

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on January 13 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
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Those Absent:

Hannah Nichols	Township Clerk
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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 asked for reports from Officials and Guest.

Barney Hollinger said he didn't have to much, with the holiday's things have been slow. This Thursday, the Bayshore council held a meeting in Maurice River Township. They are looking for someone to take the reins. Another thing I want to mention is that Marina South sold, I don't know if you are aware of that. I guess they bought Ricci Brothers too.

Mr. Hollinger asked if there were any resiliency grants out there for utilities.

Township Engineer, Ed Dennis asked what kind of utilities.

Mr. Hollinger said electric and cable.

Mr. Dennis said probably not, there is a pot of money out there of Sandy money, but I don't know that they would fund burying the electric.

Mr. Hollinger said what about new poles for electric.

Mr. Dennis said I think because it is a regulated public utility, its not in my sphere. I'm not out looking for grants for public utilities. They may have access to grant funding that I'm not aware of, but they pretty much handle their own.

Mr. Hollinger said I just didn't know if there was anything for resiliency.

Mr. Dennis said I don't want to say there isn't, it's just not something I would normally be involved in.

Mr. Hollinger said the gas company has been out there and did a narrative of what is wetlands, so they did do that.

Mayor Vizzard asked for the Engineers report.

Engineer Ed Dennis reported that he checked online and nothing yet on the Local Impact Fund for 2020. We obviously have the 1.5 million we are working on, but we did apply for 2020 and no word yet. We did get our funding for Red Fern Drive. We will have something for the February meeting to get that project started. Under existing projects, we have design in progress for the river front roads. Once we have something on paper, we can take a look at it and once we are comfortable, I think we even talked about having another public input meeting to get more feed back on where we are heading. Whittier, Iris and Magnolia, we met with the contractor on the 9<sup>th</sup> which was Thursday. We were out there for about two hours. We went through our punch list, the contractor essentially agreed to address everything. They are going to come out and re-mill and pave parts of the road that are in worse shape. You can see there are some real issues with it, and they may even bring out an infrared crew which is a more advanced way of doing patches in the road. To come out and address some cosmetic issues. They were hoping to come back this month, by the end of January, but we would prefer they hold off until spring when the

Mayor said we have a correspondence from Tony Stanzone of the Cumberland Development Corporation regarding Commercial Township renewing membership with the Corporation. I would like to do this. If you look through these letters from Tony Stanzone it was like 5,800 or 6,000 to be a member and he has agreed to cut it in half to 2,850 now and the letter I thought was in here but isn't explains what they are trying to do with animal control. They are trying to get municipalities to come together and address the high cost to send animals to the SPCA. Financially, I think it would be a good Idea to re-join the organization and fight animal control or the SPCA. I would like to see us re-join. I believe if I remember right, there has to be two people so if we do re-join, one of us will have to be an alternate. We don't have to worry about that tonight, we can worry about it on Thursday. Mayor asked the committee if they had a problem putting that on for Thursday.

Mr. Jamison said he didn't have a problem with it.

Mr. Broughton said me neither.

Mayor Vizzard said We have a memo from Cumberland County Purchasing Office offering Co-Op for unleaded gasoline, on road diesel. That will be a resolution for Thursday. I read through the Co-op a little bit; did we do this last year.

Deputy Clerk said yes.

Mayor Vizzard said I believe this is for two years.

Mr. Jamison said yes, its two years.

Mayor Vizzard said I don't know what it comes to in dollars and cents, but most co-ops are beneficial. We will have a resolution for that on Thursday.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an Ordinance for Introduction for the Regular meeting to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limit and to establish a cap bank so that will be for Thursday.

Mayor Vizzard said we have resolutions.

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| Resolution 2020-25 | A Resolution Authorizing a Default of Tax Arrearage Agreement of Block 120, Lot 9552 to Pamela Gifford   |
| Resolution 2020-26 | A Resolution Authorizing A Default of Tax Arrearage Agreement of Block 144, Lot 10494 to Troy Huntley, Sr.   |
| Resolution 2020-27 | A Resolution Authorizing A Default of Tax Arrearage Agreement of Block 150, Lot 1187 to Arthur & Sundae Caldwell                                   |
| Resolution 2020-28 | Resolution to Authorize Township Solicitor to Proceed with In Rem Foreclosure  |
| Resolution 2020-29 | Awarding Contract to Major Petroleum for On-Road Diesel Fuel through Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System                      |
| Resolution 2020-30 | Awarding Contract to Mansfield Oil Co for Unleaded Gasoline & Off-Road Diesel through the Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System |
| Resolution 2020-31 | Approving Carry Over of Vacation and Personal time   |
| Resolution 2020-32 | Approving Membership in the Cumberland Development Corp.   |
| Resolution 2020-33 | Authorizing Acting Construction Official   |

Resolution 2020-34 Approving an installment plan for block 59, lot 579, Gerald Passarella Sr. due to tax office error.

Mayor asked Deputy Clerk if she knew what resolution 2020-34 was about.

Deputy Clerk said that it was something that came to light today, there is a son and father with the same name, Gerry Passarella. Earlier in the year, one of them came in and there was some confusion with the property that the payment was applied and apparently it was applied to the wrong property. There is now a shortage because of the payment error which would put Mr. Passarella in tax sale without this being corrected.

Mayor Vizzard said ok reports from officials.

Mr. Broughton said all I have are some violations. There was only a total of 14 for December mostly sanitation issues and motor vehicles.

Mr. Broughton asked if there has been any feedback from Maurice River.

Mayor Vizzard said no and said he was going to ask if Mr. Broughton had heard anything.

Mr. Broughton said Mike, I watched your talk show set with Quinn. You had mentioned doing some work with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority with the state trooper barracks and I just wondered...

Mayor Vizzard said its not really work its just we are trying to work through this building whether it is going to be an addition or whether they are going to build a new building. What they expect from the township, what the township expects from them. We need to work that all out. To be honest with you I'm not going to be really happy with the state coming down here saying they want a new building. We just have to work it out. That's what I meant, we just need to sit down and work that out with them. There is supposed to be a meeting the end of this month, but I don't know when yet. I'm thinking its going to go toward an addition to the building. We have put so much money into that building, I don't see anything wrong with it.

Mr. Jamison said he didn't have anything.

Mayor Vizzard said the only other thing I have is a I have a letter from Carol McCallister of Bowman just thanking us for the reappointment as out auditors.

I was going to mention about the shared services with Maurice River Township. We are looking to do a shared service with them as far as the construction office goes but no word from them on that as to whether they are going to agree to that. As soon as I know, I will let you know.

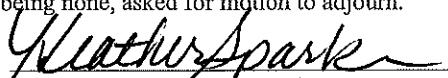
Mayor Vizzard said that's all I have.

Mr. Jamison said Barney has something.

Mr. Hollinger said I'm pretty sure I sent it to you, but the partnership for Delaware escrow commission (parts inaudible) something to do with weather (inaudible) They are looking for someone from the environmental commission.

Mayor Vizzard, said okay I know at this month meeting with the Environmental commission, we are supposed to have someone down to talk about ghost crab traps. There are so many crab traps that fish are getting caught in them and they want to get it cleaned up. Turtles, everything. I think their idea is to partner up with people in the area who are familiar with it and have boats and I believe if I remember right it was a woman from Cape May county who is going to come here to talk about it.

Mayor asked if there was anything else and being none, asked for motion to adjourn. Motion was moved.

  
Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk