

Minutes of the Commercial Township Committee's Agenda meeting held on July 15, 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
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor

Mayor Vizzard presided and announced that the meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor called on Edward Dennis, Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said he has not heard anything regarding our grant application with the NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund. He said his office did a study on High Street, Miller Avenue and Memorial Avenue that we had 14.3% truck volume. The grant application was submitted for Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements. He said the state is accepting applications for 2020 Municipal Aid he said Red Fern Drive will be priority 1 and Keron Drive will be priority 2. Mr. Dennis said township received a NJDOT grant in the amount of \$291,164.00 for Whittier Drive, Iris Road and Magnolia Drive and design has been submitted to NJDOT for approval. He said the Port Norris Drainage Project was awarded to Landberg Construction LLC and work is in progress. He said the Laurel Lake Drainage Improvements Phase III awarded to Mathis Construction in the amount of \$213,044.00 is in closeout process. Tax Map & GIS Maintenance is done at the request of the tax assessor. Nothing new on Verizon Wireless Cell Tower and application to NJDEP for permit on the High Street Pipe Replacement is still in progress.

Committeeman Jamison said he is afraid the township is going to have to repave Brown Street, that the current black top is only about an inch thick and of course laying the drainage pipe has torn up some of the blacktop that makes the road hazardous. He did say that the drains are working great, there isn't any water at the corner of Lincoln and Brown. The intersections aren't that great with pavement.

Mr. Edward Dennis said the contractor has agreed to lay a strip of blacktop at least 7 feet wide the length of the piping and the only cost will be for the blacktop, but this should make for a better road at this time. Township can file for a grant next year.

Mayor Vizzard said the committee received notification from the Commercial Township Board of Education that there is a vacancy in the superintendent's position.

Mayor said committee has received a Raffle Application from Duck's Unlimited to hold a raffle at the Mauricetown Fire Hall, Noble Street, Mauricetown on September 6, 2019 at 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mayor said this requires a resolution and then application is sent to Legalized Games of Chance for approval. Resolution is on the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following resolutions for Thursday's regular meeting:

Resolution: Cancel a \$9,500 Encumbrance For School Generator which was paid by Grant funding.

Resolution: Emergency Appropriation-NJS 40A:4-48, \$10,000

Resolution: Approving Raffle Application of Duck's Unlimited At Mauricetown Fire Hall September 6, 2019, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Resolution: NJDOT Municipal Aid For 2020 Application For Red Fern Drive, Priority 1

Resolution: NJDOT Municipal Aid For 2020 Application For Keron Drive, Priority 2

Mayor Vizzard asked for any reports from the township committee.

Committeeman Broughton said report from the Construction Office for the month of June 2019. There were 105 Code Violations, 33 Sanitation notices, 15 Unregistered motor vehicles, 27 High grass & weeds notifications and 12 Summons issued.

Road Supervisor Clint Miller told the committee that the Sluice that the state had the township install according to their specifications has failed again and because of the depth of the sluice gate it is very difficult to see exactly what has failed. There are two holes on either side of the gate and the water is just pouring in and can't get out. He said he had met with Junior Givens and he said he really couldn't help us this time.

Engineer, Edward Dennis, said he could contact the company that installed the sluice and see if they would come down and offer some suggestions.

Mr. Miller said that was going to be his suggestion to the committee.

Mr. Dennis said that he had them on the phone and turned it over to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller said that he would meet with them at the site sometime tomorrow and see what they might suggest or what type of equipment we'll need.

Mayor Vizzard said he had his first "Talk To The Mayor" on Wednesday evening on July 10th at the Township Hall. He said there was a pretty good turnout, many complaints about animals, they wanted to meet as a group and not one on one. I'm hoping to find a place in Laurel Lake where I can meet with residents of Laurel Lake.

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

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk