

Minutes of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on August 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ.

Those present:

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| 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, that it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked everyone to stand and join the committee in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Vizzard no visitors this evening so we'll go into consideration of previous meeting minutes and Bill List for the month of August.

Mayor Vizzard said committee has received copies of minutes for the following meetings:

**Agenda Meeting of July 13th, 2020
Regular Meeting of July 16th, 2020**

Committeeman Jamison made motion to approve minutes and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor said consideration of the Bill List for August 2020, as prepared by Pam Humphries, Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Broughton made motion to approve Bill List for August 2020 and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard called on Ed Dennis, Engineer, for Commercial Township for his report.

Mr. Dennis said township committee accepted bid on August 13, 2020 for the Reconstruction of Red Fern Drive and the following bids were received:

1. South State Inc., Bridgeton, NJ

Base Bid: \$237,500.00

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| 2. West Bay Construction Inc., Absecon, NJ | Base Bid: \$296,470.00 |
| 3. Asphalt Paving Systems, Hammonton, NJ | Base Bid: \$267,634.00 |
| 4. Paving Plus, LLC, Franklinville, NJ | Base Bid: \$434,523.00 |

Mr. Dennis said that he reviewed the bids, found them to be in order and with the approval of solicitor and chief financial officer certification of funds that he recommends the committee accept the bid of South State Inc., Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of Base Bid of \$237,500.00. He said the committee could do a change order if they wanted to include the alternate and install a new drainage pipe.

Mayor Vizzard said we have a resolution on the agenda awarding to South State Inc., in the amount of \$237,500.00.

Mr. Dennis said committee received bids on August 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., for the Riverfront Roadway Improvement Project and the following bids were received:

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| 1. South State Inc., Bridgeton, NJ | Base Bid: \$1,448,404.50 |
| 2. Ricky Slade, Bridgeton, NJ | Base Bid: \$1,496,399.95 |

Mr. Dennis said he had reviewed the bids and found them to be in order and that he recommends that the committee awards a contract to South State Inc., Bridgeton N.J. in the Base Bid of \$1,448,404.50 with approval of the solicitor and chief financial officer's certification of funds and that a resolution be adopted this evening so this project could get started.

Mayor Vizzard said there is a resolution on the agenda awarding contract to South State Inc., in amount of \$1,448,404.50.

Mr. Dennis said this was a break for us, same contractor, all good.

Mayor Vizzard said township committee went out for quotes on the demolition of Dagastines Friendly Service Gas Station and specifications were prepared by Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk. Five quotes were received for the demolition at the corner of Main and Market Streets in Port Norris. The following quotes were received:

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| 1. Gate's Excavating, Cedarville, NJ | Quote: \$12,300.00 |
| 2. Walt Kunkle, port Norris, NJ | Quote: \$20,000.00 |
| 3. Henderson Contracting, LLC | Quote: \$10,495.00 |
| 4. Perryman's Excavating, Inc., Milmay, NJ | Quote: \$ 8,950.00 |
| 5. Northstar Marine Inc., Clermont, NJ | Quote: \$12,250.00 |

Mayor said committee reviewed quotes, found them to be in order and recommends that a contract be awarded to Perryman's Excavating, Inc., in amount of \$8,950.00 lowest responsible bidder if chief financial officer issues certification of funds.

Clerk said she has certification of funds from CFO.

Mayor requested resolution be placed on the agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said committee received and reviewed letter from the Department of Transportation regarding 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. These federal funds provide for community based "non-traditional" surface transportation related projects

Deputy Clerk, Heather Sparks, asked if this program could be used for the Sluice Gate in Shellpile or possibly the Mauricetown Park.

Engineer, Ed Dennis, said it appears that the Berry Avenue, sluice would not be an eligible project for this grant. The "environmental mitigation to address stormwater management" is referring to activities which improve natural habitat, wetlands mitigation, pollution abatement, clean air initiatives, etc., He said Mauricetown Park could be eligible, depending on the scope of work. He said he would investigate further.

The Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance has streamlined current personnel policy removing unnecessary, not required under law items. Once copy is received it will be reviewed.

Mayor Vizzard said committee was notified by Kathleen Gandy, Environmental Coordinator from Cumberland County Health Department that classes are going to be held for the first time at Rowan at Cumberland County College for Animal Control Officers. Mayor said this sounds like a good idea, hopefully individuals will take the course

Clerk, Hannah Nichols, said that at one time the township had their own Animal Control Officer and it worked out very well.

Mayor Vizzard said the rabies clinics were cancelled due to the coronavirus and many municipalities didn't have them this year. Kathleen Gandy, Cumberland County Board of Health said that the following clinics will be held: August 29th, Hopewell & Cumberland County Fairgrounds. September 12, Maurice River Township and September 26th at the Bridgeton Waterfront. He said township has printed out flyers for anyone in need.

Mayor Vizzard said township has been advised that Cumberland County has received a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program FY 2021 Septic Rehab Loans to low and moderate income homeowners. Triad Associates will administer the grant. Township has applications for anyone in need. Mayor said something to let people know about.

Mayor Vizzard said a letter of appreciation is always good to receive and the road department was commended for a superior job they did on the demolition of a boat in Laurel

Lake. Letter was from Richard Moss, Laurel Lake resident. Mayor said it took a long time but we finally got that boat out of there.

Mayor Vizzard said we have Ordinances for consideration.

ORDINANCE 2020-601

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 97-383 ANIMAL CONTROL RULES AND REGULATIONS AND ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE WITH NO LICENSES:

In order to be in compliance of CS Regional Court the following fine is amended:

Current Fine: \$55.00

Amended to: \$56.00

Mayor asked for motion to open meeting to the public for comments and being none asked for a motion to close the public portion and to adopt the ordinance.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to close public portion and to adopt ordinance and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard said we the introduction of an Ordinance to also be in compliance of the CS Regional Court held in Upper Deerfield. This ordinance is to amend other items of our ordinance 97-383, fines at the discretion of the Judge.

**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE 2020-602**

AN ORDINANCE OF COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-383 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS, THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS, RESTRICTING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE MADE TO TO ORDINANCE 97-383.

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Section: XVI. VICIOUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Item: A-4: Dog has been trained, tormented, badgered, baited, or encouraged to engage in unprovoked attacks upon persons or animals by its owner. If this is found to be cause of dog's behavior then dog will be impounded and a complaint will be filed against the owner whereas if found guilty fine will be at the discretion of the municipal judge.

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Section: XVI. VICIOUS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Item: G-3: Has been trained, tormented, badgered, baited or encouraged to engage in unprovoked attacks upon person or domestic animals by owner, then complaint can be filed against owner who will have to appear in the municipal court and if found guilty, fine will be at the discretion of the municipal judge.

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Section: XVI

Item: K: If a dog or animal is found to be vicious or potentially vicious due to being tormented, trained, badgered, baited and encouraged to attack. Owner will be held accountable and liable and a complaint may be filed against owner and a hearing will be held in municipal court and if found guilty, fine will be at the discretion of the municipal judge.

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Section XVI

Item: L: If owner of any dog, fowl, or other animal has been trained in the act of fighting for betting, sports arena like fighting, then complaints will be filed against owner and all participants, and dog, fowl, or other animal impounded until case is heard in municipal court and a fine can be imposed at the discretion of the municipal judge.

Item: LL. Any person in possession of a fighting Pit Bull, trained to fight or bearing marks of having engaged in fighting, shall have complaint filed with the municipal court and a fine determined by the municipal court judge that justifies this major violation by said owner.

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Section: XXI. NUISANCE PROHIBITED

Item: C: No person shall abandon, leave, relinquish control over, or cause to remain, any dog, cat, bird, or other animal on any public or private property without prior approval of the property owner. Any person abandoning any animal will be charged with abandonment upon complaint being filed and a hearing before a municipal judge and a fine imposed if found guilty of abandonment at discretion of municipal judge.

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Section XLIV: ENFORCEMENT

Item: B: Any person who owns a dog/cat is required to see that proper housing is to keep animals from the weather elements. Owner or keeper shall supply doghouse for each dog owned and maintained outside. Owner or keeper shall supply housing for cats maintained in pen. Any owner found not to supply housing for dogs/cats shall be notified in writing by the animal control officer and given seven (7) days to comply or a complaint will be filed and a court

appearance will be required and a fine imposed at the discretion of the municipal judge.

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Section XLV: Violations and Penalties

Item: A. Failure to have proper license and registration tag for a dog or other animal required to be licensed and/or registered, it is a court appearance required and the fine will be at the discretion of the municipal judge.
If there is a second offense, fine is at the discretion of the judge and the defendant must obtain a license within five (5) days of the sentence and present a copy to the court office.

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Item AA

No dog licensed or unlicensed are to run at large on any streets, roads, private property or municipal properties of the Township of Commercial. All dogs are to be on a leash when walked by their owners. IF a complaint is filed on owner of dog running at large, this is a court appearance required and fine will be determined by the municipal court judge.

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Item: B.

For destruction of vegetation and nuisance to surrounding neighbors by dog or animal a complaint can be filed with the municipal court, a court appearance required and fine is at the discretion of the municipal judge for first offence. For subsequent violations, court appearance required and fine is at the discretion of the municipal judge and possible restitution determined.

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Item:

C. For all other violations, except as otherwise provided herein, any person who violates or refuses to comply, shall be subject to a fine and imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days in the County jail or a term not to exceed ninety (90) days of Community Service in lieu of any jail time imposed as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge having jurisdiction over these matters. Each day a violation continues to exist may be considered by the Court to be a separate offense for the purpose of this Section at the discretion of the Court, who shall use its sound discretion based on the circumstances that exist in a particular case.

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Item:

D. The violations of the provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to abatement, restraining order or injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to adopt the amendments to 97-383 Animal Control Ordinance.

Committeeman Brought made motion to adopt and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard said ordinance will have second reading and public hearing on September 17, 2020.

Mayor Vizzard stated we have the following resolutions for consideration.

RESOLUTION 2020-77

Resolution of The Township of Commercial Increasing Bid Threshold And Reaffirming Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 And N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4

WHEREAS, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law afforded local contracting units the ability to increase the bid threshold up to For-Four Thousand (\$44,000) and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed, as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such Contracts below the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5. et seq., establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent under New Jersey Law (License No.: Q-1492); and

WHEREAS, Pamela Humphries possesses the designation and is certified as a Qualified Purchasing Agent, as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial desires to take advantage of the increased bid threshold that will provide certain benefits of efficiency and economics to the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, that the Township Committee hereby formally increases its bid threshold to \$44,000.00 along with a quote threshold of \$6,600.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby appoints and affirms the CFO, Pamela Humphries, as the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent authorized to exercise the duties of a Purchasing Agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the Township Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and a copy of Pamela Humphries Certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services forthwith after the adoption hereof.

RESOLUTION 2020-78

Governing Body Certification Of The Annual Audit

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, THE Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Clerk of Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall be resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a Date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution passed at the meeting held on August 20,2020.

RESOLUTION 2020-79

**Approving Five Year Sand Mining Permitting License
To Sahara Sand Of Port Norris, Block 215, Lots 75 & 76**

WHEREAS, Silvi Concrete of Chester County, LLC, d/b/a Sahara Sand of Port Norris, with an address at 355 Newbold Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030, has applied to the Land Use Board of Commercial Township for renewal of a permit for resource extraction, as a conditional use and site plan approval, respecting premises located on the east side of Dragston Road and west side of Strawberry Avenue, more particularly described as Block 215, Lots 75 and 76 as shown on the current tax map of Commercial Township, premises are located entirely within the RR (Rural Resource) Zone.

WHEREAS, applicant appeared before the Commercial Township Land Use Board on May 27, 2020 and full testimony was presented to the board members for renewal of permit for resource extraction, conditional use and major site plan approval and fact that no comments were made for or against application from the general public; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial on recommendation of the Land Use Board that a Five Year Sand Mining Permitting License be issued to Sahara Sand of Port Norris, Block 215, Lots 75 & 76 commencing as of May 27, 2020 with expiration date of May 27, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sahara Sand of Port Norris will adhere to all stipulations and regulations delegated by the Commercial Township Land Use Board members as specified in their Resolution #2020-09 and that all sand mining permitting license fees will be paid annually as required.

RESOLUTION 2020-80

**Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-2025**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit

organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Cumberland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Commercial Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2020 in the amount of:

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| DEDR | \$3,635.00 |
| Cash Match | \$ 908.75 |
| In-Kind | <u>\$2,726.25</u> |
| | \$7,270.00 |

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for Administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative Compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION 2020-81
Honoring Purple Heart Day
At Commercial Township' Veterans Memorial Park

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that recognition is given to the Organization Stars and Stripes for providing cleanup services, Flags and Flowers placed throughout the Commercial Township Veterans Memorial Park in Honor of Purple Heart Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee wants to recognize and thank Samantha Layton, "Miss Stars and Stripes Outstanding Teen for 2020, Jessenia Kaganzev, Past" Stars and Stripes Outstanding Teen" and Ava Kaganzev for taking the time to honor the

Veterans named on the Bricks in our Veterans Memorial Park by showing their appreciation for what these individuals did for America.

RESOLUTION 2020-82
Tax Collector's List of Uncollectible Taxes

I, Leslie A. Kraus, Tax Collector of Commercial Township submit to you a list of taxrd, which in my opinion are uncollectible. The reason as to why the taxes are uncollectible is listed below. I request that the same be cancelled and that I am relieved of the collection thereof as required by P.L. 115 (C. 54:4-91.91, 91.2)

| Block | Lot | Assessed Owner | Years | Amount | Reason |
|-------|------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|
| 53 | 4 | Stevenson, Tommi L | 2020/3rd | \$1,088.56 | Refund Overpayment |
| 243 | 6 | Ponticello, Salvatore | 2020/2021 | \$4,248.63 | Exempt Veteran |
| 26 | 4272 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 145.72 | Exempt |
| 26 | 4293 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 87.43 | Exempt |
| 26 | 4295 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 300.20 | Exempt |
| 31 | 8576 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 87.43 | Exempt |
| 46 | 5932 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 582.90 | Exempt |
| 61 | 719 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 69.95 | Exempt |
| 61 | 721 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 72.86 | Exempt |
| 61 | 725 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 75.78 | Exempt |
| 61 | 729 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 125.33 | Exempt |
| 83 | 5048 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$2,381.14 | Exempt |
| 107 | 8477 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 375.98 | Exempt |
| 115 | 6876 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 539.18 | Exempt |
| 138 | 7690 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 87.43 | Exempt |
| 251 | 5 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$ 70.60 | Exempt |
| 251 | 6 | Township of Commercial | 2020/2021 | \$2,363.69 | Exempt |

RESOLUTION 2020-83
Awarding Contact To Perryman's Excavating Inc. For
The Demolition of Dagastine's Friendly Service Station
In The Amount Of \$8,950.00

WHEREAS, Dagastine's Friendly Service Station has been closed for the past thirty years and has fallen into disrepair over that period of time; and

WHEREAS, Dagastine's has deteriorated to such that it is an extreme hazard to the Health, welfare and safety of the residents and children in the area and therefore the township committee contacted the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental protection for permission to demolish the building.

WHEREAS, specifications were prepared by Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk and she obtained quotes which were opened and read on Monday, August 17, 2020. Bids were reviewed by the governing body and awarded at their regular township committee meeting on August 20, 2020 and awarded to the most responsible lowest bidder; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby awards a contract to Perryman's Excavating, Inc., 7117 Millville-Mays Landing Road, Milmay, New Jersey 08340 in the amount of \$8,950.00 for the Demolition of Dagastines Friendly Service Station, at the corner of Main and Market Streets, Port Norris, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chief Financial Officer has certified funding for this contract awarded to Perryman's Excavating, Inc., 7117 Millville-Mays Landing Road, Milmay, New Jersey 08340 in the amount \$8,950.00 from the following accounts.

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| Account: # | 0-01-44-906-000 |
| Account Name: | Reserve for Building Demolition |
| Current Balance in Account: | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Amount Certified: | <u>\$ 8,950.00</u> |
| Remaining Balance in Account: | \$ 11,050.0 |

RESOLUTION 2020-84

Awarding Contract To South State For The Reconstruction
Of Red Fern Drive In The Amount Of \$237,500 Through The FY2020
New Jersey Department Of Transportation Municipal Aid Program

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial accepted bids for the Reconstruction of Red Fern Drive, Port Norris, NJ, on August 13th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., four bids were received and reviewed by Engineer, Edward Dennis, for completeness; and

WHEREAS, in accordance of the Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1, et. seq., the contract is normally awarded to the lowest responsible bidder;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby awards a contract to South State Inc., P.O. Box 68, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302 for Base Bid in the amount of \$237,500.00 for the Reconstruction of Red Fern Drive in Port Norris if approved by municipal solicitor and certificate of funding by chief financial officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that chief financial officer has certified funding for contract awarded to South State Inc., P.O. Box 68, Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of \$237,500.00 from the following accounts:

Account: # G-02-41-860-000
Account Name: 2020 NJDOT Grant – Red Fern Drive
Current Balance In Account: \$267,070.00
Amount Certified: \$237,500.00
Remaining Balance In Account: \$ 29,570.00

RESOLUTION 2020-85

Awarding Contract To South State Inc., for the Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements In The Amount of \$1,448,404.50 Through New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Funds

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial applied for and received funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Fund for Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements. Engineers were authorized to prepare design, specifications and to advertise; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee accepted bids for the Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements on August 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. and two bids were received and reviewed by Engineer, Edward Dennis, for completeness; and

WHEREAS, in accordance of the Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-1, et seq., the contract is normally awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial awards a contract to South State Inc., P.O. Box 68, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302 In the amount of \$1,448,404.50 for Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements if approved by municipal solicitor and certificate of funding is submitted by chief financial officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that chief financial officer has certified funding for this contract awarded to South State Inc., P.O. Box 68 Bridgeton, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,448.404.50 from the following accounts:

Account #: G-02-41-857-000
Account Name: 2019 NJDOT Local Freight Impact Grant
Current Balance In Account: \$1,350,000.00

Account #: G-02-41-862-000
Account Name: 2020 NJDOT Local Freight Impact Grant
Current Balance In Account: \$ 550,000.00

Amount Certified: \$1,448,404.50
Remaining Balance 2019/2020 \$ 451,595.50

Mayor Vizzard asked for motion on the resolutions just introduced.

Committeeman Broughton made motion to adopt Resolutions 2020-77 thru Resolutions 2020-85.

Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion and a unanimous roll call vote taken.

Mayor Vizzard asked for reports from the committee.

Committeeman Jamison said we finally got that boat down and I hear there were many residents to observe.

Mayor Vizzard said tree company coming in next week and that will be a major cost \$10,000.

Mayor Vizzard said on the Coronavirus, Commercial Township has 31 residents that have tested positive and we've had three deaths. He said he wants to thank the residents of Commercial Township for doing their part in keeping the virus under control

Mayor asked for motion to open meeting to public.

Committeeman Broughton made motion to open to public and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion.

Mrs. Joanne Weiderhold asked if 102 Olive Road is zoned residential and if it is can a business be run there. Her neighbor repairs tractors, dump trucks, stores oil, oil spills on property behind him. She said it is a mess.

Committeeman Broughton said that he would report it to Code Enforcement.

Mr. Warren Weiderhold said that Bamboo is growing on 129 Palm Road and we have a Bamboo Ordinance and has the ordinance been changed.

Mayor asked if it has been changed.

Clerk said no.

Mayor said this is something that will be turned over to Steve.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for motion to close public portion and to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk