

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on September 14, 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	Clerk
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Mayor Vizzard called the meeting to order 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 said Tax Assessor, Brian Rosenberger will attend the Regular Meeting on the 17th.

Mayor called on Ed Dennis, Engineer, for reports.

Mr. Dennis said looking at drainage work and taking down trees on Red Fern Drive and widening the road. He said on the riverfront grant we will have a lot of money left over and he contacted the Department of Transportation about using the money to repave Ogden Avenue from Main Street to Miller Avenue and their response was no. He said I called the supervisor and she said no and then said send it to her a workup.

Mayor Vizzard said what was their reaction.

Mr. Dennis said their response was that we should apply for the next go around. I told them if we do you'll pay more for the same work. We're not asking for more money.

Mayor Vizzard asked, if they don't agree we have to give the money back?

Mr. Dennis said even if they do agree, it won't take all of what's left over, we'll still have to give some of the money back.

Mr. Barney Hollinger asked do High Street all the way down to the Marina Bar.

Mr. Dennis said township doesn't own all the way down.

Mr. Hollinger said we gave part of the road to Surfside because of their operations and we just moved High Street over, but we own all the way down. He said there was water on Berry Avenue.

Mr. Dennis asked on the new part or on the only part we didn't do?

Mr. Hollinger said where the old bridge where you put in guide rails, water is coming in under it. Berry Avenue must be sinking. He said on the next funding can we do all of Berry Avenue.

Committeeman Jamison asked do you think that it is coming from the sluice gate?

Mr. Dennis said I'll take a look at it.

Mr. Hollinger said take out the old pipe. He said on Berry Avenue all the way down the road is sinking feels sluice plays part in it.

Mr. Dennis says according to state no money.

Committeeman Hollinger asked for additional funds for public wharf and upgrade lighting.

Mr. Dennis said not in this pot of funding, it's for DOT.

Mayor Vizzard called on solicitor for report.

Mr. Seeley said most of his time right now is being spent on tax appeals, Covia bankruptcy, he understand that they have paid their mining permitting fees.

Clerk stated they paid January and August, they are working on February.

Mr. Seeley and he has been dealing with Mr. Raymond White.

Mayor Vizzard said you sent him certified letters, he is not responding, don't waste any more time on this and why are you involved in appeals.

Mr. Seeley because I have to sign off on the assessor.

Mayor Vizzard said he doesn't see a problem with the Bond Ordinance for new equipment for the road department.

Mayor said we have a bid from Brian Wills for 2421 High Street, \$500, it's 160X100 If we accepted the bid I would want the house down in 30 days.

Committeeman Jamison said what if they don't, what happens to the property then.

Mr. Seeley said we can put on stipulations that they have to deed back, if they don't adhere to the stipulations.

Clerk said we have three properties that we sold and none of them have been brought up to code, Carmichael's is still standing and people are working on North Avenue house, buyer said he would give it to the people that is fixing it up when they finish. On some of the others the health department is hurting township's with septic.

Mr. Seeley said courthouse employees are working staggered hours, working from home and a lot of work is taking time to get done.

Mayor Vizzard said Pam has investigated Sourcewell and it is an organization where municipalities can purchase equipment on the National level. She suggested township become a member.

Mayor Vizzard said he recommends the adoption of the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance 97-383 which will bring us into compliance with the CS Regional Court.

Barney Hollinger said his next door neighbors are just tearing up the property, trash, property really messed up and the other house has truck and camper in front yard. He said 2511 Temperance trash and truck has never been removed. 2515 Temperance needs grass cut, lawnmowers wooden crates, car seats in yard

Committeeman Jamison said I took it to Steve, he went there property is really getting bad. This has been going on for two years. Committee will follow up with Steve to see that it has been done, Tree out front and car.

Mayor said I'd like to see, 2513 Market Street demolished.

Committeeman Jamison said he wants North Avenue and Yock Wock next one.

Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk, said I don't think we own it.

Mr. Jamison said, the property can certainly be deemed a health hazards and a danger to the community, this constitutes it can be torn down. Do it as an emergency. Get quotes.

Mayor Vizzard said if we tear it down, we don't own it and we won't be able to sell it.

Committeeman Jamison said but you could put a lien on the property

Mayor Vizzard said other item on the agenda Letter from Daughters of America to declare September 17 to 23rd to be Constitutional Week.

Letter from Mauricetown Historical Society, asking for help of \$500 to pay utility bills because the virus has caused them to remain closed for 2020. Mayor said he doesn't have a problem with it.

Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton said they doesn't have problem with it. It will be on the agenda of regular meeting.

Letter from Brian Will, 6746 Wemouth Road, Mays Landing NJ 08330 he wants to put a bid in on 2721 High Street Port Norris, Block 259, Lot 6 size 140X105. Committee said they would like to meet with Mr. Will before accepting the bid. What is his intentions with the property.

Committee received an e-mail from Heather Sparks. Deputy Clerk, regarding Cyber Risk Management Plan, Cyber Incident Response Plan. She said this is required by our insurance carrier and asked that resolution be on the agenda approving the plans.

Committeeman Broughton and Committeeman Jamison approved for regular agenda.

A copy of the Sourcewell brochure "We can make purchasing Easy" given to committee to review for regular meeting

Notice from Marjorie Abrams, Treasurer's Office that Brian Rosenberger's reappoint is past due. Committee approved reappointment and resolution will be on the agenda of the regular meeting.

Mayor Vizzard said we have ordinance second reading animal control and the following resolutions.

Approving Cyber Risk Management Plan and Cyber Incident Response Plan

Approving Membership in the Sourcewell Program

Reappointment of Brian Rosenberger, Tax Assessor

Mauricetown Historical Society \$500

Mayor Vizzard asked for additional comments and being none asked that meeting be adjourned.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk