

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on November 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:

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

Those Absent:

Ryan Broughton	Committeeman
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Mayor Vizzard presided and called the meeting to order with the usual statement that the meeting has been advertised, that it is being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard said we have had a Death In Our Municipal Family and it is with deep regrets that we have to announce that Kevin "Duck" Brown, long time employee of the Public Works Department and Constable of the Municipal Court passed away November 12, 2021. He will be missed and hard to replace, a fellow worker with a great sense of humor and caring attitude. Condolences to Mr. & Mrs. O'Connell Brown and his siblings. It saddened us to lower our Flag to half staff but we do so to show our love, respect and to honor Kevin and the entire Brown Family for Duck to be part of our municipal family for so many years.

Mayor Vizzard and Committeeman Jamison said to put it on the agenda of the regular meeting.

Mayor said Mr. Hollinger isn't present this evening and called for Melissa Hagstotz to come forward.

Ms. Hagstotz said she is interested in obtaining a consumption liquor license and reopening the Marina Restaurant in Shellpile.

Mr. Seeley asked Ms. Hagstotz to explain what she would like to do and she said the restaurant at 8727 Berry Avenue, has been vacant and is in must need of repairs, she would like to open the restaurant and serve lunch and dinners and feels that a consumption license would be an asset in making the business a realization. Consumption license would allow a alcoholic beverage with dinner.

Mr. Seeley asked who would be applying for the license.

Mayor Vizzard said we would like to see the restaurant come back.

Mayor Vizzard asked Nick DiCosmos if he was to give Ed's report.

Mr. DiCosmos said stripping has been done, reseeding was done last week and if it doesn't take then it will be done again in the spring. We are waiting on the overlay on Berry Avenue. We're closing out Red Fern. The punch list on Keron Drive and Parsons Land has been addressed and grant will be closed out. Mr. DiCosmos said on the Riverfront Grant Phase III, preliminary design of bridge is being finalized, permit documents are done and will be submitted. He said the sluice has become an emergency repair, a temporary fix until the county gets the funding.

Mr. DiCosmos said for Plan Endorsement we will have a resolution for next months meeting. Applications are being accepted for 2022 Freight Impact Funding and we will need to do another truck traffic count and that should be done by next Friday and the results must show 10% of traffic is trucks. We will submit the applications by Thanksgiving and it will be for Yock Wock Road at North Avenue to High Street, and High Street to Main Street which will be a continuation of what we have already done.

Mayor Vizzard asked about the permits.

Mr. DiCosmos said it may be four months before approval for bridge and sluice, then we need to go out to bid, we're looking at six to eight months.

Mr. Clint Miller, Public Works Supervisor said he would like to discuss with the committee the huge loss we have with the tires we accept. We charge residents \$3.00 a tire, with or without rims. The Cumberland County Improvement Authority is charging us twice as much. He said he would like to suggest that we charge \$6.00 for car tire without rims, and \$10.00 for car tire on a rim. On the big truck tires, \$20.00 a tire no rims. Any big truck tire with rim, resident has to take it to CCIA and pay the bill. He said he would like for this to go into effect January 1, 2022.

Mayor Vizzard said he didn't have a problem with it, and township does not accept big truck tires with rims at all. Owner must take it to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

Committeeman Jamison said he agrees with that and to prepare resolution for regular meeting.

Mayor said we have the following correspondence.

Committee received a letter from Sustainable Jersey Grants Program that they have \$150,000 in grants. He said to forward to John Nardelli, Environmental Commission and put on the agenda for the regular meeting.

Mayor said to send this to the Land Use Board and see what they can come up with. He said this had been discussed sometime back. Put this on the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor said we have the following resolutions:

Resolution: Committee needs to approve the Fire Commissioners getting paid for servicing on the board. Mayor said he wants to resolution to state the Fire District will pay the Fire Commissioners of District 3.

Mayor told the clerk to have the Fire District to include statement that district 3 will be paying the commissioner and then the committee will approve it. Put on agenda regular meeting.

Resolution: Hiring of Herbert C. Leary as Fire Subcode Official November 22, 2021

Resolution: Hiring of Gabrielle Horseman as Deputy Township Clerk, December 6th.

Resolution: Budget Line Item Transfer By CFO

Resolution: Authorizing Submission of Application for Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Impact Fund, Yock Wock Road to High Street, High to Main Street

Resolution: Increasing Fees For Car and Truck Tires, Effective January 1, 2022

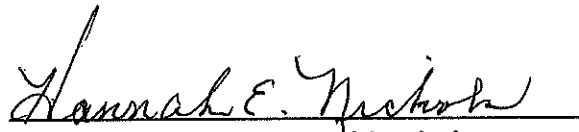
Resolution: Bingo & Raffle Laurel Lake Fire Rescue 2022

Resolution: Stephanie McIsaac \$20.00 per hour CFO Office

Resolution: Stefanie Muessig, Full Time Construction

Clerk informed the committee that she has picked up the plaques to be presented to Kenneth McGill, Doris Tomlinson, and Russell Stormes for services rendered to the residents of Commercial Township. This is scheduled for regular meeting. Clerk said she has put the presentation by the committee rather early on the agenda because some of the recipients are not feeling to well but wouldn't miss it for anything.

Mayor asked for reports and being none asked for motion to close the meeting and adjourn.


Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk