

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on March 14, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ and via virtual platform Zoom.

Those Present:

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

Guest:	Meghan Wren	Area Planner/Office of Planning Advocacy
	Matt Pisarski	Cumberland County Planning Director

Those Absent:	Edward Dennis	Engineer
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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 stated that directly following the agenda meeting, all are invited to stay for a Community Input Workshop or Visioning Session to share thoughts and vision for our community as it prepares for climate change, economic growth, and the next generation.

Mayor asked for reports from officials.

Barney Hollinger reported on upcoming County OEM meeting with Army Corp.

Mayor asked for the Engineers Report.

Nick DiCosmo reported Riverfront Project, still waiting on docs from South State. Keron and Red Fern are complete. Funding Pam was waiting on has been dispersed. The Riverfront phase III job, reconstruction of Berry Ave tide gate and Miller Ave bridge is coming along nicely Permits will be submitted this month then we will be in the permit review phase, we'll see what Army Corp and DEP have to say. The reconstruction of Brown and Cobb project is under design. The 2022 local impact fund, I'm hoping to hear something by the end of this month about these two jobs that we submitted for two million dollars' worth of work. The Mauricetown park, Clint found some additional corrosion in the bulkhead that needs repair. Spoke to WMJ Castle Marie Repairs, they can perform in water investigation to address any issues with the bulkhead before doing cap and railing work.

Mayor said we should do that investigation. As you know, last month we were going to do upgrades to this building, and we cancelled those upgrades because we did not know what the cost was going to be to repair that park and I do feel as though the park needs to be repaired. There are some upgrades I still want to do for this building, but I feel the park is most important.

Nick DiCosmo said he can get the ball rolling to try and get the investigation work done.

Clint Miller suggested Nick keep CFO in the loop and secure whatever funds are needed to do that.

Mayor Vizzard said he spoke to CFO that morning. She is basically in the same boat; we have no idea how much this repair will be and how much needs to go in the budget for it.

Nick DiCosmo said that with the \$50,000 we got from the state and if the township puts another rather large sum of money to do the repairs....

Mayor Vizzard said Well that's just it, A rather large sum of money? That's what we need to figure out!

Nick DiCosmo explained that this is what this company can do, they have divers and can go down and see what kind of repairs will be needed. The investigation will cost something like \$4,000. I think it is worth the piece of mind.

Mayor Vizzard asked Nick if he thought we were on task for starting the Miller bridge this Spring?

Nick DiCosmo said he didn't know if there were going to be any permit restrictions with the wildlife in the area but I'm hoping by the end of Summer we can get started on that. The DEP permitting has been longer than normal.

Mayor asked Clint Miller about his finding at the bulkhead at the Mauricetown park. Clint passed around some photos of the damage below the water line showing the corrosion in the bulkhead.

Mayor said in looking at the photos, is the damage because they are steel pilings?

Nick DiCosmo said it appears that it is uncoated steel and with uncoated steel you will get increased erosion.

Mayor asked how long those pilings have been there.

Nick DiCosmo said he believed it has been about 20 years. The good news is we don't see any buckling or major failures of the steel. The company that I did reach out to, has seen the same exact thing and it is repairable. They can do a repair that can last another 10 to 15 years.

Mayor asked so in your opinion the sink holes we have seen along the sides, is because of this.

Nick said yes.

Mayor asked so if we spend the money on the repair, you don't feel we are wasting money doing the cap and rail without replacing the sheet goods.

Nick DiCosmo said Well, we need to see what the findings are from the report. As you know the cost of steel is exorbitantly high. I think this is the better way to go.

Mayor said we have correspondence. Received a quote from Revize for a new website design and maintenance.

Quotes provided included a custom design. Initial set up cost would be \$9,575 with annual cost of \$2,300 a year. Ready to use design, initial set up cost would be \$4,975 and \$1,800 a year. The township currently pays \$1,800 a year for website maintenance. The committee agreed they are happy with current website and decide to remove quote from meeting agenda.

Letter from NJ DEP regarding Green Acres Program. An inspection of 3 Green Acres sites was performed on February 15, 2022. Some compliance issues were found. Items have been addressed or are in the process of being addresses. Written response of corrective action is required by March 17, 2022.

A PEOSH inspection was conducted on March 2nd. Some issues were found. Items have been addresses or are in the process of being addresses. Written response of corrective action is required by April 1, 2022.

Clint Miller said that all items were abated.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an Ordinance for second reading and adoption at the regular meeting on Thursday. It is ordinance 2022-611 providing for the use of funds for equipment repair to backhoe available in the capital fund reserve for equipment repair and replacement. Total repair is not to exceed \$8,000 and has been appropriated from the Capital Fund-Reserve for equipment repair and replacement. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

Mayor Vizzard said next, we have resolutions.

Resolution 2022-41	2021 Commercial Township Tonnage Grant Application
Resolution 2022-42	Resolution Certifying Submission of Expenditures for Recycling Enhancement Act
Resolution 2022-43	Designating Contact person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service
Resolution 2022-44	Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget

Mayor Vizzard asked the clerk to explain resolution 43.

Heather Sparks, yes, our municipal insurance JIF has attorney services, and the township can designate someone who is authorized to contact them to get legal advice should we have employment questions.

Mayor asked if it was something the committee would do.

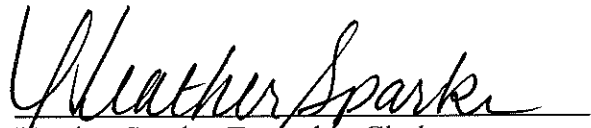
Heather Sparks responded that she put herself as the contact. Hannah Nichols was the previous contact.

Mayor Vizzard asked if there were any reports from the officials.

Mr. Klaudi and Mr. Jamison indicated they had nothing to report.

Mayor Vizzard reported that the County has agreed to bond the new state police barracks so that bonding will not be credited to the township, it wont cost the township a dollar. We will have a new state police barracks and they will rent it from the township. There is no start date yet. We are waiting for the state to sign all the paperwork.

With nothing further, Mayor asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.


Heather Sparks, Township Clerk