging Receipt Of Payment In Full On Behalf Of Lillian Hoffman Of The Bayshore Housing Program Mortgage Held By The Township And Authorizing The Execution Of A Discharge Of Mortgage Regarding Same

WHEREAS, Lillian Hoffman of 4 Pangburn Lane, Port Elizabeth, NJ 08348 qualified for participation in the Small Cities Grant known as the Bayshore Housing Program for the rehabilitation of housing and received the sum of \$17,385.00 on June 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Note called for repayment by fifty percent (50%) of the funds if a Triggering Event occurs after the expiration of five (5) years, specifically for sale of the residence; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2018 repayment was made in full to the Township of Maurice River in the amount of \$8,692.50, which represents (50%) of the amount borrowed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Township of Maurice River acknowledged receipt of payment in full of the Mortgage previously entered into between the Township of Commercial and Lillian Hoffman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Commercial is hereby directed to execute a Discharge of Mortgage between the Township and Lillian Hoffman to discharge the mortgage of record previously executed on June 3, 2004.

Mayor Vizzard asked for a ruling on the foregoing resolutions.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to approve Resolutions 2019-26 and 27 and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard asked if committee had any item they wanted to report on and being none he said that he is very interested in establishing a road improvement, long range capital improvement program if possible or by bond ordinance if necessary but a recent survey certainly proves that roads need attention. He said that is one of his main goals as a committeeman.

Mr. Edward Dennis, Engineer, agreed a Capital Improvement long range plan would be the way to go if possible.

Clerk said in order to do that you would have to raise taxes and the township hasn't raised the local municipal purpose tax in six or seven years.

Mayor Vizzard asked for motion to adjourn and motion made and seconded, meeting adjourned.

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Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk