

Minutes of the Regular Township Committee meeting of the Township of Commercial held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., in the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ.

Those Present:

Mike Vizzard	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor
Ryan Broughton	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Nick Cosmo	Engineer
Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor

Mayor Vizzard called the meeting to order with the announcement that meeting had been advertised, it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked everyone to rise for the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor Vizzard stated that Robert Welsh, was in attendance for Fred Hundt, Commercial Township's OEM Officer. Mr. Welsh said he is here to discuss the Mediation and Hazard Plans for Commercial Township. Certain information that needs to be updated, such as the township committee, the names of people who make up the work group, as an example; Miss Hannah, Tom, Fletcher, Clint, He said the officials and planning board have not been updated since 2016, he said Ron Sutton was on the township committee at that time. He said FEMA requires meetings with sign in sheets, these meetings are for the work group, to provide projects for future plans, like they did with the generators, capital plans, re-examination of the Master Plan, flood management control, stormwater management. Mr. Welsh said FEMA has added a new link. He said there is not a lot of time, I know we were granted an extension but time is very short and I think they require possibly six meetings.

Mayor Vizzard said I have a lot of questions regarding this and I've not been a part of it and I would like to have a sit down meeting

Mr. Welsh said that is no problem and a meeting could be arranged at the township hall if he would like. He can set that up and will contact the mayor.

Committeeman Jamison asked, is all of us invited to attend because I would like to get more understanding it myself.

Mr. Welsh said there is not much time, the deadline is within next couple of weeks. He said they have already had their first meeting with FEMA and state and Fred wants to know if a meeting could be scheduled with work group and planning board. He said FEMA wants to be added to our web site so people could put in their suggestions or objections.

Mr. Welsh said if anyone of the committee wants to contact him they can do so at 856-300-9480.

Mayor Vizzard said he is on vacation but that he will be returning on Monday.

Mr. Welsh said he would set the meeting up and he thanked the committee for their time.

Mayor Vizzard said we have consideration of previous meeting minutes:

Minutes of Agenda Meeting of May 17, 2021
Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 20, 2021

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

Mayor Vizzard said we have Bill List for June 2021 as prepared by Pamela Humphries, Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Broughton made motion to approve bill list and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with following roll call vote:

Committeeman Broughton	Yes
Committeeman Jamison	Yes
Mayor Vizzard	Abstained

Mayor Vizzard said Ed Dennis, Engineer, is not here this evening but Nick Cosmo is if anyone has any questions for Nick. Mayor said there was a lengthy report given at the agenda meeting and I have nothing tonight. Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton said they had nothing at this time.

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following correspondence.

Letter from Remington and Vernick Engineers with proposal for the preparation and submission of State Aid Applications 2022 for Cobb & Brown Streets in amount of \$2,100 and Milbourne Drive and Dennis Lane in the amount of \$1,500.00. Committee approved at agenda meeting, resolution on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said Board of Education thaked the committee for two \$100 gift certificate awards that were presented to Gavin Saud and Anuya McNeil at their 8th grade Graduation Ceremony on June 10th. Mayor Vizzard and Committeeman Jamison and Broughton said the affair was very nice, it was held inside and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Mayor Vizzard sand we had two liquor licenses file for renewal, Mauricetown Gunning Club Inc., and Liquor Warehouse (Lalli's) both paid fees and received Clearance Certificate from Treasury & Division of Taxation. Resolutions are on the agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said we have the following resolutions for consideration.

RESOLUTION 2021-66

Authorizing The Transfer Of Overpayment To Other Tax Years Or Refund Of Overpayment To Owner, Payer Or Their Representative

WHEREAS, it was discovered after down loading the 2021 MOD IV, receiving a County Board of Taxation appeal judgement and/or during the preparation of the tax bills that there were several overpayments existing on numerous line items. The overpayments were created due to reductions in the tax assessments, the recent Homestead Credit Benefit, combining of lots, change in lot number, removal of assessment, approved deduction, duplicate payment or pursuant to a successful appeal filed with the County Board of Taxation lowering said assessments; and

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO STATUTE, SAID OVERPAYMENTS WILL NEED TO BE REFUNDED TO THE OWNER, PERSON WHO MADE PAYMENT OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. With said overpayments exceeding \$10.00 approval from the Commercial Township Committee is required before action is taken; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector for Commercial Township is authorized to submit a voucher to refund of existing overpayments along with interest pursuant to statute, when required as listed below. It is further requested that the Certified Financial Officer be authorized to refund as indicated by voucher.

Block	Lot	Owner	Year	Amount	Reason
164	27.01	William & Amy Sutton	2nd Qtr/2021	\$1,207.75	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic
167	22	Warren & Sandra Henderson	2 nd Qtr/2021	\$ 899.14	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic
267	31	Jose & Teresa Najera	2 nd Qtr/2021	\$ 505.35	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic

RESOLUTION 2021-67

**Accepting Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineering For
Year 2022 State Aid Road Grants at \$2,100 For First Application
And \$1,500 For Each Grant Application Thereafter**

WHEREAS, State of New Jersey is accepting State Aid Road Grants For 2022 as of July 1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineering has presented a proposal for 2022 State Aid Road Grant Applications in the amount of \$2,100 for first application and \$1,500 for second application, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that committee accepts proposal of \$2,100 for first application and \$1,500 for second application; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Financial Officer will charge state aid grant applications for year 2022 from the following accounts:

RESOLUTION 2021-68

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2022 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF COBB STREET AND BROWN STREET (PRIORITY 1)**

WHEREAS, there is a need for roadway and drainage improvements within the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, funds for roadway and drainage improvements are available to the Township of Commercial under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Reconstruction of Cobb Street and Br-00279 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Commercial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Commercial and that their signature constitutes

acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial on this 17TH day of June, 2021

Clerk, Hannah E. Nichols

The Mayor's signature and Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL Hannah E. Nichols, Clerk

Mike Vizzard, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2021-69

GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MILBOURNE DRIVE AND DENNIS LANE (PRIORITY 2)

WHEREAS, there is a need for roadway and drainage improvements within the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, funds for roadway and drainage improvements are available to the Township of Commercial under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-Reconstruction of Milbourne Drive an-00280 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Commercial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Commercial and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial on this 17TH day of June, 2021.

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The Mayor's signature and Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL

Hannah E. Nichols, Clerk

Mike Vizzard, Ma

RESOLUTION 2021-70
Chapter 59, Budget Insertion

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget year **2021** in the sum of **\$17,270.55** which item is now available as revenue from:

FY 2021 2021 Clean Communities Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like sum of **\$17,270.55** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the captions of:

FY 2021 2021 Clean Communities Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of monies totaling \$17,270.55 from the 2021 Clean Communities Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's Chief Financial Officer will submit this Chapter 159 electronically on the Division of Local Government Services website.

RESOLUTION 2021-71
Approving Mauricetown Gunning Club Liquor License for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following Club Liquor License be renewed for period commencing July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2020.

Mauricetown Gunning Club Inc.

1245 Whitehead Road
Commercial Township, NJ 08349
Liquor License #0602-31-005-001

RESOLUTION 2021-72

Approving Liquor Warehouse (Lalli's) Liquor License 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following Plenary Distribution Liquor License be renewed for period commencing July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.

Liquor Warehouse Corp (Lalli's Liquors)
1428 E. Buckshutem Road
Commercial Township, NJ 08332
License Number: 0602-44-010-002

Mayor Vizzard asked for committee's consideration of the forementioned resolutions.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt Resolutions 2021-66 thru 2021-72.

Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote taken.

Mayor Vizzard asked if committee had any reports.

Committeeman Brought said he had nothing.

Committeeman Jamison said he wanted to bring the demolition of house on Yock Wock Road and North Avenue and house on Strawberry Avenue. He said he doesn't believe Verification of cutoffs of electric and gas has been done on either property, but that should only take week or so.

Mayor Vizzard asked if township is going out to bid.

Committeeman Jamison said no this is a public works demolition under the Cumberland County Derelict Housing Program and it won't cost the township enything.

Mayor Vizzard asked for motion to open meeting to the public.

Mr. Jose Rodriquez of 136 Satinwood Road said he has been complaining for five years about the man that lives at 145 Samuel Drive who cuts trees and puts them on property next to Mr. Rodriquez property.

He said when he complains the township will pickup the stuff but that's not what he wants, he wants the man to have to pick it up. He wants the township to sign complaints against him and take him to court. He has had enough. That Fletcher, Mike and Clint are aware of the mess this guy makes. He wants something done about it, he keeps his property nice, works hard to keep that way and then has to put up with all this stuff on the lot. Not right.

Committeeman Broughton said he would speak to Steve tomorrow.

Mr. Rodriquez said what is happening with Laurel Station. Kids are bad up here, the steal and break stuff. He said he had a good time on the sailboat and won tickets to a Christmas Content. He said on Laurel Station he sees as many as nine cars parked on the property, some out on the road-right-away. That building needs to be taken down or closed up. Something.

Mayor Vizzard said we need to make people more aware of the leaf schedule. Clint Needs to get a list of people who have leaves out and send them a notice.

Mayor Vizzard asked for additional comments from the public and being none asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Committeeman Broughton and seconded by Committeeman Jamison.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk