

Minutes of the Agenda meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial held on February 13, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ.

Those Present:

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| Mike Vizzard     | Mayor                   |
| Fletcher Jamison | Deputy Mayor            |
| Joseph Klaudi    | Committeeman            |
| Thomas Seeley    | Solicitor               |
| Nick DiCosmo     | Engineer                |
| Heather Miller   | Township Clerk          |
| Clint Miller     | Public Works Supervisor |

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 in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard – Asked for report from Nick DiCosmo, Engineer.

Nick DiCosmo –

Army Corp phase III has been approved. Submitted various items for DEP permit. DEP is requesting a different fee. If everything is in by the 17<sup>th</sup>, they should be able to issue permits by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Brown Street- In closeout

Mill & Overlay of Main Street- Sent info to DOT with breakdown of engineering fees. That was submitted last week.

Mauricetown Park – The recreation grant has been submitted. Will wait to see what Booker's office can do.

Nick DiCosmo- Can provide a proposal for local infrastructure funding for Milbourne and Dennis. The fee would be \$1,000. Can also provide a proposal for 2023 North Ave. pedestrian. Can be phase I. Committee to determine path route.

Nick DiCosmo- Discussed water distribution possibility for Laurel Lake. Discussed talks with the City of Millville and continuation of service from Millville. Nick suggested talking to Pam and setting up a meeting with I-Bank. They can explain how that works and what would be involved. This project can be done in phases. Nick also suggested coordinating a meeting with CCUA. The City of Millville is very interested in partnering with Commercial on this project. Nick can provide a proposal for conceptual plans for probably \$5,000.

Mayor Vizzard- We definitely need to get Pam involved. As far as getting the public involved, we definitely need to do that.

Committeeman Klaudi- Spoke to Bob Carlson, he is the Director at the CUA. He is willing to help. He would like to meet with us and Millville. We can receive 2 million a year for 5 years of forgivable loans. In 1999, we were approved for sewers in Port Norris.

Nick DiCosmo- This would be a little different because that was for the waterfront industry, and this would be for residential. As far as water goes, our best bet is to go off of Millville.

Discussion briefly continued on how to go about getting this going and the steps necessary to do so.

North Avenue Pedestrian Path- Nick DiCosmo provided a draft idea for the path. Can be done in phases. Indicated we could meet with the County to discuss the handling of the intersection at Highland.

Brief discussion of the path route.

Mayor Vizzard said Tom has another meeting at 7pm if anyone has anything else for him. No one did.

Mayor moved to Barney Hollinger, Riverfront Consultant.

Barney Hollinger- There will be a Bayshore Council meeting this Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a rundown of what has been done and what's to come. The township's meeting with Meagan and Rutgers will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom at 2:30. Mount is staying and there is still sand on the road.

Mayor Vizzard- I called both sand plants, both sand plants said they would get it cleaned up, but they did not.

Mayor Vizzard continued with correspondence.

Correspondence from Port Norris Historical Society requesting funds to help with utilities. The Historical Society continues to maintain and upgrade their historic facility and have increasing cost.

Mayor asked if that should stay on the agenda for Thursday. Committee agreed, they helped last year and have no problem helping again.

Mayor said we have a discussion item. There was a bid opening on January 26, 2023, for the Municipal Building interior renovations. Three bids were received.

1. Trimark Builders \$232,678.00

2. Kavi Construction \$162,000.00
3. Straga Brothers \$133,700.00

All bids came in over the amount of \$118,000 allotted in Ordinance 2022-609 for the project. Funds allocated for the project are the following.

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| Capital Improvement Fund                | \$76,000 |
| 2021 American Rescue Plan grant reserve | \$42,000 |

Mayor Vizzard said since then, Straga Brothers contacted Pam and said they forgot to include something in their bid and they want to add another \$18,000 to their bid. They would still be the lowest bidder. However, I spoke to the architect today and they need to hold their bid. It's not fair for them to change their bid after the fact.

The Committee can choose to introduce an amendment at Thursday's meeting of the Ordinance by increasing the ARP funds then adopt the ordinance and award the project at the March meeting or reject all bids and rebid the project.

Mayor Vizzard moved to Resolutions.

Resolution 2023-28 Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey Coastal Coalition (NJCC)

Mayor Vizzard said there is no charge for this. If we choose to participate in the classes, I believe there is charges involved with that. I would like to get involved in this.

Resolution 2023-29 Resolution Authorizing A Certificate of Redemption

Resolution 2023- 30 List of Uncollectable Taxes

Mayor Vizzard – We have an Ordinance for second reading and adoption.

Ordinance 2023-614  
Calendar Year 2023

Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A; 4-45.14)

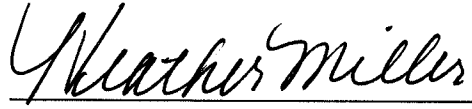
Mayor Vizzard asked for reports from Officials.

Committeeman Klaudi – On the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, the County Commissioners are taking their meeting on the road. That meeting will be in Maurice River Township at 6. I asked to be placed on the agenda to see if we can get help with funding for the Mauricetown park. Doug Alberich said eventually, they would like to hold one of their meeting here.

Mayor Vizzard and Committeeman Jamison had no report.

Mayor asked if anyone had anything else, with nothing a motion and second moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Heather Miller, Township Clerk