

**Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held October 18<sup>h</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., in the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ**

**Those present:**

<b>Mike Vizzard</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Fletcher Jamison</b>	<b>Committeeman</b>
<b>Ryan Broughton</b>	<b>Committeeman</b>
<b>Thomas Seeley</b>	<b>Solicitor</b>
<b>Nicholas DiCosmos</b>	<b>Engineer</b>
<b>Hannah E. Nichols</b>	<b>Township Clerk</b>
<b>Heather Sparks</b>	<b>Deputy Clerk</b>
<b>Clint Miller</b>	<b>Road Supervisor</b>

**Mayor Vizzard presided and called the meeting to order with 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 called upon Barney Hollinger, Riverfront Consultant.**

**Mr. Hollinger stated something needs to be done regarding the sand on North Avenue and Main Street. It's coming off of the trucks, there's a lot of loose sand on these road, lot of wear and tear on the roads.**

**Engineer, Nick DiCosmos said he doesn't think the roads are getting hurt that much but that sand on the roads can create a lot of sliding.**

**Mayor Vizzard said he thinks letter should be sent to the trucking companies that their loads need to be covered.**

**Mr. Hollinger said a lot of the sand is coming from the frames where they are not cleaned off before they leave. Mr. Hollinger also said the gate to the bridge, he's not seen that much flooding in a long time.**

**Mayor asked Mr.DiCosmos what do we have coming a two inch or a four inch layer for that road. I think we need to wait until we get the sluice fixed and see just what we have and what or where is causing the flooding.**

**Mayor called upon Nick DiCosmos for the Engineer's report.**

**Mr. DiCosmos informed committee that they are in the process of closing out Keron Drive, Laurel Lake and Parsons Lane, in Port Norris. He said there are a couple of item that need to be addressed on the punch lists. He said township has received a four year bond**

from South State and that they have begun the stripping of the roads. Mr. DiCosmos said they have started the Plan Endorsement Project and that a committee needs to be appointed.

Mayor Vizzard asked if the committee has to be part of the committee.

Mr. DiCosmos said no he didn't think so. He said the office is working on the application for the 2022 Local Freight Impact Funds, for Yock Wock Road and High Street, in Port Norris. Mr. DiCosmos said they should be hearing from Municipal Aid soon.

Mayor Vizzard asked what is happening with the bridge.

Mr. DiCosmos said we are still waiting on DEP permitting.

Mayor Vizzard asked does that hold true on the sluice gate too.

Mr. DiCosmos said as far as he knows, they were filed together.

Mayor Vizzard said committee had received a letter from Matthew Pisarski, Director of the Cumberland County Planning Board, that Mr. Pisarski would like to attend a meeting of the Land Use Board to present the updated mapping the county has done and to garner input from the Land Use Board. Committee said to put on regular meeting agenda.

Clerk said she spoke with secretary to land use board and their regular meeting for November and December has been cancelled.

Mayor Vizzard asked why would they cancel those meetings.

Clerk said probably because November meeting is the night before Thanksgiving, but December's meeting date is the week before Christmas.

Mayor said he didn't understand cancelling those meetings, people depend on the board's decisions.

Mayor said we have received notification from Department of Transportation that applications for 2022 Local Freight Impact Funds must be submitted by November 26, 2021. He asked engineer cost for preparing application.

Mayor Vizzard said he spoke to Engineer, Ed Dennis, and he said he would submit a proposal to the committee prior to the regular meeting for preparing the application.

Mayor Vizzard said we have received a letter from Gwendolyn Perkins, 6303 Brown Street, Port Norris, she has offered a bid of \$600 for Block 237, Lot 11, township owned property. Ms. Perkins stated she is an adjoining owner.

Hannah Nichols, Township Clerk, said land sale would have to be done in December due to fact there is not 30 days between October 21 and November 18 to meet 30 days notification requirements.

Mayor Vizzard said we have a land sale scheduled for the regular meeting. Joseph Orlando, 5200 Battle Lane submitted a bid for Block 55, Lots 7328, 7329, 7330, 60X100 in the amount of \$200 which will be the starting bid.

Mayor Vizzard said the Salary Scale Ordinance for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 was unanimously adopted on introduction at the September 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and second reading and public hearing will be held at our regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Vizzard said we have resolutions for regular meeting:

Resolution: Authorizing Release Of Land Use Board Escrow

Resolution: Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution: Authorizing The Transfer Or Overpayments To Other Tax Years Or Refund Of Overpayment To Owner, Payer Or Their Representatives.

Resolution: List Of Uncollectible Taxes

Mayor Vizzard said we have two individuals that are interested in a consumption liquor license, Bayshore in Bivalve and Ms. Batata, owns Shellpile Restaurant.

Mr. Seeley said basically the township needs to do a resolution authorizing a consumption license. Have one of individuals file an application, put the license up for public auction and highest bidder normally gets the license. There are a lot of steps in getting a liquor license, advertisements, investigation, background checks. Would either of these people be willing to file an application.

Mayor said he is familiar with them and could find out.

Mr. Seeley said he could contact them and see just how interested they are. But the first step is a resolution of intentions by the township committee that they want a consumption business in their township.

Mayor Vizzard asked just when can we do that, November, December?

Mayor Vizzard said tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. township will accept bids for Trash and Recycling Contract for 2022, 2023, 2024 and if all in order, a contract can be awarded at the regular meeting.

**Clerk added two additional resolutions for regular meeting:**

**Resolution: Proposal for Freight Impact Application for 2022**

**Resolution: Awarding Contract Trash and Recycling for 2022,2023,2025.t**

**Mayor asked for comments regarding Community Day. He said somebody said, I thought it was great, my car didn't win, bought earrings for my daughter-in-law, ribs outstanding and crowd enjoyable and friendly. Thank you, Marie and Patty. Mayor said that was good somebody enjoyed it.**

**Hannah Nichols said I wrote it, I had a good time, look forward to next year.**

**Committeeman Broughton said he thought that the affair went well.**

**Mayor Vizzard said we have a resident in Port Norris who wants us to bring back the electronic speed sign to Main Street in Port Norris. He said it is ridiculous the rate of speed people drive on Main Street, 70/80 miles per hour. These are locals in their cars, not truck drivers.**

**Mayor Vizzard said we have the same issues elsewhere in the township and we're trying to get them to slow down as well. Eventually we will get it back here.**

**Mayor asked for reports from the officials and being none asked for motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Mrs. Debbie Hollinger asked if the committee was going to open the meeting to the public.**

**Mayor said we don't open the meeting to the public at the agenda meeting, but he will gladly hear her at the regular meeting.**

**Mayor asked for motion to adjourn. It was moved.**

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**Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk**