

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on February 19, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

Mike Vizzard.	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Committeeman
Ryan Broughton	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Absent:	Hannah Nichols	Township Clerk
	Edward Dennis	Engineer
	Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor

Mayor Vizzard 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.

Mayor Vizzard said that there were no officials present and there is no Engineers report. Next is correspondence.

Mayor Vizzard said we have a letter from the New Jersey Planning Commission. Currently the townships center designation expires on June 30, 2019. The Planning Commission passed a resolution requesting an amendment governing the expiration of existing center designations. Should this be formally adopted, the township center designation will be extended through June 30, 2020.

Solicitor Seeley said that he would provide a full brief on that Thursday night.

Mayor Vizzard said so we need to consider if we are going to fully adopt their resolution so we can be extended through June 30th 2020 with the Township's center designation.

Mayor Vizzard said we also had a security assessment done by Mark Rowe who is a retired State trooper for the security of the township's court and other offices. A list of those suggestions was provided. We do not have to act on it right now but I would like to go over it and come up with a plan to make this building a little more secure.

Committeeman Jamison said we had the Judge that was in charge of the courts here last year and the recommendations that he gave was no where near what the recommendations of this Trooper is giving us.

Mayor Vizzard agreed that it was extensive.

Solicitor Seeley said you really need to go by what the Judge of the court is providing rather than what a trooper may be suggesting because he isn't regulated by statute.

Committeeman Jamison told Committeeman Broughton the court was his department.

Committeeman Broughton said since when.

Committeeman Jamison said since the beginning.

Committeeman Broughton said on the Agenda, the resolution doesn't have the court.

Committeeman Jamison said Hannah must have made a miss print.

Committeeman Broughton asked Committeeman Jamison if he got animal control.

Committeeman Jamison said yes.

Committeeman Broughton said that's funny because the day before that meeting I came down here and she told me you wanted courts and for me to have animal control.

Committeeman Jamison said No, I told her just the opposite.

Solicitor Seeley said we are not obligated to do all of it, only what is required by statute.]

Committeeman Broughton said I think if we are going to continue to have a court here, It should be safe but in doing that we will need to see if it is cost effective to do all that as oppose to the possibility of even keeping the court because we can't afford all that.

Solicitor Seeley said you weren't here but we were and we have explored, we shared with Downe for a while, we shared with Maurice River for a while so it isn't as if we haven't looked outside. We looked at CS regional, that is western Cumberland County but the problem is that is a hike from here.

Mayor Vizzard said there are a lot of good points on this list, we are not obligated to do any of it, it's just I want to make sure that we had some ideas on how to make the building safer. Even if we don't have the courts, that will take that part out of the equation but we still want to make the other offices safe.

Committeeman Broughton said I think we need to start with the minimum.

Committeeman Jamison said that he suggested having new doors put in so you have to be buzzed in five years ago but he was always shot down. That would make it safer for everyone.

Committeeman Broughton said you have to look at today's society and how crazy things are. In a small town like this, you would never think but it's the small towns that it happens and they never thought.

Mayor Vizzard said so its something we can discuss and see what's practical for us to do.

Mayor Vizzard said so let's move on to the Ordinance. Its second reading and public hearing for Ordinance 2019-596, Calendar year 2019, an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following Resolutions for Thursday.

Resolution	Municipal Alliance Prevention Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Resolution	Certifying Submission of Expenditures for Recycle Enhancement Act
Resolution	2018 Commercial Township Tonnage Grant Application
Resolution	Authorizing Shared Service Agreement with Maurice River Township for Recycling Coordinator Certification
Resolution	Change Order # 2 Berry Ave. & Lakeshore Drive for Construction as Build Quantities
Resolution	Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property on GovDeals
Resolution	Budget Line Item Transfer
Resolution	Emergency Temporary Appropriation

Deputy Clerk said that there was probably going to be another resolution added. Clint would like to participate in co-op with the county for fleet maintenance so we have to pass a resolution to participate.

Mayor Vizzard said ok

Mayor Vizzard said ok reports from officials

Committeeman Jamison said the he went to a meeting with Clint at the county for this co-op with getting the equipment fixed and we both feel it is a good idea and we should at least try it. If we don't like it we can always get out of it. They will supply all the parts we need we just need to get the vehicle there.

Solicitor Seeley asked if we will get it at a discount price, what I mean is, they aren't making any money off of it right?

Committeeman Jamison said yes we are supposed to get it at a discount price.

Committeeman Broughton asked if this was a County Facility.

Committeeman Jamison said yes

Deputy Clerk said they have a garage there where they do the repair work.

Committeeman Broughton asked what the turnaround time on their repairs.

Committeeman Jamison said he really didn't know.

Committeeman Broughton said the reason he asked is that working for Woodbine, their vehicles go to the prison and it takes forever.

Committeeman Jamison said it is a work in progress but according to one of their mechanics we should be able to get in and get out pretty much the same day.

Deputy Clerk said Clint used to use Mauricetown Trucking but they are closed now so he right now, he has no one to take them to.

Mayor Vizzard said that was my thought right off the top. I didn't want to take work from a township resident but then I found out they are closed.

Mayor Vizzard said he wants to report that he went to the CDC meeting and found out that the CCLA is looking into implementing money to street lights in all the municipalities and changing out the lights to LED with Atlantic city electric. I think it would save a lot of money.

Committeeman Jamison said didn't we already change out some lights.

Mayor Vizzard said yes they were our lights; these lights would be regular street lights on poles through Atlantic City Electric.

Solicitor Seeley said is that through out the township?

Mayor Vizzard said yes. I don't know how much they will payout but I thought it was good news and I was glad to hear it. Hopefully by the next CDC meeting I'll have more information on it.

Committeeman Broughton said I know at the last Land Use Meeting a question came up about the old property, Al's Hideaway, they were doing some work down there. Heather and Steve went down and checked it out and because of reperiian rights some of the things they are doing is outside of our control but the guy who owns the property did come in today and got some permits for other things he is doing down there.

Mayor Vizzard said I was also here today when he came in and he seems like a decent guy.

Committeeman Broughton said Steve went out to Laurel Lake today and he said that he met a little bit of resistance out there. Somebody called and told Heather on the phone that "didn't he learn from what happened to the last guy" talking about David Dean.

Solicitor Seeley said that's when you need to call the State Police. That is an actual threat of physical harm.

Committeeman Broughton said that Steve did issue like three citations out there.

Committeeman Jamison said something needs to be done.

Solicitor Seeley asked if it was the same guy.

Committeeman Broughton said he wasn't sure. Steve told him that like three cars like boxed him in on the street.

Solicitor Seeley said I think they changed out the law on that so that it would be considered that the same as a threat against police officers.

Mayor Vizzard said one thing that I found out that we should do is make sure that car is marked. I guess there is a sticker off the car now.

It was also determined that Code Enforcement needs to have a badge and official township logo on the car.

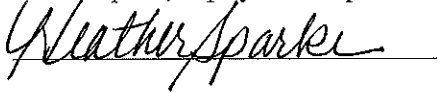
Committeeman Broughton said he wanted to ask a question. Why do we have a court seal hanging with thumb tacks.

Mayor Vizzard said he figures that is the way they gave it to us.

Committeeman Jamison said getting back to Steve; he needs to have a badge. He told me before, he was going to take care of it.

Mayor Vizzard asked if there were any other reports, seeing that there were none, Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Heather Sparks, Deputy Township Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Sparks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the signatory.