

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, held on April 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., at the Township Hall at 1768 Main Street. Port Norris, NJ

Those Present:

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

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 compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mayor Vizzard asked the attendees to join him in the flag salute and the Lord's Prayer.

No State Police present to give a report.

Mayor Vizzard said we will go to the meeting minutes of the previous meetings. The minutes of the agenda meeting, March 13, 2023, the Regular meeting of March 16, 2023, and the Executive meeting of March 16, 2023. Mayor asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Committeeman Jamison and seconded by Committeeman Klaudi. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Vizzard- I will say something, when I was reading these meeting minutes, it was a realization on my part about what I said at these meetings last month. The way it came out on paper vs how I meant it to be, is two different things. So, what I have learned is, that I need to be a little more careful with what I say, and I need to be a little bit more careful on how I direct things. Because how it came out on paper, is not how I meant it. I'm not going to go into the details, I'm not going to get into what I meant or why I don't like what was put on paper, but it is put I paper what I said. Let's just say I have learned a little bit on how to be a little bit more discreet on how I say things. That's all I'm going to go with that.

Mayor Vizzard- We have the bill list for consideration for the month of April as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, do I have a motion to approve the bills. Motion was made by Committeeman Klaudi, seconded by Committeeman Jaison, roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Vizzard- I want to change some things up. Before we go into the Engineers report, I would like to go to the budget. Pam is here, she is our Chief Financial Officer, so I would like to go to the budget first.

Resolution 2023-48

Authorizing the 2023 Municipal Budget Be Read by Title Only

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 as amended by L.2015, c95 & 14, 2015 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than the majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspections, and has been made available to each person upon request; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget shall be read by title only.

Roll Call Vote	
Klaudi	Yes
Jamison	Yes
Vizzard	Yes

Do I have a motion to approve. Committeeman Jamison made the motion and was seconded by Committeeman Klaudi. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Vizzard- Do I have a motion to open the public portion of the budget to the public. Committeeman Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Committeeman Jamison.

Mayor Vizzard- Does anyone from the public wish to address the committee regarding the budget. Seeing none, do I have a motion to close the meeting to the public. Committeeman Jamison made the motion and was seconded by committeeman Klaudi.

Mayor Vizzard- Resolution 2023-49

**TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
RESOLUTION # 2023-49
Resolution to Amend Budget**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2023 was approved on the 16th day of March 2023, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend and approve budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2023 be made:

Recorded vote:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mike Vizzard			
Fletcher Jamison			
Joseph Klaudi			

General Revenues	<u>From</u>
<u>To</u>	

1. Miscellaneous Revenues- Section B:	
State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	461,213.00
464,401.00	
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1997, Chapters 162 & 167)	
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	558,364.66
561,552.66	

Summary of Revenues

2. Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	558,364.66
561,552.66	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,536,447.36
1,539,635.36	
3. Subtotal General Revenues (items 1,2, 3 and 4)	2,253,447.36
2,256,635.36	
4. Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:	
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,735,238.86
1,731,863.65	
5. Total General Revenues	3,988,686.22
3,988,499.01	

Current Fund - Appropriations	<u>From</u>
<u>To</u>	

6. General Appropriations	
(N) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	6,547.00
6,592.00	
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	738,840.60
738,885.60	
(O) Total General Appropriations – Excluding from "CAPS"	738,840.60
738,885.60	
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (H-1) and (O)}	3,433,841.60
3,433,886.60	

(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	554,844.62
554,612.41	
7. Total General Appropriations	3,988,686.22
3,988,499.01	
Summary of Appropriations	
(N) Transferred to Board of Education	6,547.00
6,592.00	
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	554,844.62
554,612.41	
Total General Appropriations	3,988,686.22
3,988,499.01	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Governmental Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the Township Committee on the 20th day of April 2023.

Pam Humphries – Can I just explain that for a moment. After we already introduced the budget, the state aid was increased by \$2,000. Because of that, we had to do an amendment.

Mayor Vizzard- We also have resolution 2023-50

**TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL
RESOLUTION 2023-50**

RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL EXAMINATION

WHEARAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board of February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J. A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Commercial has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township of Commercial meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2023 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7, 6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a) Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b) Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c) Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d) Reserve of uncollected taxes
 - e) Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f) Any inclusion of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limit on appropriations found at 40A: 4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
 3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
 4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a) All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,
 - b) Items of appropriation are properly set forth,
 - c) In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
 5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
 6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Certification of Approved Budget

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-78 (b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated April 20, 2023

By: *Pamela Humphries*
Chief Financial Officer

This certification form and resolution of the governing body executing such certification should be annexed to the adopted budget (N.J.A.C. 5)

Mayor Vizzard_ Can I get a motion to adopt resolutions 2023-49 and 2023-50.
Committeeman Klaudi made the motion and was seconded by Committeeman Jamison. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Vizzard- Does anyone else have anything for Pam while she's here. With none, Mayor thanked Pam. Pam said she was going to stay through adoption of resolution approving the bond anticipation note.

Clerk asked Mayor if he wanted to go ahead and finish with adopting the other resolutions.

Mayor Vizzard- Yes, we can do that.

**Resolution 2023-51
Adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Committeepersons of the Township of Commercial, County of Cumberland that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$1,731,863.65 for municipal purposes.

Roll Call Vote	
Vizzard	Yes
Jamison	Yes
Klaudi	Yes

RESOLUTION 2023-52

Approving Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$580,450.00 awarded to Newfield Bank At 3.42 Percent Interest

WHEREAS the Commercial Township Bond Anticipation Note is due April 20, 2023;
and

WHEREAS the Commercial Township Chief Financial Officer obtained quotes for the renewal of the note on April 6, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial that the Bond Anticipation Note be awarded to Newfield Bank with a net interest rate of 3.42 percent. This new issue Note is due as of April 19, 2024.

Mayor Vizzard- Do we know what the other ones were, or what other banks were offering.

Pam Humphries- Everything was much higher. The reason we got such a low rate, is because our current fund has sufficient funds in it to cover that.

Mayor Vizzard proceeded with the additional resolutions.

**RESOLUTION 2023-53
A Resolution Endorsing the Adoption of Green Building Practices for**

Civic, Commercial and Residential Buildings

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions- more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of portable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council)

WHEREAS, green building- also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Township of Commercial's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the Township desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices (e.g., improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, and increase construction waste recycling).

WHEREAS, the township additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green building scoreboard as a discussion item within the site Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at this time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g. amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g. making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc. to residents of the municipality).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Commercial hereby implements a Green Building Policy that:

1. will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities; AND
2. will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

Mike Vizzard

Mike Vizzard, Mayor

Mayor Vizzard- I do have a question for you guys, did you read all that is required for the green building practices for civil, commercial and residential buildings.

The Clerk indicated that it has been adopted twice before. It's going to expire for the sustainable jersey.

Mayor Vizzard- Yes, it is going to expire.

Resolution 2023-54
Approving Annual Laurel Lake Triathlon Sprint on July 29, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commercial Township Committee approves the 8th Annual Laurel Lake Triathlon Sprint, Bike and Run Course for July 29, 2023, on Commercial Township and the City of Millville Roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sprint is held in honor of William Laubengeyer and sponsored by DQ Events 316 Crestwood Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and application will be forwarded to the Cumberland County Road Department for final approval.

COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2023-55

**Authorizing Shared Service Agreement Under the Enhancing Local Public Health
Infrastructure Grant with the Cumberland County Board of Health**

WHEREAS, the Township of Commercial desired to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Cumberland County Board of Health, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Shared Service Agreement between the township and the Cumberland County Health Department, the CCBOH shall provide payment, not to exceed \$10,000.00 to assist with improving communications with residents in an effort to enhance local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, said Shared Service Agreement are permitted under the Statutes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1. Et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, agreements and other considerations between the parties, the parties do hereby mutually agree to the Shared Service Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Commercial as follows:

1. Commercial Township shall utilize staff appropriate for the functions identified in Exhibit A of this agreement. Commercial Township is an independent contractor and the primary employer of the staff designated to perform services, as applicable, under the agreement.

2. Commercial Township shall establish the Shared Service agreement prior to May 30, 2023.
3. Commercial Township purchased an electronic sign in January of 2023 and shall provide proof of expenditures by providing the P.O., invoice, and back up documentation to the CCBOH for the total amount of the project for reimbursement prior to June 26, 2023.

Committeeman Jamison- Mike what was your question on #53.

Mayor Vizzard- I just wanted to make sure you guys read that, there are things that could be questioned, I don't think it's a bad thing, but I didn't know if anybody had any questions, that's all.

Committeeman Klaudi- Were there changes from the previous versions.

Mayor Vizzard- I don't know that there were any changes. Maybe it's more educated now that I'm reading it now. I think it's ok, I just didn't know if you guys had questions.

Mayor Vizzard- Do I have approval for resolutions 2023-51 through 2023-55.
Committeeman Klaudi made the motion to approve and was seconded by Committeeman Jamison. Roll call vote, all were in favor. Now we will go back to the Engineers report.

Nick DiCosmo- Port Norris Riverfront Project phase III. Miller Avenue bridge and tide gate. We are still working through permitting. We should receive our final DEP permits by next month. We did receive an e-mail from the DEP Commissioner. It appears they are going to consider reducing the DEP permit fee. That was an encouraging e-mail.

Mayor Vizzard- That is very encouraging, did they say how much it will decrease.

Nick DiCosmo- No they did not. That was for the CAFRA fee which was in the amount of \$15,000. We argued that it should be significantly less. Once we get our permits, we are working on our final design now, we are hoping to construct this in the summertime or fall.

Reconstruction of Brown Street- Working on the DOT closeout.

Yock Wock & High Street- We expect to finish our designs sometime next month. I walked the road with Clint last week. Just looked over some last-minute design issues. We should be reconstructing that road through out the summer. That's Yock Wock from North Avenue to High then High from Yock Wock to Main Street.

Mill & Overlay of Main Street- Moving forward. We are also expecting summertime, fall construction.

North Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements- The survey for that was completed last week. We are working on drafting the base plans now. I received a call from the board members on that from the school. They are very supportive of that. They are asking to have a meeting set up sometime soon to discuss this.

Mayor Vizzard- I'd like to do that; I just want to make sure we are ready.

Gas Company paving in Laurel Lake- Has been completed. It was two sections of Doris Drive and various side streets. It was all done for free by the gas company. It came out pretty good.

2023 Local Impact Fund for Strawberry Ave- Unfortunately we were denied due to lack of truck traffic, but we will reuse the application. I talked to Clint about monitoring when we know there will be adequate truck traffic. I'd say over the next six months, we will re-deploy the counter. We should get that 10% truck traffic and we will re-submit in the fall.

Mauricetown Park bulkhead- I was looking into some of the funding opportunities from Booker's office. It seems like there are a few things in there that are related to parks that we can maybe attack.

Laurel Lake water main- We are still working on setting up a meeting with Millville city engineer. Hopefully we are able to have that meeting by sometime next month. Then we can get a better idea for moving forward with potentially constructing a water main in Laurel Lake by branching off of Millville's extension.

Mayor Vizzard- Did I miss Milbourne?

Nick DiCosmo- I talked to Clint about that the other day. He is going to get me information on how many times he has fixed it over the past few months basically what is falling apart and failing. Then I can apply to the Local DOT Local Infrastructure fund which is a revolving fund geared to things like emergency issues. We are going to say since we applied in the fall for that job for the municipal aid and didn't receive the funding, we will say Clint had to go out there multiple times to fix potholes and the road continues to deteriorate.

Mayor Vizzard- I do know there is a lot of water lying on the road.

Committeeman Jamison- Are we still going to fix those driveways with the cuts in them. Where they cut it out but didn't re-seal it.

Nick DiCosmo- I think the last time we talked about that, Clint said maybe he would go and seal them.

Committeeman Jamison- Ok, I'll talk to him about it.

Mayor Vizzard- Ok, we are at correspondence. We have a correspondence from William Dungey III of a tax lien business called Capital Lien Group LLC. He would like to have a lien assigned to him for block 212, lot 29 known as 7071 Parson's Lane Port Norris. The current lien amount is \$4,556. Committeeman Klaudi made a motion to approve and was seconded by Committeeman Jamison. Roll call, all were in favor.

Letter from Commercial Township School District requesting the Committee again support academic awards to the 8th graders. Last year the township sponsored two \$100 awards. Committeeman Jamison made a motion to approve and was seconded by committeeman Klaudi. The clerk asked if the amount will be the same as last year, the committee agreed. Roll call vote, all were in favor.

Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion to open to the public. Committeeman Jamison made the motion to open to the public and was seconded by committeeman Klaudi.

Mayor Vizzard asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the board.

Fred Hundt, Mauricetown – One thing I wanted to question, I found out this week, there was some discussion that the park is part of the Wild & Scenic. I was wondering if that indeed is, does the Wild & Scenic stop at the bridge or does it go down to the first reach. If it goes further down, it could be incorporated into Wild & Scenic and there may be additional funds available with that group. I don't know if anyone pursued that or not. I don't know how to find that out for sure.

Mayor Vizzard- I can tell you this committee has not pursued that but that may be something to look at.

Fred Hundt- I thought it stopped at the bridge, but they are telling me no, it goes down to the first reach.

Mayor Vizzard- We have been trying for months to figure out how to get money to fix this.

Fred Hundt- Yes Joe has been keeping me up to speed on that. The other thing I want to talk to you about and this has been an ongoing thing for years, even when I was on the committee back in "81" is the sand plant. I'm sure you hear month after month, people complaining. Now I'm going to start complaining. The other day, my car was covered in sand, I mean literally, I sent pictures to Joe, I don't know if he forwarded them on to anybody. It's terrible and it's fine sand. We are all breathing that crap. I think it is dangerous to have that type of sand blowing through town. I could have brought 50 people here tonight but hopefully we can discuss this and figure out what is going on with why that sand plant is producing so much sand out of those stacks.

Mayor Vizzard- We don't understand it either, but I can tell you, we have sent letters to the sand plant and asked them to justify why they haven't been using their spray down tanks. We haven't gotten a reply back yet. We told them the residents are upset about it and that they need to make sure they stay on par to what they agreed to as far as their permits and license agreed to. They need to stay on par with that and we will force them to stay on par with that.

Fred Hundt- Sometime I'd like to get a copy of what they have agreed to. I think they come to us so often and we approve their permits every five years.

Mayor Vizzard- that would be the land use board. You can get that from the land use board.

Fred Hundt- I know there are rules and regulations. I was talking with a few people from the back road, there is supposed to be a berm of trees.

Mayor Vizzard- That's true and that's what we've gone through with the land use board. The trees are dying and coming out.

Fred Hundt- What's killing them. And the other thing I've complained about, and I've talked to the county about this last Saturday morning, the trucks, the ones that are overloaded, they go down the road, pull over and dump and leave a pile of dirt right on the shoulder of the road.

Mayor Vizzard- Which is stupid, they know they are overloaded when they are on the scale, so why pull out on the road.

Fred Hundt- I told the county and it's not the county's responsibility to be putting a loader up there and pushing it into the woods.

Mayor Vizzard- That would be the sand plants responsibility.

Fred Hundt- It's a byproduct of their operation, it needs to be kept up and cleaned.

Committeeman Klaudi- I stopped in there last week to speak with the plant manager to try and get him to come to the meeting tonight and answer some questions from the residents. Of course, he was on vacation, but he got back to me today, he sent me the letter he sent the township, but we haven't received yet. Of course, he couldn't come to the meeting, but he said that their water suppression system was down, but they have that back up now and that's going to minimize the dust where the trucks are dumping sand at the entrance of the plant. He said they are putting signs up along the road that it's no dumping and if they find certain carriers that are dumping, they are going to go after them.

Clint Miller- Did we send a letter to them? They used to be really good at cleaning the road. They had a tractor with a sweeper on it. They would come out with loaders; I've even seen guys out there with shovels. But they don't do it anymore. Fred's right, the trucks are blowing through it.

Mayor Vizzard- I'd like to go one step further, if the water suppression system goes down, shut the plant down until you fix it.

Clint Miller- They shouldn't be running the dryers at nighttime.

Fred Hundt- A few weeks ago they ran the dryer all weekend, all Sunday and Sunday night, it's not right.

Mayor Vizzard- If their water suppression system goes down and they can't control it, they need to shut down.

Fred Hundt- Another thing Committee is, the trucks. There is more trucks coming through Mauricetown than there ever was. I sit on the porch and count the trucks every day. Not only do they come in town that way, but they leave that way. There is nobody at the plant giving these people directions. They can't bring these tractor trailers through town. Now they're turning up in my yard. They go right over top of my sprinklers because they can't make the right-hand turn.

Mayor Vizzard- We know that's true; I'm going to tell you I have gone into maps, the google maps to tell these trucks because what they are doing is following their GPS. Their maps tell them to turn left at the end of the bridge and go through town to get to the sand plant. I've tried to go on google maps to tell them that is wrong, it's a non-truck route, you can't do that. 20 times I've gone on there to try and figure it out, it's just not working.

Committeeman Klaudi- How many of these trucks are going there for the first time. The sand plant should be telling them.

Mayor Vizzard- Right, # 1 the sand plant should be telling them and # 2, there is a sign right there that says no truck traffic.

Fred Hundt- I just have two more comments and then I'll shut up. At 5 minutes to 6 in the morning, there is 3 or 4 cars that come through town, 75 mph down the back road, there late. Now that the time has changed, it's a lot better. People walk and people jog in Mauricetown, and they do it at daybreak. I just think something needs to be said about they way these people drive in and out. At 10:00 at night when they leave, I will sit on my porch and watch these people do 65 mph back out of town. It's crazy. In the old days, we had people that ran that plant from Commercial Township that cared about the residents and what went on in the township. These people running the plant right now, couldn't give a crap. All they care about is running that plant. The plant has always been something part of Mauricetown that we worked with them for years, God bless the Morie's and everybody else that for years we built a relationship with that sand plant but there is no relationship now and they don't care. So maybe it's time now that the land use board or whoever gives their suggestions for their permits, starts to crack down on them and if we deny their permits or something. Let them move, I don't know how much tax we get out of them to begin with, but all they do is process sand, they aren't pumping it there. Process it someplace else.

Mayor Vizzard- The first thing I have to tell you is, we're not the law. I totally get your frustration. But what you have to understand is we are not the law. We don't uphold NJ state speed limits so if there is a problem with somebody speeding through town, you need to call the state police and if they don't come out, you need to call them again. We can't control that; we can't control somebody speeding. We can ask to put signs up, we can do all that. Not that we don't want to, I wish we could, but we can't.

Fred Hunt- I can handle that. All this aggravation does figure into their future business in Commercial Township.

Mayor Vizzard- I'm not saying it's not an aggravation, I'm not saying that. I'm just saying it something we cannot control. If it's something where we have an ordinance or with zoning, we can control that. Speed limits are the state police. Traffic control is the state police. You need to call them and get them out there, call them 20,000 times if you have to.

Fred Hundt- That's all I had, I'll shut up.

William Neuweiler- I live on North Avenue. I believe this may be related to what Mr. Fred was talking about. It the concern about the dump trucks going past the house. I believe the posted limit is 45mph. I'm out there every morning and they go a lot faster. Some of them don't have covers on them. I can only speak from my experience, but I know some other people in town are upset that they go fast down Main St. I'm not sure how this works, this is the first time coming to a meeting.

Mayor Vizzard- I'm glad you're here and I hope you come next month too.

William Neuweiler- So I'll pose a question to you, do I call the police?

Mayor Vizzard- Yes, absolutely.

William Neuweiler- I heard you mention sir something about pedestrian safety on North Ave. Does that by any chance involve perhaps lowering the speed limit on the road.

Nick DiCosmo- It's actually a county road and the project we are doing will not involve that, but we will be making Highland and North Ave. a four way stop. I don't know if that will help.

William Neuweiler- I between the school and town by the time they are getting to my stretch coming or going...

Mayor Vizzard- Tell me again where you are.

William Neuweiler- I'm about a mile east of the school.

Mayor Vizzard- That is a county road. We have asked them to put up speed signs to slow the trucks down. There's not a whole lot we can do, we can just request things.

William Neuweiler- I'm just trying to think, what is the answer. If it's a county road, can we petition them to lower the speed limit.

Mayor Vizzard- We say it's a county road and it is a county road, and it is a county issue, but it doesn't mean we won't try to step in and help. We have asked the county to put signs up, even the speed signs to tell people they are speeding; we have asked them to do that but of

course that will cost the county money so whether they do that or not its up to them. We can't force them to do that. I don't believe they will be able to lower the speed, but it doesn't mean you can't complain to the state police about getting somebody out there to check the speeds. Everyone is welcome to call the state police, that is what they are here for. They're not going to come out until a lot of people start calling them. As far as Main Street here in Port Norris, we are very, very concerned about the trucks coming through Main St. from Dividing Creek. We have worked with the county on how to develop what we call traffic calming to be able to slow vehicles down, not just the trucks, so we are working on a traffic calming project here on Main Street. It does not mean we can't do that on North Ave. in the future with the county but right now are concentrating on the center of town. I believe we have been in the forefront of getting this done because the county wasn't going to do it. We have been pushing them to do it and they have been able to do that with us.

William Neuweiler- I'm just trying to establish the relationship and who ultimately is responsible. So, it would be a county meeting I need to find.

Mayor Vizzard- We have a good relationship with the county. I don't believe they have turned us down on anything.

William Neuweiler- Thank you very much.

Mayor Vizzard- Is there anyone else from the public? Seeing none, can I get a motion to close to the public. A motion was made by Committeeman Jamison and seconded by Committeeman Klaudi.

Mayor Vizzard- Do we have any additional considerations from the committee?

Committeeman Jamison- I had 2 or 3 complaints the other day from residents that live on Battle Lane, about all the trash up on Battle Lane. They said if they didn't come to this meeting, they would come to the next meeting.

Mayor Vizzard and Clint Miller asked what trash.

Committeeman Jamison- In people's yards. How trashy the yards are. I guess they complained about it, but nothing was done. This is what they told me, they complained to the authorities, and nothing has been done. That's all I have.

Committeeman Klaudi had nothing to report.

Mayor Vizzard- With nothing more can I get a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by committeeman Jamison and seconded by committeeman Klaudi.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Miller, Township Clerk