

Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

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

Mayor Vizzard called the meeting order with the announcement that the meeting has been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard said for the regular meeting on June 20, 2019 we have the following scheduled:

New Jersey State Police, Lt. Horsey with previous months report.

Paul Miola, Executive Municipal JIF Strategist, who wants to provide committee with an overview of coverage as a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund whose contract is up for renewal January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2022.

Patricia Tatum, U.S. Census Bureau would like to address the committee on how the census is going to proceed in 2020 to make sure everyone responses and gets counted

Marisue Kendall, DHA, Cumberland County Representing Mr. Tom Cao, who had tax lien, he foreclosed in November 2018 and found that previous owner owed \$14,500 in the Vacant Property Registration Fees.

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

Mr. Dennis said he has not heard anything regarding our application for funding from the Local Freight Impact fund. He said the state is taking applications for Municipal Aid for 2020 and applications have to be filed by July 19, 2019. He said Clint was recommending Keron Drive, Laurel Lake. He said the design for Whittier, Iris Magnolia has been sent to NJDOT for approval and the Laurel Lake Drainage Phase III is in process of being closed out.

Mayor Vizzard said we have correspondence:

1. Letter from Competition Dirt Riders requesting the annual motorcycle parade permit for August 25, 2019. Riders will meet at the Mauricetown Fire Hall. Route has been included and Certificate of Liability insurance was enclosed.
2. Notification from NJ Environmental Protection that Cumberland County will receive \$191,126.38 Clean Communities Funding and Commercial Township's share will be \$18,008.22 for 2019.
3. Letter from Maurice River Township that they feel shared services or merger of Commercial and Maurice River Courts would not be beneficial at this time.

4. Memo from Clint Miller decision of meeting on June 5th, interviews and personnel review. Hiring of David Leon Green, 7201 Keron Drive, Laurel Lake at \$17.36 and review of road department personnel and increasing hourly rate of Kevin Brown to \$18.40.

Committee said they approved the hiring of Mr. Green and giving Kevin Brown a raise for all of his efforts when they were down two men on the road department. These both require resolutions which will be on regular meeting agenda.

5. Dylan Tribbett, Gym teacher/basketball coach at Port Norris School has requested permission to have a Summer Basketball Program at Port Norris School. He has 10 to 15 kids interested in playing. The Township just renewed Basketball insurance.

Mayor and Committee said they thought it was a good idea, insurance was renewed for Mr. Kevin Young's basketball program but since Mr. Young is no longer a part of Commercial's Recreational Program. Committee is happy that someone else stepped up. On agenda for approval at regular meeting.

6. Letter to Mayor from New Jersey Historic Trust for his letter of support of the Bayshore Center at Bivalve for grant funding for Bivalve Oyster Packing House and Docks from the NJ Historic Preservation Fund.

Mayor Vizzard said those awards will be given out sometime in September 2019.

7. Mayor Vizzard said the committee has received a letter from Barney Hollinger, member of the Commercial Township Fishery Loan Committee recommending that a grant be awarded from those funds to David Thomas Adams, to start small oyster business. The amount that was recommended to the committee was \$15,000. Mr. Hollinger who was present at the agenda meeting said the committee, Bill Riffin, Iris Burt and he felt comfortable with the \$15,000.

Mayor Vizzard said to put the Commercial Fishery Boards recommendation on the agenda of the regular meeting.

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following that has been scheduled for the regular meeting on the 20th:

Land sale: Bid of \$200 for Block 50, Lot 6240, 6241, 40X100 Vacant

Land sale: Bid of \$400 for Block 78, Lot 20, 344x158 with 78' road frontage house
Needs to be demolished in 90 days

Resolution: Renewing Membership in The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Resolution: Approving Application of Competition Dirt Riders Annual Motorcycle Parade Run on August 25, 2019.

Resolution: Hiring of David Leon Green, 7201 Keron Drive, Laurel Lake for Public Works Department at \$17.36 per hour as Laborer "C" effective June 17th.

Resolution: Increasing hourly rate of Kevin Brown, Public Works Department Employee in accordance to Union Salary Scale of \$18.40 per hour Effective June 10, 2019 as per June 5th meeting.

Resolution: Approving Commercial Fishery Loan For David T. Adams, 7078 Parsons Lane, Port Norris, NJ in the Amount of \$15,000 as recommended by Commercial Fishery Loan Board.

Resolution: Renewal Liquor License Liquor Warehouse

Resolution: Renewal Liquor License of Mauricetown Gun Club

Mayor Vizzard asked for reports from the committee.

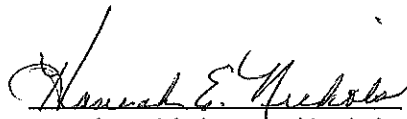
Committeeman Jamison said the Port Norris Drainage Project on Brown Street is moving along. They've had some issues with gas lines and trees but they are progressing.

Committeeman Broughton said violation notices have continued being sent to residents throughout Commercial Township.

Mayor Vizzard said he wants to setup a meeting night to talk to the mayor. He would like to have a space in Laurel Lake that residents could come to.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was moved.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk