

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., in 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 meeting was advertised in the annual notice, meeting is being electronically recorded and held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked everyone to join the committee in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Mayor said State Police are not here so we will go to Minutes of previous meetings and the Bill List.

Consideration of minutes for following meetings:

**Minutes Agenda Meeting September 13, 2021
Minutes Regular Meeting September 16, 2021**

Committeeman Jamison made motion to approve minutes of September 2021 and Committeeman Broughton seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor said we have consideration of Bill List for the month of October 2021 which has been prepared by Chief Financial Officer, Pamela Humphries.

Committeeman Broughton made motion to approve bill list for October 2021 and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor called on Edward Dennis, Engineer for his report.

Mr. Dennis said not much to add to Nick's report of Monday night. We have been working with South State to get the Riverfront Road Project squared away. We have the four years performance bond and we're encouraging them on getting the paving and stripping of the road all the way done to get done.

Mayor Vizzard asked if they had given in timeline on getting it done.

Mr. Dennis said they have not but we'll discuss it with them.

Mayor said he would hope that it would be before winter.

Mr. Dennis said he was sure it would get done before that. Mr. Dennis said on the agenda the state is taking applications for 2022 Local Freight Impact Grants and we would like to file an application, which would go right in line with our current Riverfront Roads project with applying for Yock Wock Road to High Street and then High Street to the end. He said we will have to do another truck traffic count which requires at least ten percent truck traffic on these roads and that shouldn't be a problem. Mr. Dennis said so with the committee's authorization we will do the truck traffic count and prepare and submit the application. He said Keron Drive, Laurel Lake and Parson Lane in Port Norris, this project has been completed and they are preparing documentation to the state for reimbursement and that is all he has at this point.

Mayor Vizzard said we have letter from Matthew Pisarski, and he will meet with the land use board to discuss farmland preservation, new mapping criteria and to get input from the board members.

Mayor said committee received letter from Department of Transportation that applications are being accepted for 2022 Local Freight Impact Funds and must be submitted by November 26th, 2021.

Committee received a bid of \$600 for Block 237, Lot 11 from Gwendolyn Perkins, an adjoining owner. Land Sale will take place Thursday, December 16, 2021 to meet timeline requirements.

Committee approved proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers that they will prepare applications for Freight Impact Funding for Riverfront Roads in the amount of \$5,000. Mayor said resolution is on the agenda.

Mayor said we have received a letter from Rangers on the Move for a Fall Harvest Event for Saturday October 23, 2021 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Laurel Lake. They have asked if they could close Gooseberry to allow area for car show. There will be games, music hayride. The closure of the road will not interfere with residents on Gooseberry.

Mayor Vizzard said I don't see a problem with it but they need to produce a Certificate of Liability insurance for the event. Mayor said if they can do that then the committee will approve it.

Mayor Vizzard said we have had a verbal request to bring the electronic speed signs back to Port Norris, the individual said residents of Port Norris are going 70/80 miles per hour

on Main Street and this is not truck traffic, this is car and pickup truck traffic.

Mayor Vizzard said we will bring them back to Port Norris eventually, but the same problem is taking place elsewhere so we have them stationed in areas throughout Commercial Township and hope people will slow down.

Mayor Vizzard said we have received a bid of \$200 for Block 55, Lots 7328,7329,7330 60X100.

Mr. Seeley said bid was received from Joseph Orlando, adjoining owners were notified by certified mail and land sale was advertised two times within 14 days of the sale in the local newspaper. He asked if there was anyone wanting to bid on Block 55, Lots 7328,29,30 and being none asked the committee if they wanted to sell the property to Mr. Joseph Orlando, 5200 Battle Lane, Laurel Lake who is an adjoining owner to the property.

Mayor Vizzard asked the committee if they wanted to sell Block 55, Lots 7328, 7329, 7330 to Mr. Orlando.

Committeeman Broughton said he had no problem with it and Committeeman Jamison said he did not have a problem with the sale. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor said we have a salary scale ordinance that was adopted on first reading on September 16, 2021 and we have second reading and public hearing tonight.

ORDINANCE 2021-607

ORDINANCE FIXING A SCALE OF SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND PROVIDING THE TERMS OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTANT HEREWITH

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

Committeeman Broughton made motion, Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion and with no comments from the public the Mayor asked for motion and a second to close the public portion and to adopt the ordinance.

Committeeman Jamison made motion to adopt and Committeeman Broughton seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Vizzard said our current trash contract with Gold Medal will expire December 31, 2021 and the township advertised in the Atlantic City Press that Specifications for a three year contract are available in the clerks office. Mayor said bids were accepted on October 19, 2021 for Trash and Recycling for 2022, 2023, 2024. Bids submitted were the following

Gold Medal Environmental of NJ. Inc. Option for Bulk Pickup	Trash & Recycling No Bid	\$1,087,385.00 -0-
Pineland Construction, LLC Option for Bulk Pickup	Trash & Recycling Bid:\$216.000 additional	\$ 971,100.00

Mayor said we had an option for bulk pickup on the specifications and Gold Medal did not choose to put in a bid and Pineland Construction did put in a bid but the cost would be an additional \$216,000. I'm not in favor of adding that to the contract, I think we should provide weekly trash pickup and recycling every other week. Mayor asked committee their thoughts and Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton said not to add a bulk pickup to the contract.

Mayor asked for a motion and Committeeman Broughton made motion to go with Pineland Construction LLC and Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion with a unanimous roll call vote. Resolution is on the agenda.

Mayor Vizzard said we have several resolution for consideration.

**RESOLUTION 2021-90
Authorizing The Release of Land Use Board Escrow**

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021 the Professionals of the Commercial Township Land Use Board approved the release of the remaining escrow balances) for applications stated below. Said applications have met all reviews and requirements pursuant to the Land Use Law and Township Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to procedure, the Township Committee must also approve the release of said remaining escrow balances; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of Commercial Township authorizes the Land Use Board Secretary to release the following escrow balances so the account holder or proper authority.

Block & Lot	Name On Escrow	Application Type	Escrow Balance
181/10	William Myers etal.	Minor Subdivision	\$ 281.62
215/76	Silvi Concrete, LLC	Sand Mining	\$16,987.32
253/15	Fernanda Kaspar	Site Plan/Variance	\$ 1,405.33

RESOLUTION 2021-91
Authorize Electronic Tax Sale

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sale pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/Real Auction.com to conduct electronic tax sales; and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Commercial, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit the same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

RESOLUTION 2021-92
**Authorizing The Transfer Of Overpayment to Other Tax Years or Refund
Of Overpayment To Owner, Payer Or Their Representative**

WHEREAS, it was discovered after downloading the 2021 MODIV, receiving a County Board of Taxation appeal judgment and/or during the preparation of the tax bills and 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 to be taken; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector for Commercial Township is authorized to submit a voucher for 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
40	5772	Eva Thompson	3rdQtr/2021	\$ 969.08	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic
211	13	Sean Godfrey	3rdQtr/2021	\$1,057.55	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic
70	266	Dale Pidliskey	3rdQtr/2021	\$ 22.13	Duplicate Payment Refund Corelogic

RESOLUTION 2021-93
List of Uncollectible Taxes

I, Leslie A. Kraus, submit to you a list of taxes, which in my opinion are uncollectible. The reason as to why the taxes are uncollectible is listed below. I request that the same be cancelled and that I am relieved of the collection thereof as required by P.L. 115 (C 54:4-91.91,91.2)

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Year	Amount	Reason
26	4295	Commercial Township	1sthalf/2022	\$148.38	Exempt
16	4206	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$207.00	Exempt
16	4210	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 84.55	Exempt
17	4050	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$2,113.75	Exempt
27	4110	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 87.47	Exempt
27	4112	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 87.47	Exempt
41	5855	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 90.38	Exempt
47	6063	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 145.78	Exempt
55	7328	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 148.69	Exempt
62	6417	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 172.01	Exempt
62	6421	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 151.61	Exempt
79	1634	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$2,271.17	Exempt
79	1603	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 142.86	Exempt
79	1608	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$2,052.52	Exempt
141	10706	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 451.91	Exempt
151	107	Commercial township	2021/2022	\$ 376.10	Exempt
151	127	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$1,635.69	Exempt
214	51	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 603.22	Exempt
215	51	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$1,917.25	Exempt
228	8	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 402.15	Exempt
237	11	Commercial Township	2021/2022	\$ 161.41	Exempt

RESOLUTION 2021-94
Approving Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers
For Preparation of Application For Local Freight Impact
Funds for Riverfront Improvement Development

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that
Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers for the preparation of application for Local
Freight Impact Funds for Riverfront Development Projects in the amount of \$5,000.
is approved by the chief financial officer with funding coming from the following accounts:

Line Item:		
Engineering O/E	Balance	-0-
1-01-20-165-028	Certify	\$5,000.00
	November Transfer	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
	Balance	-0-

RESOLUTION 2021-95
Contract Awarded to Pineland Construction LLC for
Trash and Recycling Collection In Township of Commercial
In the Amount of \$971,100.00 For Years 2022, 2023, 2024

WHEREAS, Commercial Township’s current Trash and Recycling Contract with Gold Medal Environmentalist of NJ, will expire December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to requirements an advertisement was placed in the Atlantic City Press in August 2021 that Commercial Township were accepting proposals as of October 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for Trash & Recycling Collection for years 2022, 2023, 2024, a three year contract; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Gold Medal Environmental of New Jersey Inc., 309 Salina Road, Sewell, NJ 08080	Trash & Recycling 3 years	\$1,087,385.00
Option Bid For One Day Month Bulk Pickup	No Bid, Gold Medal	
Pineland Construction LLC. 300 77th Street, Sea Isle, NJ 08243	Trash & Recycling 3 years	\$ 971,100.00
Option Bid For One Day Month Bulk Pickup	Bid of \$216,000 3 Years not accepted.	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a three year Contract is awarded to Pineland Construction LLC, 300 77th Street, Sea Isle, New Jersey 08080, as lowest bidder, in the amount of \$971,100.00 for years, 2022, 2023, 2024. Municipal Budget line Item entitled:
Solid Waste Collection: X-01-26-305-029

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Contract to Pineland Construction, LLC will commence, January 1, 2022 with term expiration date of December 31, 2024

RESOLUTION 2021-96
Authorizing the Closing of Gooseberry Road Laurel Lake for Fall Festival To Be Held Saturday October 23, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Permission is granted to Rangers on the Move to have a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 2:00 to 8:00 P.M., and to close Gooseberry Road to the public for car show from Battle Lane to Magnolia Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brian Omrod has produced a certificate of Liability Insurance for the affairs as requested.

Mayor Vizzard asked for roll call vote on Resolutions 2021-90 thru 2021-96.

Committeeman Broughton made motion and Committeeman Jamison seconded, roll call vote unanimous.

Mayor Vizzard asked for committee's reports.

Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Broughton said they didn't have anything.

Mayor Vizzard said he has spoken with the DEP about purchasing a marina and if they do would they lease it to us for \$1.00. He said there is nothing definite at this time. Maybe we will hear something by next months meeting.

Mayor said Halloween will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor asked for motion to open meeting to public.

Tracy Richardson said she wished the committee would approve the bulk pickup for the residents and she appreciated Mr. Jamison's thoughts regarding a bulk pickup. She said there are residents that can't get to the convenience center and this could really help.

Solicitor Seeley told Mrs. Richardson that only Commercial and Maurice River Township have contracted with companies to pickup trash and recycling for its residents strictly because other municipalities felt it is too expensive and all of the other residents have to transport their trash and recycling to convenience centers each and every week, also any bulk items that they want to get rid of, they have to take it themselves. So the residents of Commercial do not have it so bad, they get trash picked up every week and recycling every other week. I have to take all of my stuff myself every week to the dump.

Mr. Larry Heath asked if committee heard anything on paving of Milbourne Drive.

Engineer, Edward Dennis, told Mr. Heath that the application was filed but they have not heard anything yet, he believes it will be within next week.

Mr. Heath asked when will Pineland take over the trash and recycling.

Mayor Vizzard said they start January 1, 2022.

Mayor asked for additional comments and being none asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Broughton made motion and Committeeman Jamison seconded.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk