

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Commercial Township Committee, held on July 13, 2020 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
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

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 said since we have no officials present will call on Edward Dennis, Municipal Engineer.

Mr. Dennis said he did not have a lot but Red Fern Drive and Riverfront Project will be out to bid in the month of August and bids will be accepted on the 13<sup>th</sup> for Red Fern Drive and August 18<sup>th</sup> for Riverfront Project. He said grant applications were filed for, priority 1 for Keron Drive and Parsons Lane and priority 2 has been filed for Milbourne Drive and Dennis Lane for 2021.

Mayor Vizzard said he would notify Barney Hollinger on the Riverfront Project bid acceptance.

Mr. Dennis said these are the current grants that we will be working on, most of all the other Commercial Township projects have been closed out or in the close out process.

Mayor Vizzard said we have correspondence from Mrs. Brenda Sharp, she wants to discuss with the committee a grant that her mother received back in 2001 from the Bayshore Housing Grant. Mrs. Sharp does not feel that she and her siblings should have to pay the 50% of the grant amount to remove the lien Commercial Township has on the property. The payback figure is \$2,900, there is interest of \$4,337.71 that we offered to waive but Mrs. Sharp wants the \$2,900 also included.

The Township Committee agreed that the payback figure must be paid, but they will be willing to listen to Mrs. Sharp at the regular meeting.

Mayor Vizzard said we had a bid on Block 135, Lots 7034, 7035, 7036 60X100 from Kari Hiles. Mrs. Hiles has decided to withdraw her bid but since all adjoining owners were

Deputy Clerk, Heather Sparks, said she is working on the quotes and will be notifying demolition companies to see if they want to put in a proposal. The house at North Avenue and Yock Wock, that also is caving in. Heather said she would send the documents to Seeley. She also mentioned County Derelict Housing Grant monies since we only have \$20,000 in the budget for demolition.

Mayor asked for motion to open meeting to the public.

Mr. Richard Smith said he certainly hopes that letters of explanation, or a notice as to who is the blame for the huge increases in our tax bills this year are going out with the bills. This is terrible for this to happen now with everything going on.

Mayor Vizzard said that a letter and a draft, prepared by Tax Collector, Leslie Kraus was being sent out with the bills, stating who is to blame and their phone numbers to contact them. Mayor said Commercial Township did not raise our taxes, County and School both raised their taxes.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for a motion to close the Public portion and to adjourn the meeting. So moved.

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Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk