Minutes of the Commercial Township Land Use Board meeting was held at the Municipal Hall in Port Norris on **January 23, 2019**.

Frank DiDomenico called the meeting to order. It was advised that the meeting was being electronically recorded in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and that anyone wishing to speak must stand, state his or her name and address in a clear tone of voice. All joined in the Flag Salute.

**SYNOPSIS:**

**Roll Call:**

Michael Vizzard, Mayor

Ryan Broughton, Committee Man

Ken McGill, Environmental Commission

Doris Tomlinson, Class IV Board Member

Russell Stormes, Class IV Board Member

Debra Karp, Class IV Board Member

Dean Berry, Class IV Board Member

LaRae Smith, Class IV Board Member (Late; 6:33pm)

Aaron Harden, Class IV Board Member

Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor

Heather Whitaker, Board Secretary

**Absent:**

Steve Nardelli, Engineer (Excused)

**REORGANIZATION:**

First order is for Chair.

Russell Stormes nominated by Mr. Harden and seconded by Mr. Berry for Chair.

With no other nominations a vote was taken as thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Russell Stormes was named Chairperson and therefore took over the running of the meeting.

Aaron Harden was nominated by Mr. Stormes and seconded by Mr. Berry for Vice Chair.

With no other nominations a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Aaron Harden was named Vice Chairperson.

Frank DiDomenico was nominated by Mr. McGill and seconded by Ms. Tomlinson for Solicitor.

With no other nominations a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Frank DiDomenico was named Board Solicitor.

Heather Whitaker was nominated by Mr. Harden and seconded by Ms. Tomlinson for Secretary.

Mr. DiDomenico suggested that they nominate an alternate along with the Secretary. Mr. McGill nominated Gretchen Esquilin. Ms. Smith asked to confirm that Ms. Esquilin was a Township employee, upon confirmation, there were no objections.

With no other nominations a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Heather Whitaker is Board Secretary with Gretchen Esquilin as her Alternate.

Fralinger Engineering was nominated by Ms. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Harden for Board Engineer.

With no other nomination a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Fralinger Engineering, PA is the Board Engineer.

Our meeting dates right now are the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm, a motion was made by Ms. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Harden to keep the meeting dates and times the same.

With no other nominations a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

Meetings are to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Currently we have Bridgeton News (South Jersey Times) is our Primary paper with the Daily Journal and Atlantic City Press as the Alternates. A motion was made by Mr. Harden and seconded Mr. Berry to keep it the same.

With no other nominations a vote was taken thus:

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Yes

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Yes

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Yes

South Jersey Times is the official paper of the Board with the Daily Journal and Atlantic City Press as alternates.

**Minutes:**

Minutes: October 24, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. McGill and Seconded by Ms. Karp to accept the minutes.

Roll Call:

Ryan Broughton Abstain

Kenneth McGill Yes

Michael Vizzard Yes

Doris Tomlinson Yes

Russell Stormes Yes

Debra Karp Yes

Dean Berry Abstain

LaRae Smith Yes

Aaron Harden Abstain

**Resolutions:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Waterfront**

Mr. McGill: There was a question at the last Environmental Commission meeting it was brought up that there is a lot going on at the former Shell Pile Restaurant. Was anything brought before this board?

Mr. Stormes: I don’t believe so, no.

Mr. McGill: They didn’t come before the Environmental Commission. There is overburden being dumped, concrete pilings being installed. Rumor has it that sand is going to be barged.

Mr. DiDomenico: They would just need DEP approval for that.

Mr. McGill: Is it zoned for that type of business? I thought it was recreational.

::Inaudible conversation::

Mr. Vizzard: We can have someone go out and check it out.

Mr. McGill: I think the environmental commission should have had some say in it.

Mr. Berry: If they have riparian rights, we don’t have a say.

Ms. Smith: We just have to look in our handbook and see what that zone allows. I think that was brought up before, that they can’t just come in and change the zoning.

Mr. McGill: I believe it was done to keep out oil storage tanks. But barge traffic, there is going to have to be fuel or something. I am worried they will put in underground tanks.

Ms. Smith: Have they come for anything?

Mr. DiDomentico: If it is a permitted use, they would need a site plan.

Mr. McGill: They would need some type of dock or bulk head.

Mr. DiDomenico: That falls under riparian rights.

::inaudible conversation::

Mr. DiDomenico: This board has no authoritative rights. It has to come from the Zoning Officer.

Mr. Stormes: If the zoning officer determines they have to come before us then that’s where is starts. But they are barging all the time in the river.

Mr. Berry: They Barge clam shells in and out of here all the time.

Mr. Vizzard: We will have Steve DeSario go out there tomorrow to check out what is going on.

**Trex Bench Program**

Port Norris Fire Company is collecting plastic bags. When they reach a goal of 500 pounds these bags are sent to a company that turns them into a bench. These benches are being donated to the Veterans Park. The benches are Trex material. The bags are being collected at the Post Office, Township Hall and the Fire Company. The Fire Company has already collected close to 200 pounds. The Environmental Commission and the Historical Society have already gotten their benches. The hope is that once Port Norris Fire Company is done, then Mauricetown and Laurel Lake will jump in. Each bench will then be given a brass plate that will name which organization donated it. This was started because the recycling company has stopped accepting plastic bags, this helps to keep the bags out of our landfills.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* *The New Jersey Planner*, Vol. 79 No. 5
* *The New Jersey Planner*, Vol. 79 No. 6

**BOARD BUSINESS**

There are three alternate positions on the board that need to be filled.

**BILL LIST**

**APPROVE BILL LIST**

A motion was made by Mr. McGill and Seconded by Ms. Tomlinson to pay the bills.

All in favor, none opposed.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

No public present.

**ADJORN MEETING**

With no other business, a motion was made by Ms. Tomlinson and Seconded by Mr. Harden to adjourn the meeting.

All were in favor, none opposed.

Heather N. Whitaker

Board Secretary

Next meeting: February 27, 2019