

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on January 20, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., via virtual platform Zoom.

Those Present:

Mike Vizzard	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor
Joseph Klaudi	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Edward Dennis	Engineer
Heather Sparks	Township Clerk
Nick DiCosmo	Engineer

Mayor Vizzard presided and called the meeting to order with the 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 Vizzard asked that attendees join him in the flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

Mayor asked if there were any official. No officials were present.

Mayor asked if the committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes of:
Agenda Meeting December 13, 2021
Regular Meeting December 16, 2021

Motion was made by Committeeman Klaudi and seconded by Committeeman Jamison to approve the minutes. Roll call, all in favor.

Mayor said we have consideration of the bills received for the month of January as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Jamison made a motion and was seconded by Committeeman Klaudi to approve the bill list for the month of January. Roll call, All in favor.

Engineers report – Ed Dennis said the major update is that we have an interlocal agreement on the agenda with Cumberland County to provide \$570,000 toward Miller Ave. bridge project on the riverfront. We also have \$50,000 local recreation grant that we received for the Mauricetown Park. We are working on the scope of that project to fit within that budget. Then there is the 2022 state aide road project which is Brown St. which is in design. We will get out to bid sometime in the Spring.

Nick DiCosmo added that he reached out to the County to inquire on the cell tower. Doug at the County wasn't familiar with any new cell tower or upgrades, so he reached out to Verizon. His email got pushed around to a few people and is waiting to hear back.

Mayor Vizzard said he agreed, he was told a couple years ago the county did not intend to put cellular service on that tower. Mayor feels it is still viable for the township to get their own tower at the township hall. Mayor doesn't want to waste time on it if the county was planning to do it.

Nick DiCosmo said the only thing the county was trying to do is upgrade 911 service. Maybe we can reignite the project with Verizon and see if we get any traction.

Mayor Vizzard said maybe we can even check with someone at Comcast. Mayor asked Nick if he or Ed heard anything from the county, if they have accepted the agreement with the Bridge? Have the Commissioners accepted the agreement?

Nick DiCosmo said when he spoke to Doug, they had their workshop meeting on Tuesday as well. Everyone seems to be in agreement it's just the formality of signing it now. There was no push back.

Mayor Vizzard said that's good.

Mayor moved on to correspondence.

Mayor said we have a letter from the Port Norris Historical Society requesting funds to help with utilities at the meeting hall and museum. Mayor recommended donating \$500. Mr. Jamison and Mr. Klaudi agreed to give \$500 to the historical society. Motion was made by Mr. Jamison and 2nded by Mr. Klaudi. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Mayor said we have an e-amil from Benamino Giunta with a land sale request. He is offering \$1,000 each for township owned property at 305 Spring Rd. and 313 Spring Rd. 305 is an 80 X 100 vacant property and 313 is a 40 X 100 vacant property. These properties will be combined to make a 120 X 100 lot.

Solicitor Seeley asked if the sale will be contingent on the combining of the two properties.

Mayor Vizzard said yes.

Clerk said she would notify adjoining owners, get it advertised and the land sale would be next month.

Mayor said as long as Fletcher and Joe are ok with the amounts.

Mr. Jamison said he didn't have a problem with the offer.

Mr. Klaudi Made a motion to accept the offer. Mr. Jamison seconded. Roll call, all in favor.

Mayor said we have a letter from DCA, Commercial Township was awarded \$50,000 for a local recreation grant. This grant is on a reimbursement base. There is no advance payment for drawdown of the grant funds. Eligible coasts are reimbursed to the local government when it submits evidence of payment of qualifying expenses to DCA.

Mayor said we also have correspondence from Sol Aron of Kent Funding, LLC. Mr. Kent is interested in purchasing assignment of 2 liens. Cert# 19-00077 for 356 Palm Rd. and Cert # 19-00007 for 7210 Magnolia Dr. Mayor asked if he could get a motion to accept this offer.

Mr. Klaudi made the motion to accept. Mr. Klaudi said he believed it would be around \$30,000.

Mr. Seeley said we have started foreclosure on the 7210 Magnolia Dr. but because of the delays, we haven't gotten very far. We just got re-appointed in Maurice River, they say they have a title company that has a turnaround of 30 days. We are going to try them.

Mr. Seeley continued to explain the difficulty he has had in trying to get the foreclosures completed as a result of difficulty getting title searches.

Mr. Seeley said as far as the property Mr. Kent is interested in on Magnolia Dr, we haven't gotten anywhere so I have no problem with the assignments.

Mayor Vizzard asked what does that mean, can we accept these assignments tonight?

Mayor Vizzard said so the assignment for Cert #19-00077 is for \$19,356.00 and assignment for Cert # 19-00007 is for \$14,555.00. Joe already made a motion to approve.

Mr. Jamison said he seconds it. Roll call, all in favor

Mayor Vizzard asked Solicitor Seeley, what happens? Does he take them over right away? How does it work?

Mr. Seeley said they have to be assigned properly. We have to go through the proper assignment procedures and then he will accept them.

Clerk asked Solicitor if it is something he will do or the Collector.

Total

\$4,701.00

RESOLUTION 2022-28
Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 26:8-11 requires the Municipal Clerk be appointed as the local registrar in any district having a population of less than 5,000; and

WHEREAS, Heather Sparks is the Township Clerk and therefore will be appointed as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Commercial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Commercial Township that Heather Sparks be and is hereby appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Commercial.

RESOLUTION 2022-29
Awarding a contract with Riggins Inc. as a Member of the Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Pricing System Identifier # 64-CCCPS

WHEREAS, Commercial Township is a member of the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System # 64-CCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Cooperative System went out to bid for a new contract in the delivering of gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the members of # 64-CCCPS; and

WHEREAS, A contract was awarded for supplying and delivering gasoline and Diesel Fuel for participating members of the Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Pricing System to Riggins, Inc.; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED; by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that they approve a contract with Riggins Inc. for the supplying and delivering of gasoline and Diesel Fuel for our public works department commencing January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022-30
Hiring of Delbert Queen to the Public Works Department as Labor B/Truck Driver

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Public Works Department when one of the employees passed away suddenly; and

WHEREAS, the township advertised, interviewed six (6) applicants and recommendation was made; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Delbert Queen, 255 Main St. Cedarville, NJ be hired as a "Laborer B Truck Driver" on the Public Works Department at \$22.51 per hour at 40 hours per week and in accordance with the Union Contract effective January 24, 2022.

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-2025

RESOLUTION 2022-31
FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Commercial Township of, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Cumberland

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Commercial Township Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 4,658.00
Cash Match	\$ 1,164.50
In-Kind	\$ 3,493.50

2. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: _____

Mike Vizzard), Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Heather Sparks, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Council on this 20th day of January 2022.

Heather Sparks, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION 2021-32

Change Order #1- Final for Reconstruction of Keron Drive & Parson's Lane

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial was awarded a FY 2021 N.J.D.O.T. grant for the Reconstruction of Keron Drive and Parson's Lane and

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems, NJ in the amount of \$280,000

WHEREAS, Change Order #1-Final causing a reduction in the amount of \$1,629.76 for As-built construction quantities for various contract items that will affect the following line items of the Chief Financial Officer:

2021 NJDOT Keron Drive and Parson's Lane G-02-41-865-000	Reduction	\$1,629.76
Present Balance In Account		\$ 1,629.76
Remaining Balance In Account		\$ 0.00

RESOLUTION 2022-33
Authorizing Shared Service Agreement Between County of Cumberland
and Commercial Township

WHEREAS, Commercial Township and the County of Cumberland have agreed to enter a shared service agreement for replacement of a County owned minor bridge on Miller Avenue within Commercial Township; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) authorizes and empowers Commercial Township and the County of Cumberland to enter into such an agreement to jointly provide, through the agency or on behalf of the other, any service which either may provide or receive within its own jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, Commercial Township's Solicitor, Thomas Seeley has reviewed and approves said shared serve agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, Commercial Township and the County of Cumberland agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the shared service agreement.

Mayor asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2022-25 through 2022-33.

Mr. Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Jamison. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Mayor said we have an introduction of Ordinance, Ordinance 2022-610, Calendar Year 2022, Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank N.J.S.A 40A; 4-45.14. Mayor asked for a motion to adopted ordinance on first reading, Mr. Jamison made the motion. Motion was seconded by Mr. Klaudi. Roll call vote, all in favor.

CALENDAR YEAR 2022
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 25,416.68 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized

membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Commercial shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 88,383.38, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Commercial be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction: and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with the said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Vizzard said second reading and public hearing will be February 17, 2022.

Mayor asked if there were any reports from officials.

Mr. Jamison said he would like to commend Clint on the job he did on the snowstorm. We are down on help. Clint and Josh, I helped for a couple hours myself, but I want to commend the guys for doing a good job keeping the roads clean.

Mayor Vizzard and Mr. Klaudi agreed.

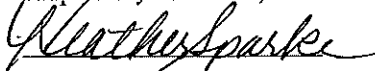
Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to open to the public. Motion made by Mr. Jamison and seconded by Mr. Klaudi,

Mayor asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Committee. Hearing none, Mayor asked for a motion to close to the public. Motion made by Mr. Klaudi and seconded by Mr. Jamison.

Mayor said additional considerations. The Cumberland County Health Department will host the Commercial Townships free rabies clinic on April 2nd, 2022, 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Laurel Lake Fire Hall.

With nothing further, Mayor asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Jamison.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Sparks, Deputy Clerk