

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on June 16, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall at 1768 Main St. Port Norris, NJ

Those Present:

Mike Vizzard	Mayor
Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor
Joseph Klaudi	Committeeman
Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
Heather Sparks	Township Clerk
Nick DiCosmo	Engineer
Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
Bob Conner	Mints Insurance

Those Absent: Edward Dennis 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 acknowledges that no state police were present to give a report.

Mayor introduced Paul Forlenzia from the Joint Insurance fund. The township is up for a 3-year membership renewal. Paul will give a short presentation with an overview of JIF, and its benefits to its members.

Paul Forlenzia introduced himself and as indicated, the township is up for a 3-year membership renewal effective January 1, 2023. He asked that the committee look kindly upon the resolution on tonight's agenda and renew another 3-year commitment to the program. Mr. Forlenzia did hand out some prepared remarks. Mr. Forlenzia went over the prepared pamphlet page by page with the committee. Mr. Forlenzia concluded by asking if there were any questions.

Mayor Vizzard asked about Cyber liabilities, the 2% increase. Is that an increase to the charges to the municipalities? Or is it a 2% increase of what you are spending to prevent cyber liability?

Mr. Forlenzia said it was an increase of the charges to the municipality. With a 92% in the cost associated with cyber liability. Cyber is made up of a self-insured retention. You have a \$25,000 deductible then we have \$125,000 self-insured retention and above that it goes into private commercial insurance market. Thankfully we do not get a lot of them, but they are highly volatile when they occur.

Mayor Vizzard asked about comorbidities and if it is directly related to the wellness program.

Mr. Forlenzia said it is. The goal is to have more employees with less comorbidities, so your employees are healthier and less likely to be injured.

Mayor Vizzard said he knows the township is happy with the Atlantic County JIF.

Paul Forlenzia said he looks forward to continuing working with the township. And on a final note, Heather, yesterday was elected by her peers to be the next member of the executive committee with

the Atlantic JIF and we appreciate you allowing her serve. Heather has been with us a number of years and does a great job and look forward to her continued involvement.

The committee congratulated Heather.

Moving on the Mayor asked if the committee reviewed the meeting minutes of the agenda meeting of May 16th and the regular meeting of May 19th. Mayor asked for a motion and a second to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion was made by Committeeman Klaudi and seconded by committeeman Jamison. Roll call, all were in favor.

Mayor said we have a bill list for consideration as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer for the month of June.

Mayor asked for motion to pay the bills. A motion was made by Committeeman Jamison and was seconded by Committeeman Klaudi. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor asked for the engineer's report.

Nick DiCosmo - We are just about wrapped up with the Riverfront Roads improvement job, just a few more documents to submit to the DOT. We should then meet all their requirements and get final reimbursement. Keron and Parsons is completely closed out, Pam should be getting the final disbursements soon. Riverfront improvements phase 3, the Army Corp has requested some additional information which I have been working on this week. DEP has also requested some additional information and permits but we are moving forward. Our local impact fund jobs for this year, one being the reconstruction of Yock Wock and High and the other being the mill and overlay of Main St. Our surveyors will be out there this coming Wednesday to start the survey on those roads. The reconstruction of Brown St. has been submitted to the DOT and is in review. Looking to advertise in the next 2 - 2 ½ weeks to award at our July meeting. For the Mauricetown riverfront park, he reached out to W.J. Castle who did the bulkhead inspection. They say their report is of top priority and say the report should be to us by the end of the week. We are working on the fiscal year 2023 DOT state aid applications for submittal and is on the agenda for tonight. Priority one application is going to be reconstruction of Milbourne Dr., Dennis Lane, and the end of Cobb St. And our priority two is going to be on the North Avenue pedestrian safety improvements which is going to be to construct a walking path from the Mauricetown school to and around the ballfields off Steep Run Rd. One other item to note, he was in contact with the gas company, they are going to fix some of their restorations up in Laurel Lake on Magnolia Dr. and Cherry Road. As you are aware there is a lot of gas company work going on in the lake, once that is done, the gas company will have their contractor come in to mill and pave portions of those roads. I am going to reach out to them to have them post additional escrow for those jobs so we can have someone out there to inspect these jobs.

Mayor Vizzard aske Mr. DiCosmo if he was able to find any additional funding opportunities for the Mauricetown park.

Mr. DiCosmo said he asked around a little but honestly had looked much into it yet, but he will.

Mayor said we are going to need it. Mayor asked Mr. DiCosmo if he was aware of any funding to assist with tree trimming. Mayor had been asked about the tree trimming. The tree branches in Laurel Lake are causing damage to the fire company's trucks. Is there any kind of funding available where we can hire a private company that can come in and open these roads up?

Nick DiCosmo said he didn't know if there was funding specifically for that, but he would look into it. There just isn't enough manpower to keep up with it.

The mayor suggested maybe the electric company had something for that. Clint and the guys have always taken care of it in the past but its just gotten to a point where it is too difficult to try and keep up with. There just isn't enough manpower to keep up with it.

Mayor moved on to correspondences.

Correspondence from Steven & Susan Chester requesting to purchase property at 312 Aster & 316 Aster. Both lots are vacant, size 40 X 92. The Chester's own property on Beech Rd. that is adjoining these lots. They are offering \$500.00 for both lots.

Correspondence from Edwin Soto requesting to purchase property at 435 Petunia Place. Public Works just did a demolition at this property last week. This property is now vacant. Mr. Soto has offered \$1,225.00 for the property. This property is not adjoining his property but is across the street.

Correspondence from The Weaver Group LLC. Offer to purchase Laurel Lake cell tower lease for \$675,000. The current township lease receives \$3,228.41 with 3% increases every July.

Mayor moved on to resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2022-64
Clean Communities Budget Insertion \$17,447.61

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial hereby request the Director of Local Governmental Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget year 2022 in the sum of \$17,447.61 which item is now available as revenue from

FY 2022 2022 Clean Communities Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like sum of \$17,447.61 be and the same hereby appropriated under the caption of:

FY 2022 2022 Clean Communities Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of monies totaling \$17,447.61 from the 2022 Clean Communities Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Chief Financial Officer will submit this Chapter 159 electronically on the Division of Local Governmental Services website.

RESOLUTION 2022-65
Approving Lalli's Liquor License for 2022-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following liquor license be renewed for period commencing July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023.

Liquor Warehouse Corp
1428 E. Buckshutem Road
Commercial Township, NJ 08332
License Number: 0602-44-010-002

RESOLUTION 2022-66
Approving Mauricetown Gunning Club License for 2022-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following liquor license be renewed for period commencing July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023.

Mauricetown Gunning Club Inc.
1245 Whitehead Rd.
Commercial Township, NJ 08332
License Number: 0602-31-005-001

RESOLUTION 2022-67
Approving Bayshore Center at Bivalve, Inc. Club License for 2022-2023

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following liquor license be renewed for period commencing July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023.

Bayshore Center at Bivalve, Inc.
2800 High Street
Commercial Township, NJ 08349
License Number: 0602-31-012-001

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 68

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland that

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial took judgment by way of foreclosure of Block 107, Lot 8483, and

WHEREAS, the tax liens on this property have been paid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Township of Commercial wishes to vacate foreclosure and dismiss the complaint as to Block 107, Lot 8483.

**COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
Cumberland County, New Jersey
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-69**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING SATISFACTION IN FULL
BY HERSCHEL R. GARRISON OF THE BAYSHORE HOUSING PROGRAM
MORTGAGE HELD BY MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE**

WHEREAS, Herschel R. Garrison previously qualified for participation in the Small Cities Grant known as the Bayshore Housing Program for the rehabilitation of housing units and received the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ten Dollars (\$23,310) on August 24, 2006 and a mortgage lien evidencing said indebtedness was recorded with the Clerk of Cumberland County in Mortgage Book 4012, Page 4543 on October 31, 2006, and

WHEREAS, said mortgage has been paid in full or otherwise satisfied and is to be discharged of record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Commercial that the mortgage held by the Township of Commercial and given by Herschel R. Garrison as set forth above shall be discharged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute and deliver a Discharge of Mortgage.

**RESOLUTION 2022-70
A Resolution of Opposing NJDEP's Proposed Coastal Regulations**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is planning to adopt new land use regulations that will significantly devalue land and stymie construction in the Township of Commercial known as the Protecting Against Climate Threats (PACT) Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP is proposing to require five feet of freeboard above the base flood elevation for new construction in the flood zone. Elevating new and substantially improved homes an additional five feet is not only prohibitively expensive for our residents by may not be feasible on many sites; and

WHEREAS, historically when NJDEP issues new rules they have been in alignment with corresponding legislation. In this case there is no legislation that has authorized the NJDEP to require more stringent requirements than the Federal regulations that are now in place; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP freeboard requirement is based on sea level rise projections for the year 2100. Municipalities are required to prepare Master Plans with 20- or 30-year planning horizon, the Township of Commercial Township would strongly suggest that the State use the same time horizon that they require municipalities to use; and

WHEREAS, the science behind these 80 year projections has been questioned as reported in a guest editorial in the Press of Atlantic City on Sunday February 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, there has been no major discussion concerning the magnitude of the economic impact of the proposed regulations or how to assist residents who will be negatively impacted. NJDEP's proposed regulatory re-alignment is expected to result in extensive and immediate economic impacts. NJDEP must engage in a meaningful, holistic economic impacts from future, projected climate change related threats; and

WHEREAS, in advance of the NJ PACT regulations being released the NJDEP is requiring municipalities to adopt a new Flood Damage Protection Ordinance that automatically impose the NJ PACT regulations once they are adopted through the State rule making process; and

WHEREAS, the new Flood Damage Protection Ordinance also required that road and parking areas proposed in the flood hazard areas be constructed at least one foot above flood Hazard Area Design elevation, that permits be issued for ordinary maintenance and minor work, that seasonally occupied homes be built on a foundation, among other new regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Commercial opposes the Protection Against Climate Threats (PACT) Regulations and the State's proposed Flood Damage Protection Ordinance as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sea level rise projections being used by NJDEP be subject to a scholarly peer review prior to commencing the rule making process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NJDEP regulations be bases on a 20- or 30-year timeframe and adjusted over time to cater to the impacts of sea level rise and resiliency measures rather than bases on a n 80-year projection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NJDEP seek the counsel from an independent economist to considering potential economic impacts prior to release of the NJ PACT proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NJDEP follow the same practice as FEMA and provide detailed maps so that communities and residents can clearly understand how these regulations effect specific properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NJDEP abandon changes in the Flood Damage Protection Ordinance until the NJ PACT regulations are approved by the State Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn LaTourette, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Vince Polistina, Senator Michael Testa, Assemblyman Don Guardian, Assemblywoman Clair Swift, Assemblyman Eric Simonsen, and Assemblyman Antwan McClellan

RESOLUTION 2022-71
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial (hereinafter the "MUNICIPALITY") is a member of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "FUND"); and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY'S membership terminates as of January 1, 2023, unless earlier renewed by a Contract between the MUNICIPALITY and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter is for the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, provided that the award is in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b) provides that the MUNICIPALITY shall make a documented effort to secure competitive quotations; however, a Contract may be awarded upon a determination, in writing, that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, has filed a certification with the governing body describing in detail, as set forth below in this Resolution, why this Contract meets the provisions of the statutes and the regulations and why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the purchase of insurance coverage and insurance consultant services by the MUNICIPALITY requires a unique knowledge and understanding of the municipal exposures and risks associated with the operation of a municipal entity, and many insurance professionals are not qualified to assess these risks and exposures based upon their inherent complexity; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for municipal entities can vary greatly in the type, limits, and exceptions to coverage, and therefore particularized expertise in determining and obtaining the appropriate coverage is required to protect the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the MUNICIPALITY to obtain a single integrated program to provide all types of insurance coverage with a plan to limit the MUNICIPALITIES exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has provided comprehensive insurance coverage to member municipalities since 1987; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, the Fund has continually refined all of the types of coverage that it provides to its members so that it offers comprehensive insurance coverage and limits to all members that is unique and cannot be purchased from a single entity in the commercial insurance market; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has also developed and made available to its members Safety, Risk Management and Litigation Management programs that address the specific exposures and risks associated with municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides the MUNICIPALITY with Fund Administration, Claims Review, Claims Processing, Claims Administration, Actuarial and Legal services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is one of the most financially sound Municipal Joint Insurance Funds in New Jersey, and the FUND operates with strong fiscal controls, member oversight, and meets all of the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, as an existing member of the FUND, the MUNICIPALITY would be renewing its membership in an organization with experienced and dedicated FUND Professionals who provide specialized services to the members; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the FUND includes many neighboring municipalities that have uniquely similar exposures to the MUNICIPALITY, and with whom the MUNICIPALITY has existing inter-local arrangements; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors categorize the award of this Contract as an "extraordinary, unspecifiable service" that cannot be duplicated, accounted for, accurately detailed, or described in a manner that truly depicts the value of the MUNICIPALITY'S membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, it is impracticable for the MUNICIPALITY to seek competitive quotations for a Contract to provide the procurement of insurance coverage and consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and as such is an agency of the municipalities that created it; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) also provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the Contract is entered into with a municipality or any board, body, officer, agency or authority thereof; and

WHEREAS, the FUND meets the definition of an agency as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the MUNICIPALITY desires to enter into a Contract to renew its membership with the FUND for a period of three (3) years, for insurance coverage and consultant services, as an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the MUNICIPALITY as follows:

1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to renew its membership in the FUND and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the FUND.
2. The Mayor and Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the "Contract to Renew Membership" annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the FUND evidencing the MUNICIPALITY'S renewal of its membership.
3. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, the certificate of a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, which details why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable, is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.
4. The Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY is authorized and directed to place a notice of the adoption of this Resolution and the award of this Contract in the official newspaper of the MUNICIPALITY.

RESOLUTION 2022-72
REQUESTING SPEED LIMIT BE REDUCED ON COUNTY ROAD 553 BETWEEN
DRAGSTON ROAD AND STRAWBERRY AVENUE FROM 45MPH TO 35 MPH.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Commercial Township recognize with new trucking industry in the township, speeding of the trucks has caused a safety concern for our residents.

WHEREAS, the truck traffic primarily travels Main Street, Port Norris known as county route 553.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has met on several occasions with the State Police for increased patrol for the speeding truck traffic but feel that emanate danger still exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of Commercial Township will request, Cumberland County Public Works Director consider reducing the speed limit on county route 553 from Dragston Road to Strawberry Avenue be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph.

RESOLUTION 2022-073
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF MILBOURNE DRIVE, DENNIS LANE, AND COBB STREET
(PRIORITY 1)

WHEREAS, there is a need for roadway and drainage improvements within the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, funds for roadway and drainage improvements are available to the Township of Commercial under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-Reconstruction of Milbourne Drive, D-00162 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Commercial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Commercial and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 2022-74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR THE NORTH AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFTEY IMPROVEMENTS (PRIORITY 2)

WHEREAS, there is a need for pedestrian safety improvements within the Township of Commercial; and

WHEREAS, funds for pedestrian safety improvements are available to the Township of Commercial under the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-North Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improv-00183 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Commercial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Commercial and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution 2022-75

A Resolution Supporting an Appropriations and Levy Cap Exemption for a Three-Year Period for Increases in Liability, Worker's Compensation, Cyber Liability and Property Insurance

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in its levy to 2.0% and any increase in appropriations to 2 1/2% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less, over the prior year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, all local public entities have incurred an estimated \$50 million in COVID related worker's compensation claims and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long-term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding workers compensation funding has generated increased costs to municipalities by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the State pension system; and

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation statute of limitations will increase total liability costs by an estimated amount of 6%; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property insurance costs by over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability events throughout the country have resulted in doubling premium costs in 2022 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also increasing at an inflationary rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Commercial that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Appropriation CAP and the Levy CAP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representatives for the Township of Commercial.

RESOLUTION 2022-76

**Approving Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers
Tax Map & Deed Maintenance**

WHEREAS, Commercial Township has a need for Tax Map & Deed Maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers have presented a proposal to provide Tax Map & Deed Maintenance in the amount of \$11,000.00 for Tax Year 2022; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a proposal of \$11,000.00 is approved and certification of chief financial officer is contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds for certification are therefore being made available as follows:

2022 Tax Map Maintenance		
2-01-20-150-020		\$11,000.00
Present Balance in Account	\$11,000.00	
Remaining Balance in Account	\$ -0-	

Total Amount to be Certified: \$11,000.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Heather Sparks, Clerk of the Township of Commercial hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the committee at their regular meeting held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ.

Heather Sparks, Township Clerk

Mayor asked for a motion to adopt resolutions 2022-64 thru 2022-76.

Motion was made by Committeeman Klaudi and seconded by Committeeman Jamison.
Roll Call, All in Favor.

Mayor asked to go back to the correspondence from the Weaver Group LLC. Mayor wants to table for now. Mayor acknowledged that the township is receiving \$3,228.41 a month lease for the tower. \$675,000 sounds like a lot of money but I don't know how that would affect the taxpayer's rate. I'm sure that money gets inserted to the budget to offset taxes. I don't want to sell it and have a lump sum of money budgeted to our savings and have the tax rates increase. Mayor would like to speak to CFO. Mayor asked the committee if they agree.

Committeeman Jamison made a motion to table and was seconded by Committeeman Klaudi. Roll call, all in favor.

Mayor announced that there are two land sales, and that Solicitor Seeley will conduct.

Mr. Seeley stated that we have two land sales. Mr. Seeley started with the Aster Rd. property.

Mr. Seeley stated that we received a bid of \$200 for block 135. Lot 7034 known as Aster Rd. Bid started at \$200, Mr. Seeley conducted the auction, with two different bidders. Property sold for \$5,000 to Keri Hiles of 353 Beech Rd, Laurel Lake.

Mayor addressed one issue with the property stating there is an outfall from a township owned drain going through that property and draining into that property that was just purchased. Mayor told the buyer that nothing can block that outfall. The township resumes the responsibility and the right to take care of that outfall.

Solicitor Seeley asked the Hiles couple if they understand. The Hiles couple agreed that they understand.

Motion was made and seconded to approve sale of block 135, lot 7034, Aster Road to George and Keri Hiles. Roll call, all were in favor.

Solicitor said when he is done, they will take care of the paperwork.

Solicitor Seeley moved on to the second land sale. Mr. Seeley stated that for reasons that are a conflict of interest, we want to make sure know one thinks Committeeman Jamison is getting any preferential treatment, so he is sitting down in the audience as a resident bidder.

Solicitor Seeley said a bid was received from Fletcher Jamison of 6307 Brown St. for \$500 for block 225, lot 27 known as 2522 Ogden Ave. Port Norris, size is 109X174. Lot would be buildable by size. The sale had been advertised and adjoining owners were notified by certified letter.

Solicitor Seeley asked if there was anyone else interested in purchasing this property. There was.

With bids starting at \$500. Mr. Seeley conducted the auction. Property sold for \$3,200 to Donald and Marcella Bennett.

Motion was made and seconded to approve sale of block 225, lot 27 known as 2522 Ogden Ave. to Donald and Marcella Bennett. Roll call, Committeeman Jamison abstained. Mayor Vizzard and Mr. Klaudi were in favor.

Solicitor Seeley asked the successful bidders to come to the conference room.

Mayor Vizzard moved on to reports of Officials.

Committeeman Jamison and Committeeman Klaudi had nothing to report. Mayor Vizzard gave an update on the new state police barracks. The Barracks is being designed and surveyed and will be out to bid in the next couple months and it looks like the state will lease both properties. The old barracks and the new barracks.

Mayor asked for a motion to open to the public.

Motion made by Committeeman Jamison and seconded by Committeeman Klaudi.

Frank Donahue – Church St. Port Norris. Mr. Donahue said he noticed there is a resolution in opposition of NJDEP's proposed coastal regulations and wanted to know the bases for the opposition and if he could look at the resolution.

Clerk stated that she would provide him with a copy of the resolution.

Mayor Vizzard said the biggest opposition is it is going to be a huge increase in homeowners' insurance because of the flood insurance.

Mr. Donahue said that happened to him where the mortgage company told him he needed flood insurance that he falls in the 100-year flood zone.

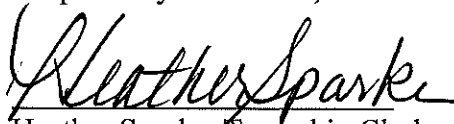
Clerk provided copy of the resolution to Mr. Donahue.

With nothing further from the public, Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to close to the public. Mr. Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Klaudi

Mayor said, additional considerations, The Cumberland County Sherriff's office will host a youth kickball game for ages 13-17. This event was made possible in part through the Community Action Reaching Youth Safety Program. This event will be on June 27th at 4:00 pm at the Charles Sheppard Ballfields.

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, Township Clerk