

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on September 13, 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
Clint Miller	Road Supervisor

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

Mayor called upon Barney Hollinger, Riverfront Consultant for any reports.

Mr. Hollinger said he attended a meeting at Maurice River Township and the Army Corp of Engineers regarding dredging. Said there's no money but if it is in the budget, it would be around four million dollars. He asked the mayor if he had gotten flyer regarding funding, Mr. Hollinger said Millville has gotten some.

Mayor Vizzard said he remembers getting the e-mail that funds were available, at this time he doesn't remember who was offering, but he has asked Ed Dennis to look into it for him.

Mayor Vizzard called upon Ed Dennis, Commercial Township Engineer, for his report on various road projects.

Mr. Dennis said they are closing out Red Fern Drive Project, that is complete. He said there will be a meeting with South State, Contractor for the Riverfront Roads at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 14th. The meeting is to check out and see what conditions the repairs are in on the Riverfront Improvement Project and to see if there is a need for anything further. Mr. Dennis said Keron Drive in Laurel Lake has been paved and Parsons Lane has been prepped and base coat put down, paving will be next week and we will do shoulders of the road, our schedule on this project is right on and once punch list completed we can file for reimbursement from the DOT.

Mr. Dennis said on the Miller Avenue Sluice and Bridge, these were filed together on the DOT Riverfront Phase III grant. He said the bridge has to be taken out in order for us to make any determination on the design. This will show us what permits are going to be needed and then we can forward this information to the county and say this is what is required. Get the design of Bridge and submit to county and see how much they will contribute to the project.

Mayor Vizzard said he was going to ask if anything has been said on how much they will contribute.

Mr. Dennis said it's like dominos, you wait for the big one to drop and then you hope the rest of the dominos will fall in place. Mr. Dennis said on the Plan Endorsement Project, that for the regular meeting he will have a proposal to add to the agenda for the work. He said the deadline is coming up the second week of January 2022. They may give you an extension, I don't know but this Plan Endorsement is important to have center designation to keep the development of the riverfront road project grants coming. He said that they will do all of the basic needs of what is required, no more than what is required. We have kept in touch with Megan Wren on this. Hannah has already sent Megan a lot of information.

Mayor Vizzard asked Mr. Dennis if he feels that they can accomplish all that is required by January.

Mr. Dennis said that they could.

Mayor Vizzard said he had talked with Ed and he would support the \$19,000 proposal, he asked what did the committee think.

Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton both agreed Center Designation is necessary.

Mayor said for Ed Dennis to submit proposal for the agenda of the regular meeting.

Mayor Vizzard said we have a letter from Joseph Orlando, 5200 Battle Lane, Laurel Lake. He has submitted a bid of \$200 for Block 55, Lot 7328,7329,7330, 60X100. Mr. Orlando is an adjoining owner.

Committee accepted the \$200 as starting bid and said to put matter on the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said there is a copy of Salary Scale Ordinance which covers the new union contract pay adjustments for years 2021,2022,2023,2024,

Mayor said for committee to review the salary ordinance and to put introduction on the agenda of the regular meeting on the 16th.

Mayor Vizzard said the following resolutions have been submitted for the regular meeting.

Resolution: Township Committee Endorsing Chamber By The Bay Fireworks Show, October 2, 2021

Resolution: Committee's Approval of closing of Memorial Avenue from Main Street to Yock Wock Road for Community Day events and High Street from Sail Loft Marina to end of High Street for October 2, 2021 Fireworks Show.

Resolution: Approving Change Order #2 NJDOT, FY2020 Municipal Aid Program Reconstruction of Red Fern Drive

Resolution: Approving Change Order #2, NJDOT Local Freight Impact Port Norris Riverfront Roadway Improvements

Mayor Vizzard asked if reports from officials.

Committeeman Jamison said he would like to recommend that the township purchase a replacement sign to honor Larry Milbourne, Professional Baseball Player from Port Norris, who played in the Major Leagues from 1974 thru 1984. He said we had a sign and it has deteriorated over the years.

Mayor said to put that on the agenda for the regular meeting. Asked any more reports being none adjourned the meeting.



Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk