Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall, 1768 Main Street, Port Norris, NJ

## Those present:

Judson Moore Fletcher Jamison

Mayor

Fletcher Jamison Ronald L. Sutton Committeeman Committeeman

Thomas Seeley Hannah E. Nichols Solicitor

Hannah E. Nichol: Edward Dennis Township Clerk Engineer

Mayor Moore presided and called the meeting to order with the announcement that the meeting had been advertised that it was being electronically recorded and being held in full compliance of the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

Mayor Moore said first item of business are the minutes of previous meetings and asked if there were any questions, corrections or issues to address of the following minutes:

Minutes Agenda Meeting, Tuesday, February 17, 2015 Minutes Executive Session, Tuesday, February 17, 2015, Personnel & Union Neg. Minutes Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2015 Minutes Executive Session, Thursday, February 19, 2015, Personnel & Union Neg.

Committeeman Sutton made motion to approve minutes and Committeeman Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Moore said we have member of the New Jersey State Police present this evening.

Station Commander Robert Bauern, stated that he had some statistical figures to give to the committee, that there had been 308 incidents in their area, with 150 motor vehicle stops, in Commercial, 18 criminal charges, 9 investigations, 12 burglaries and he recommends that everyone lock up there houses, sheds, garages because scrap metal seems to be the huge theft out there today and people are stealing anything that is metal and taking it to the junk yards and that they are accepting what is being brought into them.

Mayor asked public if they had any questions and being none mayor asked commander how it felt to be back home at the barracks and did they find everything satisfactory.

Commander said they were all glad to get back and he wanted to state that he could not commend Clint Miller and his staff for the job that they did. He said there was never one phone call that was not responded to and normally the call back was within five minutes either by Clint or one of the guys from the road department and most of the time the response was I'll be there in five minutes. He said the state police and everyone concerned are very happy with final results and how quickly the township committee responded.

Committeeman Sutton said on the agenda you have report of your meeting with the sheriff's department. Would you want to bring that up while state police is here

Mayor Moore called upon Ed Dennis, Engineer for his report.

Mr. Dennis said he basically didn't have anything to add to his report from Monday night except that on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 11:00 A.M., the township accepted bids for the Laurel Lake Drainage Phase II Project and that he has reviewed all of the bids and found

that the lowest bidder is in order and recommended the township award contract to RTW Construction, 16 Old Red Lion Road, Southampton, NJ 08088 in the amount of \$325,500. Mr. Dennis also stated that on the Raymond Drive Phase II project that we will need a Change Order #1, in the amount of \$11,400 for additional work at the end of Quail Road, paving of basketball court.

Mayor Moore said these items have resolutions on the agenda.

Mayor Moore called upon Mr. Thomas Seeley, Solicitor, for his report.

Mr. Seeley stated that his report did not basically change from Monday. He stated that the Liverpool Homes appeal was dismissed by the state on each unit, that the township did an agreement with Liverpool in regards to taxes and it was decided to allow them an in lieu of taxation program that they would pay quarterly and he felt that it was a good deal for the township. He stated on the property donation, that he has been in touch with representative from Wells Fargo and that they are willing to pay title search, recording fees, he's trying to get them to pay his fees and we'll get the property with a house on it. He said the church property is just about finalized, it has been sent to county for recording. He said the last foreclosure list he believes has been forwarded to the state, if it hasn't it will be very shortly.

Mayor Moore said that he had met with representatives of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and discussed patrols of our township for the purpose to cut down crime, to have their presence deter individuals that are out there to burglarize, steal, break into, and possibly destroy property and our residents deserve better. He said I want them to have piece of mind and not have to worry every time they need to go to town, go get groceries. He said in his discussion he was told the charge would be \$100 per hour and it could be for four hours patrolling one day or whatever. We didn't decide anything and I'm not trying to take anything away from the state police, they do a great job, I just feel our residents need to feel safe. Mayor Moore asked commander what were his feelings and he said he thought that they should schedule a meeting and discuss the matter.

Solicitor Seeley said just a reminder if two or more of you, it has to be advertised.

Mayor Moore said we'll schedule meeting, commander said that he would be available.

Mayor Moore said we have some correspondence and the first one are the dismissals from the State Tax Court on the Liverpool Homes appeals and the second letter if from the Bayshore Center in Bivalve, they are looking for volunteers to help get Bay Day on track and if anyone is interested they can contact Chase Jackson at 856-785-2060. Mayor Moore said on the items for discussion we have covered the meeting with the sheriff's department. He said he stopped in at the Board of Taxation to discuss Commercial Township's listing in the 2015 Equalization Table from the County of Cumberland which states Commercial Township' Real Property Ratio of Aggregate Assessed to Aggregate is at 124.08 market value. He said he was informed that our assessed value is \$286,737,100 and because we're at 124.08, there is a decrease of \$55,646,594 bringing our Aggregate True Value down to \$231,090.06 which makes our Taxable Percentage Level at 100% Market Value. He said the county has assured him that at this time our residents are being taxed at 100% Market Value not at 124.08.

Mayor Moore said regarding a meeting with the state police regarding lease, that will be held on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. He said Committeeman Sutton didn't think he could make it, but if Committeeman Jamison was not working possibly he would be able to attend. Mayor said on his final item for discussion, he feels with the lacking of Department of Transportation Funding that the township will need to come up with a Capital Improvement Plan. He said he is recommending that onsite inspection of township roads be done and that the engineer prepare a plan where we are going to have to put money in the budget to do some of the roads. He said he is not looking forward to having to go to bonding but we need to see where we're at and what we can do. Mayor said years ago a million dollars went a long way and now the money we received for Raymond Drive Phase II will do four blocks.

Mr. Dennis said there is a new process out there and it involves the old oil and stone process and then there is a newer technology sealer put over top of the oil and stone. It is a lot cheaper than the blacktopping of today, will it last as long, probably not but municipalities are having good luck with it and we just did one in Atlantic County and the savings were substantial.

Mayor Moore said I have some issues for motion and I'd like to have a motion to authorize Clint to do an onsite inspection of our roads for minor repairs, prepare specifications and then obtain quotes from contractors for repairs. Mayor stated that these repairs would be under the bid threshold.

Committeeman Sutton said he would make a motion, Committeeman Jamison second with an all in favor.

Mayor Moore said I would like a motion to authorize Clint to contact contractors to repair the wall in the foyer of the municipal court office in an amount of \$2,500.

Committeeman Jamison said this is for outside contractor to do the work, not the road department is that correct.

Mayor said that would be correct.

Committeeman Jamison said he would make motion to approve, Committeeman Sutton second and a unanimous all in favor was taken.

Committeeman Sutton said at the agenda meeting we discussed the additional liability coverage the township should take out regarding outside recreation organization that want to use our facilities. Mayor Moore said he would make that motion that we contact Bob Conners and get that extra coverage in an amount of \$250.

Committeeman Sutton second the motion and a unanimous all in favor taken.

Mayor Moore said we have an introduction of an ordinance.

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 2015-563 SALARY ORDINANCE SCALE

AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCALE OF SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, PROVIDING THE TERMS OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTANT HEREWITH

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey.

Section 1. That the following municipal employees and officials will be paid a salary figure from the lowest figure to the highest figure or within the lowest to highest amount.

Mayor	10,000	-	12,000
Deputy Mayor	10,000	-	12,000
Committeeman	10,000	_	12,000
Township Clerk, Administrative Sec. Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Agent, Amusement Licensing agent, Election Official, Assessment Search Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Dog Registrar, Licensed Fish & Game Agent	35,000	-	75,000

Deputy Township Clerk, Deputy Dog Registrar, Deputy Election Official, Deputy Tax Search Clerk, Deputy Registrar, Attendance Clerk	30,000		50,000
Chief Financial Officer	15,000	_	22,000
Election Official	1,000	_	1,500
Part Time Secretary Vacant	13,000	-	18,000
Tax Collector	40,000	_	60,000
Deputy Tax Collector Vacant	25,000	_	32,000
Secretarial/Receptionist	25,000	_	35,000
Tax Assessor	15,000	-	32,000
Township Activities Coordinator	12,000	_	18,000
OEM Coordinator	2,500	_	3,500
Construction Building SubCode Official Housing/Zoning Officer, Rental Inspector	40,000	-	65,000
Secretary Construction/Housing/Zoning	25,000	_	40,000
Temporary Full Time Secretary	12.00	_	16.00
Plumbing Sub Code Inspector	4,000	_	6,000
Electrical Sub Code Inspector	4,000		6,000
Fire Sub Code Inspector	3,000	- '	4,200
Court Administrator Deputy Court Administrator	35,000 13.00	<u>-</u>	60,000 17.00
Judge	17,000	_	22,000
Prosecutor	8,000		12,000
Public Defender	350		400
Court Recorder Operator	50	_	75
Court Attendant	13	_	20
Public Works Supervisor, Equipment Operator/Building Maintenance Worker	40,000	_	70,000
Forman Public Works Vacant	40,000	_	55,000
Laborer A/Equipment Operator	40,000	_	60,000
Laborer A/Equipment Mechanic	40,000	_	60,000
Laborer B Truck Driver	14	_	18
Laborer C Miscellaneous	13	_	16
Part Time Construction Official Vacant	8,000	***	20,000

Part Time Building Sub Code Official	Vacant	4,000	-	15,000
Part Time Property Maintenance Official	Vacant	4,000	-	20,000
Part Time Zoning Official	Vacant	4,000	_	12,000
Part Time Rental Inspection Official	Vacant	6,000	_	25,000

Section 2. If a scheduled pay falls on a holiday and that holiday is a week day, employees will be paid the day previous to the holiday.

Section 3. The Township Employees shall be reimbursed mileage at the Internal Revenue Rate determined by the federal government during current year, if approved by the Township Committee for authorized township, state or federal official business if the township vehicle is not available.

Section 4. That the aforesaid annual salaries and hourly wages shall be payable at such time as may be approved by the Township Committee and shall be inb lieu of any and all fees which may be otherwise due any aforesaid township official, which fees shall upon collection be forthwith paid over to the Township Financial Officer.

Section 5. All overtime, time and half, double time is to be taken according to the union bargaining agreement for the employee union member, and by the Township Committee for other employees not represented by union representation.

Section 6. This ordinance shall go into effect upon final publication of adoption. All ordinances inconsistent are hereby repealed.

Committeeman Jamison said this salary scale, what is the purpose?

Mayor Moore said with the scale the township will not have to do an ordinance for the next three years because union wages will fall within the scale.

Committeeman Sutton said I'll make a motion to adopt and Committeeman Jamison second with a unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Moore said second reading and public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Mayor Moore said he would like to introduce an ordinance regarding business signs, political signs. He said he wants it illegal for business signs to be posted anywhere along the roadway, yards, in Commercial Township, on political signs none put up before 60 days prior to an election and all signs removed seven days after the election. He said realtor signs are okay until the property is sold. He said the fine would be up to the judge but Mayor Moore said he's suggesting \$500. He also commented that he did not think the judge would impose that high of a fine but he didn't feel it was out of line.

Solicitor Seeley said he felt that there might be a problem regarding the regulations with political signs. He said since many roads are county roads, there is a possibility that they have their own regulations and same way with state highways. He said he would make inquiries and get back to the committee prior to their next meeting.

Mayor Moore said the ordinance would be removed from this agenda and that he would wait on the results of solicitor's investigation.

Mayor Moore said we have resolution to introduce the municipal budget and read resolution in its entirety.

## RESOLUTION 2015-42 Budget Introduction

Municipal Budget of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland for the Calendar Year 2015.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the South Jersey Times in the issue of April 2, 2015 and the governing Body of the Township of Commercial does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2015.

Mayor Moore asked for motion and Committeeman Sutton made motion to adopt Resolution 42 and Committeeman Jamison seconded with a unanimous roll call vote in favor.

Mayor Moore said we have several resolution and they will be read by title only under Resolution 2015-1 Consent Resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2015-43**

### List Of Uncollectibles

I, Leslie A. Kraus, submit to you a list of taxes, which in my opinion are uncollectible. The reasons as to why the taxes are uncollectible is listed below and I request that the same be cancelled and that I am relieved of the collection thereof as required by P.L. 115 (C. 54:4-91.91, 91.2)

Block	Lot	Assessed Owner	Year(s)	Amount	Reason
29 43	8015 8280	Township of Commercial NJ Housing & MTG Fin.Ag.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> 2013 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	\$ 33.02 1,460.53	Exempt Exempt 2015
43 233	2	Liverpool Estates	$1^{\text{st}}/2^{\text{nd}}2015$	2,078.30	Pilot Program
222	33	Liverpool Estates	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	1,115.02	Pilot Program
221	5	Liverpool Estates	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	2,078.30	Pilot Program
215	23	Liverpool Estates	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	3,500.23	Pilot Program
215	8	Liverpool Estates	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	4,665.82	Pilot Program
202	9	DEP State of NJ	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	173.74	Exempt-State
178	34	Bayshore Center Bivalve	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> 2015	119.90	Exempt for 2015

## **RESOLUTION 2015-44**

Authorizing The Correction Of An Added Assessment And Taxes On Block 31, Lot 8580

WHEREAS, the 2014 Tax Added Assessment Duplicate List of Commercial Township was filed containing an added assessment on Block 31, Lot 8580 assessed to William Green. This property has been erroneously charged an over assessment in the added duplicate creating a duplicated assessment and billing; and

THEREFORE, the tax Assessor hereby wished to correct the added assessment and subsequent billing on this property; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of the Townsip of commercial are hereby authorized and directed to correct the 2014 information as well as cancel the adjusted taxes on the added assessment as follows:

Assessment To Remove \$2,500.00 (Pro-rated) (Vacant Land) Billing To Cancel 2014-\$25.75 2015-\$35.25

# RESOLUTION 2015-45 Change Order #1, Capri Construction Credit \$371.18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Change Order #1, for Capri Construction be approved for the following reasons:

	Remove existing acoustical ceiling grid at exwalls and replace with new	xterior perimeter	+41	17.00
	Contractors 10% Overhead		+ 4	41.70
	Contractors 5% Profit		+ :	22.94
	Total		\$48	31.64
Delete	e Two Paper Towel Dispensers	\$157.82		
Delete	Painting Of Existing Toilet Partitions	695.00		
	Deductions from Contract dditional		•	52.82 31.64
Credit			\$37	71.18

# RESOLUTION 2015-46 Change Order #2, Capri Construction In Amount of \$607.40

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that

Change Order #2, for Capri Construction Company, Inc., be approved for the following reasons:

Provide the following materials for installation of others.

Room Size 9'6"X11'6"

- 1. Carpet tile (Sound Advise 22oz)
- 2. Adhesive, Shaw 5000, 1 gallon

3. 4"Vinyl Cove Base	\$525.89
Contractors 10% Overhead	52.58
Contractors 5% Profit	28.92
Total	\$607.40

# RESOLUTION 2015-47 Change Order #3, For Capri Construction In Amount Of \$8,158.73

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Change Order #3 for Capri Construction Company, Inc., be approved for the following reasons:

Provide labor, material and equipment to perform air duct Cleaning of all of the existing supply and return ductwork associated with the various AHUY's Grillis, registers and diffusers that are removable will be removed, washed, dried and reinstalled.

+\$7,895.00

Contractors 10% Overhead

789.50

Contractors 5% Profit

434.23

\$9,118.73

Material and Labor to omit 28" of ceramic wall tile and

960.00

install 6" Cap at both toilet rooms

Total

Total

\$8,158.73

# **RESOLUTION 2015-48** Authorizing Coin Toss Schedule For Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., For 2015

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the following Coin Toss schedule for the Laurel Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., Battle Lane, Laurel Lake, NJ is approved:

Memorial Day - May 22,23,24,25

July 4<sup>th</sup>- July 3,4,5,6

Labor Day-September 4,5,6,7

# **RESOLUTION 2015-49** Appointment Of Debra Karp and Christina Cannon To Commercial Township Land Use Board

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Debra Karp is being appointed as a full member to the Commercial Township Land

Use Board in replacing Carl Tidy's position with termination of appointment December 31, 2016, Tidy's unexpired term; and

BE IT FURTHR RESOLVED that Christina Cannon is hereby appointed to the position of Alternate #1, replacing Eldon Palhamus and filling his unexpired term to December 31, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Walter Eckert has been reappointed as Alternate #2 with Term to expire December 31, 2017.

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-50**

Appointing Frederick Hundt As Coordinator Of Commercial Township's Office of Emergency Management

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Frederick Hundt, Mauricetown, NJ is hereby appointed to the position of Coordinator of Commercial Township's Office Of Emergency Management for term of three years, retroactive to January 1, 2015 with an expiration date of December 31,2017

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-51**

Authorizing Change Order #2, Asphalt Paving Systems In The Amount of \$11,400 For Additional Paving At End Of Quail Road, Basketball Court

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that Change Order #2 for Asphalt Paving Systems has been approved in the amount of \$11,400 for additional paving at the end of Quail Road for Basketball Court.

## **RESOLUTION 2015-52**

Adopting Transitional Duty Policy As Prepared By The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

WHEREAS, the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has prepared and adopted a Transitional Duty Policy and strongly recommends that municipalities do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee strongly supports the safety, welfare and health of Commercial Township Employees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the committee supports the Transitional Duty policy as proposed by the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and adopts same to be part of the Personnel and Policy Manual of the employees of Commercial Township.

## **RESOLUTION 2015-53**

Awarding Contract RTW Construction For Laurel Lake Drainage Phase II Project In The Amount of \$325,500

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial authorized engineer to prepare specifications, to advertise and to solicit bids regarding Laurel Lake Drainage Phase II Project; and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the township clerk on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., and opened by mayor and engineer; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that upon recommendation of

township engineer that a contract be awarded to RTW Construction, 16 Old Red Lion Road, Southampton, NJ 08088, in the amount of \$325,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RTW Construction was the lowest bidder and bid was in full compliance.

## **RESOLUTION 2015-54**

### **Various Positions And Salaries**

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, has various municipal appointments which must be made from time to time to fill certain vacancies within the Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following persons are hereby appointed to fill these various positions.

Section 1. That the annual salaries and hourly wages will be as stated in the following schedule.

Mayor		10,431.35 Per Year
Deputy Mayor		10,431.35 Per Year
Committeeman		10,431.35 Per Year
Township Clerk, Administrative Sec. Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Agent, Amusement Licensing Agent, Electic Official, Assessment Search Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Dog Registrar, Licensed Fish and Game A	on	66,200.16 Per Year
Deputy Township Clerk, Deputy Reg Deputy Election Official, Deputy Dog Registrar, Municipal Search Clerk, A Clerk	8	36,990.99 Per Year
Chief Financial Officer		20,000.00 Per Year
Case Manager		900.00 Per Case
Election Official		1,372.80 Per Year
Part Time Secretary	Vacant	15.01 Per Hour
Tax Collector		49,184.95 Per Year
Deputy Tax Collector	Vacant	29,204.77 Per Year
Secretarial/Receptionist		31,200.00 Per Year
Tax Assessor		25,973.25 Per Year
Township Activities Coordinator		16,585.39 Per Year
OEM Coordinator		2,912.00 Per Year

Construction/Building Sub Code Official Housing/Zoning Officer, Rental Inspection Official		58,519.64 Per Year
Secretary Construction/Housing/Zoning Land Use Board Secretary		36,990.99 Per Year
Temporary Full Time Secretary		14.87 Per Hour
Plumbing Sub code Inspector		5,596.95 Per Year
Electrical Sub Code Inspector		4,545.75 Per Year
Fire Sub Code Inspector		3,748.05 Per Year
Elevator Inspector		State of New Jersey
Court Administrator		49,882.47 Per Year
Deputy Court Administrator		14.86 Per Hour
Judge		20,461.53 Per Year
Prosecutor		10,741.59 Per Year
Public Defender		370.86 Per Court
Court Recorder Operator		71.44 Per Court
Court Attendant		17.78 Per Hour
Public Works Supervisor/Equipment Operator/Building Maintenance Worker		62,664.22 Per Year
Forman Public Works	Vacant	52,614.13 Per Year
Laborer A/Equipment Operator		43,835.75 Per Year
Laborer A/Equipment Mechanic		43,835.75 Per Year
Laborer "B" Truck Driver		16.07 Per Hour
Laborer "C" Miscellaneous		14.60 Per Hour

Section 2. If a scheduled pay falls on a holiday and that holiday is a week day, employees will be paid the day previous to the holiday.

Section 3. The Township Employees shall be reimbursed mileage at the Internal Revenue Rate determined by the federal government during current year, if approved by the Township Committee for authorized township, state or federal official business if the township vehicle is not available.

Section 4. That the aforesaid annual salaries and hourly wages shall be payable at such time as may be approved by the Township Committee and shall be in lieu of any and all fees which may be otherwise due and aforesaid township official, which fees shall upon collection be forthwith paid over to the Township Financial Officer.

Section 5. All overtime, time and half, double time is to be taken according to the union bargaining agreement for the employee union member and by the Township Committee for other employees not represented by union representation.

Section 6. That this resolution shall go into effect January 1, 2015.

#### **RESOLUTION 2015-55**

Releasing Downe Township From Joint Municipal Court With Township of Commercial Effective July 1, 2015

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2012 a shared service agreement was approved by the Township of Commercial and Downe Township creating a Commercial Joint Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-125 was adopted approving the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act., of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1 authorized the joint municipal court and Ordinance 2012-538 "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1, ET.SEQ. was adopted; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014 the Commercial Township Committee received a formal written notification from the Township Committee of Downe Township; that they wanted to withdraw from the Joint Municipal Court pursuant to the underlying Joint Municipal Court Agreement; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that in accordance with the original agreement item #17. "This agreement shall otherwise continue in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(d) for a period of one year from the date of inception of operation of the Join Court. In the event that either the provider or the Municipality seeks to terminate this agreement they shall provide at least twelve months written notice."; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of commercial recognizes the notification of November 12, 2014 and will release Downe Township from the Commercial Joint Municipal Court Agreement and rescind Resolution 2012-125 and Ordinance 2012-538 creating the Commercial Municipal Joint, effective July 1, 2015 upon payment for services rendered by the Commercial Township Court Administrator for period of January 1, 2015 thru June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the amount of \$5,000 and a letter of confirmation to the terms as stated in Resolution 2015-55 from the Mayor and Committee of Downe Township.

## **RESOLUTION 2015-56**

Awarding Contract To Remington/Vernick/Walberg Engineers
In Amount of \$2,500 for an Official Mapping Of Commercial Township

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that a contract be awarded to Remington/Vernick/Walberg Engineers for preparing an official map of the Township of Commercial in an amount of \$2,500

### **RESOLUTION 2015-57**

Authorizing Housing/Zoning Officer To Place Lien On Block 211, Lot 1 For non-Compliance Of Rental Registration In Accordance Ordinance 2014-555

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that David Dean, Housing/Zoning Officer is hereby authorized to place a lien on Block 211, Lot 1, 1769 and 17691/2 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ for Non-Compliance Of Registration Of Vacant properties in accordance with Ordinance 2014-555.

Lien Amount: \$1,000 Fine

Registration:

500 Of Rental

Total

\$1,500.00

**RESOLUTION 2015-58** 

Authorizing Housing/Zoning Officer To Cleanup Block 241, Lot 11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of commercial that David

Dean, Housing/Zoning Officer is hereby authorized to cleanup property known as Block 241, Lot

11, Market Street, Port Norris, NJ and to place lien on same in the amount of cost of cleanup.

# **RESOLUTION 2015-59** Increasing 2015 Temporary Budget By \$20,000

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to Township of Commercial. As of March 19, 2015, the Township of Commercial has not adopted 2015 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2015 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency resolutions adopted in the 2015 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$20,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for as follows:

**Auditing Services** 

\$ 5,000.00

**Building & Grounds OE** 

\$10,000.00

General Administration: OE

\$ 5,000.00

- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriation for the line items listed above will be or has been provided for in the 2015 budget under the titles as noted.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Committeeman Sutton said on Resolution 2015-55 Releasing Downe Township from

Municipal Commercial Joint Insurance shared service agreement that when they do go with another township, they can just walk away and not pay us anything for the months we have provided services.

Mayor Moore said they have been after me for three months, get the release so they can go with someone else.

Mr. Seeley said the committee can adopt a resolution but that they need to have an agreement to go along with it stating what the terms are for services rendered while they find someone else to do shared services with. What the cost would be per month for the services.

Mayor Moore said I'll make a motion to adopt Resolutions 2015-43 through 59.

Committeeman Jamison seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was taken.

Committeeman Jamison Committeeman Sutton

Yes

All but Resolution 2015-55

Mayor Moore

Yes

Committeeman Jamison said shouldn't we have a motion to approve the purchase of additional insurance for the outside organizations that use our facilities for little league, babe ruth league, ladies softball, any organization.

Mayor Moore said that is a good point, can I have a motion to purchase additional insurance coverage for the township for outside recreational organizations that are using our facilities in an amount of \$250 from Mints Insurance.

Committeeman Jamison made motion, Committeeman Sutton second with a unanimous roll call vote.

Committeeman Sutton said he had contacted Dave Robbins, resident on Ferry Road regarding paving of the road. He said Mr. Robbins informed him that they did not want blacktop but would like clam shells. Committeeman Sutton said he would like to make a motion to put couple loads of clam shells on Ferry Road and Mayor Moore second the motion with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Moore asked for reports of officials.

Committeeman Jamison said he wants to make sure that we get the shells and get them installed, also we're going to be looking into road repairs that we need and possible capital improvement plan. Mr. Jamison said one other item, the union contract, he wants to make sure that is signed before any of us leave here.

Mayor Moore said he met with Atlantic City Electric today to discuss LED lights. He said we have 419 Lights in Commercial Township and he won't go into detail but the electric company said they would take a loss on this project because a municipality, it cost a lot more for them to install street lights then to put up new LED Street Lights. LED Street Lights is a lot cheaper, right now we are paying like six dollars a light per month from anywhere between six and twenty-six dollars depending on the bulb size and when you go to LED it's between two dollars and six dollars so it's a big savings and they several different types of lights that they are selling but to them they are saying it's going to be less electric for us but in the long term its security for their company and they want it to work for municipalities. Mayor said they stated their biggest client was Atlantic City they just replaced seven thousand lights but they got some grants and they got the incentive from the government which we can look into. If we were to replace all of the lights at one time the cost could be as high as \$380,000 but our electric bill would go from \$67,000, it would be cut in half based on the wattage and all of that so we can take it in phases, there'a number of ways we can do it, what they are going to do is get back to us and fine tune the numbers and there's approximately six street light accounts throughout

Commercial Township, so we could do district I or district III but half of our lights are under two tariffs, there's a CSI and there's SPI tariff and years back we were spending like \$30,000 a year for several years to try and buy the light fixtures, even though we don't actually own the fixture but in the eyes of Atlantic Electric we own it, we can't go and take the fixture down, nothing like that and we converted some of these lights over fro SPI tariff to CSI because it is so much more cheaper, so have of our light are on the expensive one and half is on the lesser one, so we could convert all of these lights over for \$384.00 a piece which is like 200 lights but for \$800 bucks you get the LED and its good for like fifteen years, so we have that option to talk about.

Mayor Moore said at three o'clock today I was at Dennis Township with Senator Van Drew, there was about seventy-five people there and officials from all over this area because of all the flooding and the erosion and the Mayor from Maurice River Township did most of the talking and then they asked me to say a few words of the criticalness of this situation and how bad it is for the mouth of the Maurice River. In fact Barney Hollinger and Steve Fleetwood were there representing the oystermen and they were saying because of all the erosion that is taking place, the mud and fecal coliform from birds and all on the banks of the Maurice River is washing out into the mouth of the Maurice River where they are tonging, the state has now stopped oyster harvesting in the mouth of the Maurice River and around East Point because it is so bad because of the mud and all of that, so it is something that has to be addressed. He said DEP, Army Corp of Engineers and tomorrow at one thirty if you guys want to join me and Maurice River we're going to go down to LoBiondo's office and shake him up for some money. We think the whole project will be fifty million, because it has to be bulkhead, like jetties like you see along Ocean City, just to stop the erosion, it's on both sides of the river and it is bad. He said Megan Wren had invited him and members of Maurice River to Van Drew's office last Monday night to talk about getting some money from DEP to start the project, they have to put up a quarter of a million dollars to do the plan, to get all of the permits and all of that just to get from point A to point B, but he is trying. Mayor said there was a pineland's meeting in Maurice River I attended on behalf of the township. There was a crime watch meeting at Laurel Lake Fire Hall and I attended that in regards to all of this sheriff's thing. There was an Emergency Management Flood meeting at the 911 center, I attended that Wednesday morning with Fred Hundt. Mayor Moore said I'm just keeping you posted as to what is going on. He said there will be a county freeholders meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M., and I'm going to give a presentation on the Open Space, hope you can join me on that. Mayor said he thinks the questions could go to the voters, if they want to be able to use Open Space money for recreation and historic awareness instead of just farmland preservation because towns like us pay \$371,000 ever since 1995 and we get nothing. He said the real eye opener was Mayor Kelly and Jim Quinn from Millville and Bridgeton, over two million dollars and the chart said zero and they said wow, they didn't realize and where's the farms in Bridgeton. Mayor said he was going to try and attend the Improvement Authority on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. if you guys want to meet me there, I'm still fighting for recycling containers.

Mayor Moore asked for motion to open meeting to the public and it was so moved.

Mr. Russell Stormes said the food pantry is going to start a new program where the pantry will be open every other month, the second Wednesday and it will be for Commercial Township residents. The procedure is as follows at the fourth Saturday in April the regular food pantry day, Commercial Township residents will sign up for the commodities on the second Wednesday in May. If you don't sign up for it on the previous Saturday, you will not be entitled for the commodities. He said by signing the people up on the prior Saturday, they know just how much they are going to have to buy and how much they will be spending. Mr. Stormes said on the give away we just had several families showed up that didn't have cards and we told them if they wanted to wait until we served everybody that had signed up for it, they could, and if we had anything left we would see that they received what we had. The people waited and we served them so no one was turned away. He said the program will continue as long as we have the donations.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Stormes and his volunteers who spearhead the program, they do a fantastic job. Mayor stated in appreciation to Committeeman Sutton and

Committeeman Jamison they put \$1,500 in the municipal budget to reimburse Mr. Stormes for the cost of the rental of the van in picking up the commodities.

Mayor Moore told Debra Karp and Christina Cannon that their first land use board meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M., and he appreciated their volunteering to serve on that board.

Mayor Moore called on Gary Hickman and Mr. Hickman stated that there are several large potholes in the roads due to the snow and extreme cold weather and he said some of the roads are heavily travelled with truck traffic. Mr. Hickman said he would like to see an ordinance controlling the signs placed along the roadways advertising items sold at various stores, work done by different contractors. He thought mayor's idea on the signs was in the right direction.

Mayor Moore told Carol Hickman that over the past couple of nights he has been all over the PetSmart website and doing all of that and I don't want you to say anything tonight, I just don't want to get you started but as I pet my dog I been doing a lot of research.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to close the public portion.

Mrs. Christina Cannon said in regards to the LED lights that mayor spoke of and it sounded like it would take nine years to pay off the lights.

Mayor Moore said it is a five year payout, if we were to take one light, the amount of electric we would save is generally five years but if we were to pay for all of the light at one time, which some towns do, they bond for it, then it is an immediate savings because they go into a different fixture which is a different tariff, the board of public utilities, they have different rates for different lights so it goes automatically down, you can take \$67,000 and cut it in half and by working with Ed our Engineer, we're still looking at some solar projects which means we can still do some things there too.

Mrs. Cannon said but it still sounds like it will take nine years to pay for the lights.

Mayor Moore said the \$380,000 would be to pay for all of the lights but the cost of the electric which right now we are paying \$67,000, that bill would drop down to \$30,000 to \$35,000, it would cost half has much

Mrs. Cannon said there would be immediate savings on the electric but it still would take nine years to pay for the installation of the lights.

Mayor Moore said you're right a ten year payout.

Mayor Moore asked for motion to close the public portion.

Committeeman Sutton made motion and Committeeman Jamison second same, all in favor.

Mayor asked if any additional comments are business and with none, he made motion to adjourn the meeting and it was so moved.

Hannah E. Nichols, Township Clerk