

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

Those Present:

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

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

Mayor Vizzard called on Barney Hollinger, Riverfront Consultant, for his report.

Barney Hollinger-

- Attended a Bayshore Council Meeting on 10/19/23. Discussed working waterfront.
- Basket Flatts- they contacted him about shell. Will try to set something up with South State to put shell out there.
- Dredging has started on the channel. They're going to put out a sediment curtain. They are pumping. (inaudible, background noise)
- The County has over 1.5 million for park improvements. They have hired someone to oversee those funds.

Mayor Vizzard asked if they are looking to spread that out to the municipalities.

Barney Hollinger said he believed it was for all parks within the County.

Nick DiCosmo asked who the contact would be for that.

Barney Hollinger suggested Matthew E. Pisarski, the County Planner.

Barney Hollinger-

- On 11/6, attended a BRIC Meeting virtually. There are some FEMA funding sources that can be used for raising roads as berms. I spoke to Mike about this. We need someone from the township who will run with this.

Mayor Vizzard- Yes, we do, I spoke to Nick about getting someone from his firm involved. The committee doesn't have the time, you don't have the time, but somebody has to do this.

Barney Hollinger- Its one thing to attend meeting and listen to what they have to say but when it comes to actually getting the project started and help with the project, we need to give somebody the information and they need to run with it instead us having to figure it out.

Mayor Vizzard- I totally agree. Someone who will stay on top of this and go after everything we can possibly get.

Barney Hollinger- If its separated, It's 50 million dollars. It is yearly. If we do projects together, then we have 50 million together.

Mayor Vizzard- If we do this ourselves, I don't think its going to be together. If we can get ahead of this. We can get a head start on this as long as we get someone who will stay on top of this. Which would cost the township some money through Remington & Vernick. But I think the end result would be very beneficial to the township.

The conversation continued as to a big picture plan for hazard mitigation of the waterfront areas and what kind of project would prevent flooding in Commercial Township.

Barney Hollinger added that we need to make sure the water can get back out. When it comes in, it takes too long to get it to go back out. With Superstorm Sandy it took days to get it out.

Mayor thanked Barney and stated that Robert Welch was not in attendance. He called for the Engineers report.

Nick DiCosmo-

- Riverfront Road Project phase III- Still tweaking the design for the bridge and tide gate. Will be done soon.
- Re-construction of Yock Wock & High- Complete. Done with striping, signs and ended up putting the RPMs down the whole road. It adds visibility while driving it at night. It came in under budget. Working on DOT closeout now.
- Mill & overlay of Main St. – Basically done. Should be sent to the county by the end of this week then DOT submission later this month.
- North Ave Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Design is complete. Preparing DOT submission.
- 2024 Local Freight Impact Fund-. Submitted proposal for approval this month. With approval, the counter was deployed on Tuesday. Deployed just east of Dragston Rd. We will apply to do the rest on Main St. from where we are leaving off with the current phase to township boarder. The counter will be picked up this week. We will verify the numbers and submit the application by the end of the month. It's due on Dec. 13th. He reached out to the county, and they are supportive of the project. Hopefully enter another shared service agreement and get the rest of Main St. paved.

- Local Aid infrastructure for Milbourne Dr. & Dennis Lane- Reached out to DOT, should receive notice by the end of the year.
- 2024 Municipal Aid for Dandelion and Whitter- This was announced, and we received \$340,000 for this drainage project. We requested more but we can do an alternate paving section. Will work up a proposal for that.
- MS4 grant- There are a lot of ordinances that need to be passed before the end of the year. These were sent to the clerk. There is one ordinance on trees that has been delayed. That doesn't have to be passed until May so will hold off on that one. The next step would be to put together the Stormwater Pollution Plan. That would unlock the additional \$50,000 in addition to the \$25,000 that we were already awarded. He will put together a proposal to put that together. The biggest cost to the township as part of that plan would be the street sweeping requirement.

Mayor Vizzard- We should go ahead and put that proposal on for Thursday night.

Nick DiCosmo said he would get it together and get it submitted.

Mayor Vizzard- moved to correspondence.

- Memo from Pam Humphries, CFO. The Committee is to review the 2023 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire.
- Request from the American Littoral Society for a letter of support for application of the 2023 NOAA Transformational Funding. This letter needs to be submitted by Nov. 15th.

Mayor Vizzard moved on to Resolutions.

- Resolution 2023-103 Change Order #2 Straga Brothers Inc., Municipal Building renovations in the amount of \$3,067.25.

This resolution needs to be adopted tonight before Straga will schedule work with the contractor.

Mayor Vizzard- We need to get this work done as soon as we can. Because they will be cutting the concrete wall, we will have to close the building; we can't have people working in the building while they are doing this work. I am trying to close the building for two days the week after Thanksgiving, Monday & Tuesday. The contractor is the steel contract who is providing the steel lintel who is also cutting the concrete wall.

Committeeman Klaudi made a motion to approve and was seconded by Committeeman Jamison, roll call vote, all were in favor.

- Resolution 2023-104- Resolution of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial reviewing and approving the Township of Commercial Fire District No. 2 Commissioners Salary for 2024.
- Resolution 2023-105- Resolution of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Commercial Reviewing and Approving the Township Fire District No. 1 Commissioners Salary for 2024
- Resolution 2023-106- Chapter 159 Resolution- Budget Insertion- 2023 Stormwater Assistance Grant
- Resolution 2023-107- Awarding Contract to National Highway Products Inc., for Providing and Delivering Various Traffic Signal Equipment and Sign Materials for Public Works.
- Resolution 2023-108- Approving Bingo and Raffle License Applications of Laurel Lake Fire & Rescue Inc., for year 2024
- Resolution 2023-109- Budget Line-Item Transfer
- Resolution 2023-110- Approving Proposal of Remington & Vernick Engineers for Preparations of Application for FY 2024 NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund Program
- Resolution 2023-111- Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Cumberland County Improvement Authority and Agreement of Purchase and Sale regarding 2007 Highland Ave., Block 183, Lot 14.

Mayor said these resolutions will be on for adoption Thursday night.

Mayor Vizzard said we have an Ordinance second reading and Adoption.

ORDINANCE 2023-621
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCIAL, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-606 SECTION 3 SUBSECTION C. SETTING MUNICIPAL
STANDARDS FOR LICENSING OF MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL CANNABIS
ESTABLISHMENTS.

Mayor Vizzard- We have ordinances on for introduction.

1. **Ordinance 2023-622- Illicit Connection Ordinance:**
An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Commercial Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe for failure to comply.

2. **Ordinance 2023-623- Improper Disposal of Waste Ordinance**
An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by Commercial Township, so as to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe for the failure to comply.

3. **Ordinance 2023-624- Litter Control**
An Ordinance to establish requirements to control littering in Commercial Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

4. **Ordinance 2023-625- Pet Waste**
An Ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Commercial Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

5. **Ordinance 2023-626- Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting**
An ordinance requiring the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repairing, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatable (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm water system(s) operated by the Commercial Township so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

6. **Ordinance 2023-627- Wildlife Feeding Ordinance**
An Ordinance to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Commercial Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

7. **Ordinance 2023-628- Yard Waste Collection Program**
An ordinance to establish a yard waste collection and disposal program in Commercial Township, so as to protect health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

8. **Ordinance 2023-629- Privately Owned Salt Storage**
An ordinance to prevent stored salt and other de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

Mayor Vizzard- All these ordinances are required for the MS4 program.

Mayor Vizzard- Land Sales, there are four sales for Township property scheduled for Thursday's business meeting. Sales have been properly advertised and adjoining owners were notified by certified mail within the required time per N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-13

1. 1439 Spring Garden Rd. Block 152, lot 32. Property is 120 x 100, buildable by size. Starting bid \$1,500
2. 339 Quail Ed. Block 107, lot 8477. Property is 120 x 100, buildable by size. Starting bid \$1,500.
3. 344 Gooseberry Rd. Block 26, lot 4295. Property is 100 x 100. Combined with lot 4293 known as 340 Gooseberry Rd., 40 x 100 to make one lot, size 140 x 100. Starting bid \$1,500.
4. 351 Dandelion Rd, block 24, lot 4562. Lot size is undersized. 40 x 100, 60 x 100. Starting bid \$1,000.

Mayor asked what the size meant. 40 x 100, 60 x 100.

The Clerk stated that it was L shaped, irregular.

Mayor stated these sales are on for Thursday night.

Mayor Vizzard said we have additional considerations.

- Rootly, LLC is scheduled to make a presentation at Thursdays meeting. Representatives will be available to answer any questions or concerns regarding establishment of a retail cannabis store at 1410 E. Buckshutem Rd.

Solicitor Seeley- asked the committee to review the e-mail sent bullet pointing what they will be presenting.

The Clerk submitted 3 additional items for the committee to consider following the issuance of the agenda.

- Does the committee want to re-appoint professions or go out to bid.

Mayor said he believed they would re-appoint and that it will be on for Thursday night.

- Does the Committee want a notice to go out to Inspira Family Success Center to vacate space at the Senior Center. Authorization would be needed.

Mayor Vizzard- This will be discussed on Thursday but feels they should vacate. Space is needed and they do not pay for that space.

- Does the committee want Nick to submit a proposal to provide the county with the count needed to hook up water with Millville.

Mayor asked if this was needed.

The Clerk stated that the previous month with the County Commissioner was here, they felt in order to move forward they needed to have these numbers. Assuming, estimate of how many connections. So, they will know the capacity we would need to connect.

Mayor Vizzard- To move forward, I guess we need to tell Millville how much we need.

Nick DiCosmo- The committee already approved a proposal to work on this initial information for this. I can just do it under that proposal. He can get the number easily. He isn't sure if they need an overall cost estimate as well.

Mayor Vizzard- His thought is Millville is looking for how many people will be paying bills, and whether it is worth it for us to tie in. If the township comes up with grants for people to tie in, all they will have to do is pay a monthly water bill to Millville.

Nick DiCosmo- He felt the Commissioner was asking for a number for the cost and he would help find the funding. He felt that Millville was done with us, they would do their thing and we could do ours. He doesn't think that any of these numbers will be provided to Millville. He is under the impression it would be going to Doug Albrich, the Commissioner.

Committeeman Klaudi agreed, he felt the numbers would go to the County Commissioners.

Nick DiCosmo- He thinks there are two things going on, one that the Cumberland County Utility Authority would help with sanitary sewer which would be the same number and he has the number. He thinks we can go off the census for now. We need to come up with a threshold cost estimate. His feeling is Millville will build the boarder at the bridge then it will be up to us whether we connect and initiate a connection for our residents and charge us a connection fee.

It was determined that Nick would reach out to Bob Carson of the Cumberland County Improvement Authority with the number of estimated connections needed.

Mayor Vizzard asked for a motion and second to open the meeting to the public. Motion was made by committeeman Jamison & seconded by committeeman Klaudi. Mayor Asked if anyone from the public wished to address the committee.

Fred Hundt, Mauricetown- I may be a little confused, Resolution 621, just a question. At the last meeting, it said you were going to introduce the ordinance. One thing that it said was you were going to add the verbiage to include recreational then there was some joking around about changing it to 2 sites for a class 4 business or class 5, but yet even the resolution tonight, were talking about a second place in Commercial Township to open up. But the question came up, some people that were at the meeting said that wasn't read into the original resolution that night.

Mayor Vizzard- I don't think there was ever a qualification that there had to be less than one. I know at the last meeting I was asked if we planned on having more than one and I said there was room in the township for two.

Fred Hundt- Yes that was what was quoted to me today. But now the ordinance says there is two.

The Clerk- Yes, we are increasing it from one to two.

Fred Hundt- It was just like a joking around and now it is in the ordinance. That is of some concern.

Mayor Vizzard- Well there is room in the township for two.

Fred Hundt- Alright but the big issue is, the store front in question in Mauricetown, back two months ago, Boxwood & Ivy, the lady in that store hasn't let up yet. Not Emmitt this time, his aunt. She has made it known throughout the town that she is still coming back, and she is not done with us yet. The fact that Emmitt did a poor job of presenting it, and she is going to come back a second time. She plans to open a boutique there in Mauricetown with hemp products, and marijuana paraphernalia or something you would use to consume the marijuana. So, there is a lot of concern again in town.

Mayor Vizzard- They still need land use approval for that.

Fred Hundt- I understand, there is just some concern that this may be being done to give her a second opportunity because that other place is being taken over in Laurel Lake. Don't shoot the messenger, there is just some concern, I just don't want to see what happened here two months ago happen again. I just hope that those things are taken into consideration which you guys have told me it has been taken care of but there is some concern. This lady is telling people in town, she is not done with it. That she is coming back with a second bought with you guys whether you know it or not, I don't know, but I'm letting everybody know now that she is planning on a second front and the concern is that because we are changing it to two, conceivably, there is something going on because now, they are going to try a second store front. I'm just expressing my concern on the record. I'm concerned, I don't want it there, you guys know how I feel about it. But speaking on behalf of a half a dozen residents, who aren't here tonight, which is a good thing, I'm just letting you know there is some concern over creating in the ordinance a second location and also the fact that she is telling people she is coming back.

Mayor Vizzard- In response to that, I think we made it very clear that we weren't going to do anything in Mauricetown.

Fred Hundt- I appreciate that, I really do.

Mayor Vizzard- Secondly, there are plenty of other places in this township and there is still room for two places. Which will help the taxpayers.

Fred Hundt- And that's good, I have expressed that and understand the situation. I now more about what is going on that a lot of people.

Mayor Vizzard- All we want to do is bring some rateables into the township to keep taxpayer's dollars down.

Fred Hundt- And I'm on board with that.

Mayor Vizzard- However, I think we made it clear at that meeting that we agreed Mauricetown is not the place for it.

Fred Hundt- I'm on board with that. I'm just here to let you know there is a little bit of movement again.

Mayor Vizzard- She would still need to get approval from land use.

Committeeman Klaudi- Land Use is well aware of what's going on.

Fred Hundt- I know, I was at the meeting, and they asked us to take a look at re-zoning and going to work up a five-year plan and to come up with some ideas. I think we will come up with some ideas to stiffen up verbiage in that village area of Mauricetown.

Mayor Vizzard- I will say, on behalf of the committee, Boxwood & Ivy was a retail store, and it was licensed to be a retail store. Which is all this store is looking for, to be a retail store. So, it's not fair to the rest of Commercial Township to say Mauricetown is not going to have it. However, I do agree that it is a Historical town and because it is historical, a lot of people don't want it. It's ok, I get it, but it is unfair to the rest of the township. They have always been a retail store. These people aren't doing anything different than Boxwood & Ivy did as far as selling something. It's always been a retail store.

Fred Hundt- Its just what they are selling, paraphernalia and stuff.

Mayor Vizzard- Right, it's what they want to sell. It doesn't mean there is going to be more traffic than was there. It doesn't mean there are going to be more people than what was there. It doesn't mean it will be any different other than the fact of what they are selling. It's unfortunate, because as far as the township goes, it is a very good income for the township and for the residents of Mauricetown to help keep their taxes down.

Fred Hundt- Well it's a big township, maybe we can find a place where they can operate.

Mayor Vizzard- Well, that's why I agree, it is a big place for us to have it. For right now, we are going to stay with that. If it becomes a big problem, we will have one and if the residents need to pay more taxes, so be it. We have tried our best as a committee to keep everybody's taxes down.

Fred Hundt- I know people aren't beating the doors down to come to Commercial Township.

Mayor Vizzard- If it's going to come to people coming here and beating our heads against a wall because they don't want it, it won't be there. Just be aware of the consequences of it.

Fred Hundt- I understand. Ok, I just wanted to bring it up.

Barney Hollinger- Just a comment, as long as they meet all the requirements, you can't stop them. The land use board, I mean if they meet all the requirements of the land use ordinance, they will sue this township and take every dime you got because if they meet the requirements, you cannot say no.

Mayor Vizzard- I am not disagreeing with you at all.

Barney Hollinger- Once you put two in there, you have to go through a whole other thing to take two out.

Mayor Vizzard- I totally agree with you Barney. All I'm trying to do is make everyone in this township happy.

Barney Hollinger- I know but Mauricetown needs to understand.....

Mayor Vizzard- If we can get two, have one on Buckshutem Road and one in Port Norris and bring the benefits in for the entire township, I think it's a good thing.

Barney Hollinger- I know but what I'm trying to say is the people of Mauricetown need to understand, if they meet the requirements of the ordinance, you can't stop them. It's against the law.

Fred Hundt- If has to be contusive to the village that is there, and marijuana is certainly not comparable to an antiques shop.

Barney Hollinger- How about a liquor store, how about that. You say it would never fly but it met the requirements of the ordinance, you can't stop it.

Unknown public member- It's not commercially zoned, it's still residential.

Barney Hollinger- But you have businesses, all throughout Mauricetown there are businesses. Every little shop that you have is a business.

Unknown public member- It would need to meet the code of a residential village.

Mayor Vizzard- which would be land use.

Unknown public member- I have a technical question. I didn't see the minutes of the last meeting.

Mayor Vizzard- Name please.

Libby Truitt, Mauricetown- I didn't see the minutes of the October meeting. When you announced the resolution for the marijuana, you said at the meeting, without the minutes to confirm, that you were only changing the verbiage. Medicinal to recreational and the ordinance that I saw today, changes the verbiage but also adds a second retail license. So is it true, I mean no one has technically seen the ordinance or the minutes so I'm questioning the whole, was it introduced, was it introduced in full, in October because it seems like it's a two-part change, verses one. It wasn't posted on October 27th, I don't even know where it was posted. Did it have its two meetings to be up for approval. That's my first question. The whole time lines. My second question is, if we are going to change the ordinance to add a second license, a lot of other townships put in specific things about signage. Like we don't want to have big pot signs, like a 20-foot sign that says, get your pot here. Maybe have a sign that is just limited to the name of the company. Limit where it can be located. Like not near a school or a church or park or something like that. So, while we are making this change, to add a second location, we should consider other changes that maybe we want to adopt. Sunday hours...

Debbie Hollinger- That is land use.

Libby Truitt- I think that would be in the ordinance.

Debbie Hollinger- It is determined by land use when they come in front of the land use board.

Libby Truitt- Well, I know that other township's have put signage, we don't want the word pot or marijuana on big signs.

Barney Hollinger- There is a separate ordinance just for signs.

Libby Truitt- How about location and hours, that's all in the existing ordinance.

Barney Hollinger- That's through land use board.

Mayor Vizzard- I think what you are confusing is we are trying to clarify that we are adding a second location.

Libby Truitt- Right, that's my first question.

Mayor Vizzard- We will allow that because there is room for two in this township.

Libby Truitt- I understand that but was it presented correctly.

Mayor Vizzard- But as far as what you're asking, that has nothing to do with this.

Libby Truitt- Ok, because the existing ordinance dictates the hours for a retail shop. It is not from land use. It's from the ordinance from 2021.

Mayor Vizzard- That is what the state put out and that's what we adopted because it is per the state.

Debbie Hollinger- When you go before the land use board, you have to ask that of the company, and you can set hours. It's like a compromise thing.

Libby Truitt- So they aren't going to look at the hours in the ordinance they are going to go to land use so....

Mayor Vizzard- They already know that, they already know the hours, they have to come to land use, tell them what the hours are which the land use board already knows what the hours are or should be and approve that. The companies already know what the rules are with the state.

Libby Truitt- There are blanket rules from the state, but you can modify them. Are there any modifications we want to make. What if they say, I'm going to put up a big pot leaf.

Mayor Vizzard- They already know they can't do that.

Libby Truitt- How do they know that.

Mayor Vizzard- I have not seen any of these companies doing that.

Nick DiCosmo- To that end, correct me if I'm wrong but the development ordinance dictates the size of signs and where they are aloud to put them.

Libby Truitt- How about some of these stores have attached smoking areas. Where people can smoke marijuana. Does our ordinance address that. Do we want that. They can put up a smoking area unless we say we don't want it.

Committeeman Jamison- I've never seen one of those. If you smoke, you can't drive.

Libby Truitt- It would be a lounge. I have reviewed the ordinance carefully, and I don't see where.... I guess it's the land use that restricts the signs. We can say no, we don't want the pot leaf on the sign. And land use would cover the hours, but the outdoor smoking is that something you want these two potential retail locations to have.

Mayor Vizzard- I really don't know how to answer that because you have all these outdoor bars where people drink, so what is the difference. I don't understand your question because you are trying to bring up something that really isn't true. It's really no different than the place at Millville airport where they have lounges where people can sit out there and drink.

Libby Truitt- But this is a dry county, so they are not doing that here.

Mayor Vizzard- Well that's because no one can afford to build a bar here, but we have ordinances to have a bar here. This is not a dry county, you're totally on the wrong direction here. You're asking questions we are not capable of answering.

Libby Truitt- Well I wonder if you thought about it before the ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Vizzard- Why would we.

Libby Truitt- Why would you adopt an ordinance without thinking about it.

Mayor Vizzard- If someone approached us about having a bar, are we supposed to think about that. Are we supposed to say, you can't drink at your bar. Are we supposed to say you can't have an outdoor lounge at your bar. Why would you even ask that question. To me this is totally ridiculous. It is ridiculous for you to even ask these questions.

Libby Truitt- Well, I'm just saying....

Mayor Vizzard- No, you are just saying because it's marijuana. And it's no different than alcohol.

Libby Truitt- It's just that other townships have put limitations.

Mayor Vizzard- No they have not. They do what the state allows them to do. They are not putting anything out there other than what the state allows them to do. Which is what we are doing.

Libby Truitt- Ok, because their ordinances are much more umm....

Mayor Vizzard- No, they are not. They aren't any different than ours.

Libby Truitt- Yes, they are, they are more detailed and strict.

Mayor Vizzard- they are no different than ours. It is whatever the state allows us to do is what we are doing.

Libby Truitt- And what about my first question with the timing of this ordinance adoption and the reading, I mean I still haven't seen the minutes.

Mayor Vizzard- So get the minutes.

Libby Truitt- Are they here.

The Clerk- They are drafted and up for approval on Thursday.

Libby Truitt- So is that an acceptable timeline.

Mayor Vizzard- I'm not sure what you're asking.

Libby Truitt- If you want to adopt the resolution on Thursday...

The Clerk- That's the second reading.

Libby Truitt- That's the second reading, so if that was the first reading, when was it published.

The Clerk- It was published.

Libby Truitt- The introduced ordinance was published. Like I said, when you talked about it in October when it was introduced, you talked about changing the wording, not adding the second license. So is that truly, I need to confirm that.

Mayor Vizzard- We never talked about adding a second license. We talked about clarifying a second license that could be added.

Libby Truitt- The ordinance only allows for one.

Mayor Vizzard- It does not just allow for one.

Libby Truitt- Yes it does.

Mayor Vizzard- No it does not. We allowed for a second one. It doesn't say we can only have one.

Libby Truitt- That's what it says.

Mayor Vizzard- I beg to differ from you because, like I said, we could have medical or recreational.

Libby Truitt- But only one, even though there is room for two and I'm not saying there is not room for two...

Mayor Vizzard- Ok, so than what is the big deal. That's what I'm not understanding. What is the big deal. If you say you agree there is room for two, why are you doing all this.

Debbie Hollinger- Because it's Mauricetown.

Mayor Vizzard- I know they don't want it in Mauricetown. We have already said we aren't going to do it in Mauricetown, so what is the big deal.

Libby Truitt- There is not a big deal. I'm just wondering, if you post the ordinance in October, it should match the ordinance that was posted.

Mayor Vizzard- And it is.

Libby Truitt- Ok, I just need to know it is. So that's my question about the timing.

The Clerk- This Thursday is second reading and public hearing so at that point in time is when the public that rejects it would speak.

Libby Truitt- Ok.

Mayor Vizzard- All this committee is trying to do is keep your taxes down.

Libby Truitt- I understand that.

Mayor Vizzard- No, you don't seem to understand that. Because you're totally arguing with what we are trying to do with trying to bring business into this township. And if you want to pay higher taxes, we are going to back off. I'm done. I'm done with arguing with people. If you want to pay higher taxes, we won't bring any marijuana business in here. But I will tell you, your taxes will go up. We are trying to bring business in here to keep ratables in this township to do something. Because there is nothing happening here in case you haven't noticed. There are no businesses coming here. So, we are trying to keep your taxes down. We have a rescue squad that is out of money. We have no idea how we are going to fund them. We are trying to figure out how to fund them. We have all kinds of people in this township that can't pay their taxes. I'm trying to figure out how to keep everybody's taxes down. This committee is trying to do the best we can to try to do that. If you want to keep complaining about what we are trying to do, then we won't do it.

Libby Truitt- I'm not complaining....

Mayor Vizzard- You are complaining. You are here tonight trying to come up to make us look like we are stupid....

Libby Truitt- I'm not trying to make you feel stupid.

Mayor Vizzard- Yes you are, you are trying to make us look like we don't know what we are doing, and we are doing the best we can to keep your taxes down.

Libby Truitt- That is not true, I don't feel that way about anything.

Mayor Vizzard- I feel like that's what you are doing. Just like you're telling me what you feel like, I'm telling you what I feel like.

Libby Truitt- I'm sorry you feel that way.

Mayor Vizzard- I feel like I'm a taxpayer in this township too. I'm trying to make sure my taxes stay down also. Do you want more sand plants here. Do you want more people here

pumping more dirt away? We can do that too. This is getting ridiculous. This is getting totally ridiculous. It is legal in the state of New Jersey to sell marijuana. It is legal to do all this. We are not doing anything illegal.

Libby Truitt- I understand that.

Mayor Vizzard- I am trying my very best to keep your taxes down.

Libby Truitt- Well Thank you for that.

Mayor Vizzard- You're welcome.

Mayor Vizzard- Do I have a motion to close to the public.

A motion was made by committeeman Klaudi and seconded by committeeman Jamison.

Mayor asked for reports from officials. Does anyone have anything to report.

Committeeman Jamison- I talked to Tom about that sign. It's going to be put up on the east side.

Mayor Vizzard- Yes, this is for Jefferies Rd.

Committeeman Jamison- Yes, that way if there is an emergency.

Mayor Vizzard- It is required by the township to put it up on all of our roads.

Committeeman Jamison- He said it was ok to put it up and it's up. We were supposed to have a crowned here tonight over this sign.

Mayor Vizzard- It's required. Any public road is required to have a sign. Do we have anything else? Seeing nothing, I need a motion to adjourn.

A motion and second was moved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Miller".

Heather Miller, Township Clerk