

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 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 held via Virtual Platform Zoom but in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor said he would call on Ed Dennis for report.

Mr. Dennis said on the agenda this evening I see you have the stormwater amendment ordinance and I would like to give the committee a brief background on what this is. Ten, fifteen years ago all municipalities had their own stormwater management ordinance with their own regulations and requirements. In 2007 the state required all municipalities to adopt a Stormwater Management Ordinance so that all requirements were all the same and all municipalities were following the same rules. Couple of years ago DEP started to re-evaluate program and adopted new set of state standard mandated plans and both of them are on radar. Since then DEP has adopted a new update plan that requires all municipalities to adopt an ordinance and what it does, it replaces your current state ordinance, to boil the whole thing down by the end of the day, what DEP did was adopt Green Infrastructure, Fudicial Management Drainage System. Your current ordinance calls for Best Efforts, drainage water to grass to pipe. Now they want you or would require water to go into grass swale infiltrate the ground and filter the water. New ordinance, state mandate requires developer to use the Fudicial Infrastructure unless if they find impossible to do so. Any developer that comes into Commercial Township will be required t use the Judicial Stormwater Management Drainage System but if not feasible they can use the old school, tried and true drain pipe, to basin. There is a process they can go through and ask for a waiver.

Mr. Dennis said he has not had any word regarding grant funding and our applications. He said he spoke with Pam regarding 2021 budget and what kind of funding would be needed. He said that he would provide Pam their budget in a couple of days.

Mayor Vizzard said we hava letter from the state that the Environmental Commission has achieved and been awarded the Sustainable Jersey Bronze Recertification and will be recognized at a virtual Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 11.

Mayor said committee has received a bid of \$1,200 for Block 8062 thru 8068, 140X100, 205 Iris Road, Laurel Lake, property has a house on it. Committee had accepted the bid in September 2020 but there where legal ramifications with prior owner, Mr. Raymond White. according to Solicitor, township can sell.

Mayor said committee has received a bid of \$2,000 for Block 251, Lots 5 & 6, 2513 Market Street, Port Norris, lot sizes are 57X175 and property is vacant.

Mayor Vizzard said normal procedure is to notify adjoining owners when the sale would be and what the minimum bid is.

Clerk stated all adjoining owners will be notified, the Land Sale will be advertised in the newspaper two times within fourteen days of the sale.

Mayor said we have a proposal from Remington & Vernick of \$1,500 to amend the Stormwater Control Ordinance as required by DEP and must be submitted by March 2, 2021.

Mayor said that he had approved the proposal with engineer so work could get started on the ordinance.

Mayor said we have two ordinances for regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2021-604
CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14)**

Mayor said ordinance was introduced on January 21, 2021 and will have second reading and public hearing at the February 18, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Vizzard said we have introduction of the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE 2021-605
STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE UPDATE
AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE 2005-465 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
COMMERCIAL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following resolutions for the regular meeting on the 18th of March.

- Resolution 2021-30 Awarding a contract to Hoffman Equipment Inc. for the purchase of one new 2020 Wheel Loader in amount of \$142,968. Certification of Funds attached.
- Resolution 2021-31 Awarding a contract to Hunter Truck Sales & Service for the purchase of one new 2020 International Dump Truck in the amount of \$159,833.00. Certification of Funds attached.
- Resolution 2021-32 Awarding contract to GT Mid Atlantic for the purchase of Hydraulic Reversible Plow in the amount of \$15,801.60. Certification of Funds attached.
- Resolution 2021-33 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement to provide services of Certified Recycling Coordinator as review and certification agent regarding Annual Tonnage Report
- Resolution 2021-34 2020 Commercial Township Tonnage Application Resolution
- Resolution 2021-35 Certifying Submission of Expenditures For Recycling Enhance Act
- Resolution 2021-36 Approving Change Order #1 for Red Fern Drive Project The Amount of \$31,357.67

Mayor said any reports from officials

Committeeman Jamison asked if municipality was going to send flowers to Mr. Palena's family, what are the rules for that. He also asked if the township was going to hire someone.

Committeeman Broughton asked if the township would advertise the position for the construction office.

Clerk said we would advertise.

Mayor Vizzard said on the Perrault bid, this came up before, but we had a problem and the bid was never advertised because of the legalities. But we will still advertise and contact adjoining owners.

Mr. Seeley, said Hannah is right all adjoining owners need to be notified and sale advertised twice in local newspaper.

Mayor Vizzard said he meet with Mr. Keenen, from Bayshore regarding the liquor license they wanted to get. He said they stated that they were going to make a restaurant and bar in the upstairs with a sitting room and kitchen on the ground floor. Mayor said he would like for the township to do everything that they can to help them. He asked committee of their thoughts.

Committeeman Broughton said he would like for them to attend a meeting and explain exactly what their intensions are, what are their plans.

Clerk said Bayshore wants a distribution/consumption license, where they can sell package good and drink on premise.

Mr. Seeley said this is hard to get, it takes a log time, just six month time to do background checks with state police, ABC, Division of Taxation. The advertisements are necessary.

Clerk said she suggested a Club License for this year, giving them a years time to get the consumption license. They do not want a club license because it requires membership.

Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk, the state is not even returning our calls.

Mr. Seeley, their offices are closed as many state agencies. He said he has been involved in liquor licenses and he will be glad to help them in any way that he can. He said in Greenwich the Alcoholic Beverage even allowed them to include their docks, part of parking areas to be included with their restaurant in serving drinks.

Clerk said she has tried the ABC Director to see if he could find out if the Maurice River Beverage License is still in the system or did the board of taxation seize it and put it up for sale. She said Bayshore also agreed that the state offices are closed and employees are working from home without necessary paperwork at hand.

Mayor said he just wants Bayshore to know that we will do everything we can to help them.

Mayor said he has meeting with the CDC and Joe Derella regarding an Animal Shelter because he had gotten the numbers from the shelter and for every animal Shore had brought in it is costing Commercial Township \$850.00 per animal.

Heather asked committee if they were going to advertise for construction.

Mayor Vizzard said he didn't bring it up because he thought it was a little too soon. He said he had talked with Dennis and he gave him a name of the person that does Maurice River Township.

Committeeman Broughton asked the mayor to find out who it is and give him a call, he would like to talk with them.

Clerk said at one time when Mr. Dean was here we had a shared service policy with Maurice River Township and the construction officials covered for each other for sickness, vacation, whatever.

Heather Sparks asked the committee regarding the new employee for the secretarial position what had the committee decided they would pay her.

Mayor asked committee.

Heather said is it the lower end of scale

Committeeman Jamison said, what does Ryan say.

Committeeman Brought said, the lower end of scale

Mayor Vizzard said he had one other item and that is he contacted John Nardone regarding the Recertification of Commercial Township Sustainable NJ and that there are only five municipalities that have been designated..

Clerk said they should be commended, this is a lot of work on their part and I'm not sure how many times they've achieved recertification.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none adjourned the meeting.

Hannah E. Nichols
Township Clerk