

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on September 17, 2015 at 6:00, held at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

Those present:	Fletcher Jamison	Deputy Mayor
	Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	Committeeman
	Thomas Seeley	Solicitor
	Hannah E. Nichols	Township Clerk
	Edward Dennis	Engineer
	Clint Miller	Public Works Supervisor
	Heather Sparks	Deputy Clerk

Those Absent:	Judson Moore	Mayor
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Deputy Mayor Fletcher Jamison 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.

Deputy Mayor Jamison asked everyone to stand and join him in the Flag Salute and Lord's Prayer.

Deputy Mayor Jamison said we do not have state police here this evening so I'll ask for a motion on the minutes of previous meetings:

Agenda Meeting, August 17, 2015  
Executive Session, August 17, 2015  
Regular Meeting, August 20, 2015

Committeeman Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes, Deputy Mayor Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Deputy Mayor Jamison stated that a Bill List had been prepared by chief financial officer for bills submitted for the month of September 2015.

Committeeman Sutton made motion to approve bill list for September and Deputy Mayor Jamison second same with a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Deputy Mayor Jamison called upon Edward Dennis, Engineer, for his report.

Mr. Dennis said we have a resolution on the agenda for tonight for a Change Order #1, for the Laurel Lake Drainage Project and to close that grant out. We also have two resolutions on tonight to apply for state aid grants for Raymond Drive Phase III and Samuel Drive Phase II. Mr. Dennis said we opened bids on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., for Doris Drive and Maurice Street Projects and bid will be awarded tonight to Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc., Hammonton, NJ and this project will be completed this fall. Mr. Dennis said these are the additional items that were added to the report of Monday night.

Deputy Mayor Jamison called upon Solicitor Thomas Seeley for his report.

Mr. Seeley said not much to add to the Monday night report. He is continuing to fight the Bayshore Housing Grants with the subordination issues. He said we have finalized two foreclosures with 30 properties in each, and we're having a large land sale on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seeley said he has contacted individuals regarding upgrading the Master Plan and that he would be supplied with all of the requirements necessary for Commercial Township to upgrade their's.

Deputy Mayor Jamison said on Monday night we reviewed many items and it was determined that the following would be approved at the regular meeting by motion and those items were as follows:

1. Approving changing current light at the Senior Center Parking Lot to LED light with a savings in cost of \$28.36 monthly.
2. Appointing Cristine Smith To Recreation Committee
3. Authorizing Max Communications to install camera to the judges rear door entrance to the municipal building in the amount of \$2300.
4. Approving David Dean's request to fine organizations that have been appointed to registrar and maintain abandoned properties in Commercial Township in the amount of \$1500.  
6258 Doris Drive, Block 123, Lot 9379, Abandoned, \$1500  
121 Foam Road, Block 61, Lot 695, Abandoned, \$1500  
6808 Magnolia Drive, Block 43, Lots 8280, Abandoned, \$1500

Deputy Mayor Jamison asked for a motion on the fore mentioned items and Committeeman Sutton made motion to approve, Deputy Mayor Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote of the members present.

Deputy Mayor said we have an ordinance for second reading and public hearing on the following:

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE 2015-570

AMENDING THE 2015 SALARY SCALE ORDINANCE

Mr. Jamison said this ordinance is to set the salary scale of the following

Municipal Judge	\$12,000 to \$20,000
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Committeeman Sutton made a motion to open the meeting to the public and with no comment, he made motion to close the public portion and to adopt the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Jamison seconded and a unanimous roll call vote of the members present was taken.

Deputy Mayor Jamison said we have several resolutions on the agenda for this meeting and I will read each one by title only.

RESOLUTION 2015-105

Support Of Expanding Access To Driver's Licenses To Undocumented New Jersey Residents

WHEREAS, Commercial Township, values the contributions of all residents, including immigrants, to the economic health, cultural diversity, and public safety of the Township of Commercial and County of Cumberland; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Township, recognizes the fundamental importance of all of our resident's ability to participate in civic life, ensure the health and safety of their families, and to move freely across this State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law currently prohibits undocumented residents from obtaining a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, other states, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont, Washington, and Utah, as well as Washington, DC and Puerto Rico do not prohibit access to driver's licenses based on immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Commercial Township's roads would be enhanced if all residents of appropriate driving age were tested, trained, licensed, and insured, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has documented that car crashes rank among the leading causes of death in the United States and that approximately one in five fatal crashes in the United States involve an unlicensed or invalidly licensed driver; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey would become safer with fewer uninsured and unlicensed drivers on the road, resulting in a predicted decrease in fatal traffic accidents and fewer hit-and-run crimes; and

WHEREAS, the public safety of Commercial Township would be enhanced by helping bring immigrant communities out of the shadow to participate more fully in civic life, building trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and law enforcement and encouraging immigrant communities to report crimes and serve as witnesses in criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) estimates that if New Jersey law were changed to expand access to driver's licenses to undocumented residents, between 153,000 and 278,000 New Jersey residents would apply for a driver's license within the first three years of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to driver's licenses would enhance New Jersey and Commercial Township's economy; and

GET THE BALANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TYPE IN.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-106

Resolution of Commercial Township Authorizing Execution Of A Shared Services Agreement With The County of Cumberland For Services Related To A Petition Before The Board Of Public Utilities Regarding The Intended Discontinuance Of Maintenance Of Copper LandLine Telecommunications wiring By Verizon New Jersey, Inc., (Verizon NJ)

WHEREAS, the rural areas of the State of New Jersey are served by Verizon New Jersey, Inc., (Verizon NJ) with respect to landline telephone service; and

WHEREAS, landline telephone service and copper wiring utilized in connection therewith also transmits DSL internet service; and

WHEREAS, existing landline services are necessary and instrumental to existing telecommunications facilities; and

WHEREAS, Verizon NJ has declared its intention to meet its Opportunity New Jersey (ONJ) obligation in rural areas through DSL and not fiber optic technology; and

WHEREAS, DSL service is transmitted over copper wiring transmission lines which is also utilized for landline telephone service; and

WHEREAS, Verizon NJ has declared that it no longer intends to maintain landline telecommunication wires and facilities in rural areas of the State of New Jersey, and has requested the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to allow Verizon NJ to discontinue maintaining copper landlines transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuance of such maintenance would directly and significantly adversely affect the users of landline service, including, but not limited to public entities, private companies and private enterprise, private individuals and residents in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuance of Maintenance of copper landline transmission facilities would inevitably result in the deterioration of communication facilities within the rural areas of New Jersey, resulting in loss or diminution of telephone services and internet services; and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of such facilities and communication capabilities would result in deterioration of economic opportunities and activity, all of which would have serious repercussions to the economic and social well-being of residents and businesses within in rural areas of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Township of Commercial deems it to be essential to the public interest to oppose and prevent Verizon NJ from discontinuing landline transmission maintenance which would have significant economic and social consequences to the region; and

WHEREAS, Township of Commercial is desirous of preventing discontinuance of landline transmission maintenance by Verizon NJ and has agreed to work with the consortium of municipalities and other entities to petition the BPU in an effort to prevent Verizon New Jersey from abandoning landline maintenance in rural areas of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Township of Commercial is desirous of assisting and cooperating with other public entities as set forth in this agreement to pursue a petition before the BPU to prevent discontinuance of maintenance respecting landline transmission facilities; and

WHEREAS, the parties are authorized pursuant to the Uniformed Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40:65-1, et seq. to enter into a shared services agreement to provide such services that either party, acting along could provide on its own behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of Township of Commercial, as follows:

1. That the shared services agreement between the County of Cumberland and Township of Commercial for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, is hereby approved in the form on file with the Clerk of this governing body.
2. That this agreement may be signed and authorization is hereby extended to file and return the shared services agreement and to file same with the Clerk of this governing body.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of Township of Commercial, held at Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ, at 6:00 P.M., prevailing time.

RESOLUTION 2015-107  
Authorizing The Cancellation Of Property Taxes Due To Approval  
Of 100% Disabled Veteran's Application

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2015 a Claim for Property Tax Exemption on Dwelling House of Disabled Veteran or Surviving Spouse, Civil Union Partner/Surviving Domestic Partner of Disabled Veteran or Serviceperson was filed, along with all supporting documentation on behalf of Harold R Snell for Block 184, Lot 9 located at 9516 Highland Street, In Mauricetown; and

WHEREAS, after proper review of the application and all supporting documentation by the Tax Assessor it was determined that Mr. Snell met all requirements to receive the 100% permanently disabled veteran benefit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Leslie Kraus, Tax Collector for Commercial Township be authorized to cancel 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2015 in the amount of \$2,124.85 and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2016 in the amount of \$2,040.66.

RESOLUTION 2015-108

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Years	Amount	Reason
25	4408	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	71.99	Exempt In Rem
25	4410	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	124.93	Exempt In Rem
25	4413	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
25	4433	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	72.47	Exempt In Rem
25	4435	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,536.58	Exempt In Rem
45	5925	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	110.21	Exempt Gifted
47	6014	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
47	6020	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,778.04	Exempt In Rem
50	6240	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
51	6295	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
55	7305	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	154.91	Exempt In Rem
61	690	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,737.57	Exempt In Rem
66	7571	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	252.35	Exempt In Rem
97	11017	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,982.89	Exempt In Rem
98	11000	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,730.22	Exempt In Rem
100	8748	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	124.93	Exempt In Rem
112	6649	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	192.39	Exempt In Rem
116	9933	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
117	9807	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /2016	473.90	Exempt In Rem
117	9813	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	3,353.91	Exempt In Rem
117	9820	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	110.21	Exempt Gifted
118	9716	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,637.57	Exempt In Rem
121	9448	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	3,331.88	Exempt In Rem
128	9991	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	282.87	Exempt In Rem
139	7907	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> / 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	74.96	Exempt In Rem
161	678	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,395.93	Exempt In Rem
162	486	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,807.37	Exempt In Rem
162	533	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	257.15	Exempt In Rem
180	14	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	211.10	Exempt In Rem
197	29	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	3,886.02	Exempt In Rem
200	8	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	205.85	Exempt in Rem
200	9	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,267.96	Exempt In Rem
203	11	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	1,584.66	Exempt In Rem
211	10	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	3,284.57	Exempt In Rem
213	14	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	39.62	Exempt In Rem
213	16	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	3,896.82	Exempt In Rem
213	18	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	36.02	Exempt In Rem
213	19	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,344.58	Exempt In Rem
213	20	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,928.02	Exempt In Rem
215	46	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	4,680.87	Exempt In Rem
234	12	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	4,271.37	Exempt In Rem
245	1	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	4,681.95	Exempt In Rem
259	6	Commercial Twp.	Full 2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	2,297.76	Exempt in Rem
264	3	Commercial Twp.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> /2015, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2016	12.27	Exempt In Rem

RESOLUTION 2015-109

Change Order #1, Laurel Lake Roadway Drainage Improvements  
Phase II Decrease Of \$746.00 Amending Contract Total To  
\$324,754.00 From \$325,000

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, that  
Change Order #1, be approved in the decrease of the total contract amount by \$746.00 making  
contract total for the Laurel Lake Drainage Improvements Phase II Project \$324,754.00 instead  
Of \$325,000.00

RESOLUTION 2015-110

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  
2016 Municipal Aid Program For The Reconstruction Of Raymond  
Drive-Phase III (Priority 1)

WHEREAS, there is a need for roadway and drainage improvements on Raymond Drive  
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 & Walberg Engineers is  
hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-1016-  
Reconstruction of Raymond Drive – Ph-00210 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.

Certified as true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the  
Township of Commercial on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-111

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 2016 Municipal Aid Program For The Reconstruction Of Samuel Drive-Phase 11  
(Priority 2)

WHEREAS, there is a need for roadway and drainage improvements on Samuel Drive 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, Venrick & Walberg Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identifies as MA-2016-Reconstruction of Samuel Drive – Pha-00211 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.

Certified as true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial on this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2015.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-112

Awarding Contract to Asphalt Paving Systems In The Amount  
Of \$149,108.05 Doris Drive

WHEREAS, the Township Committee authorized the Engineer to prepare design, advertise and solicit bids for Doris Drive, Maurice Street, Project; and

WHEREASM, bids were received on September 16, 2015 and on the advice of Commercial Township Engineer, EdwardDennis, that a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a contract is awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems, 500 North Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037, in the amount of \$149,108.05.

#### RESOLUTION 2015-113

Hiring of Edward F. Duffy, Esquire As Commercial Township  
Municipal Judge Effective January 1, 2016 Through December 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial has accepted the resignation of our Current Municipal Judge John Casarow effective December 31, 2015; and

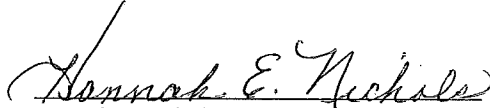
Whereas, THE Township Committee hereby advertised and accepted applications for the position of municipal judge and upon consideration has decided on the following;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Edward F. Duffy, Esquire, of 2630 E. Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ be hired to fill the position of Commercial Township Municipal Judge effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Jamison asked for reports of officials and added that township will have a land sale on September 26, 2015 at 10:00 A.M..

Committeeman Sutton said he had nothing to add. He made motion to open meeting to the public and with no response made motion to close public portion and to adjourn the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Jamison seconded.

  
Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk